



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the “Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970” as amended to date, this is to advise you that the Butte County Department of Public Works has prepared an Initial Study for the following project:

**Project Title:** Central House Road Bridge Replacement Project over Wyman Ravine 12C-0111

**Lead Agency:** Butte County Department of Public Works

**Project Description:** The proposed project will replace the existing bridge on Central House Road over Wyman Ravine. The proposed project involves removing the existing structure and replacing it with a two-span bridge approximately 200 feet long (two spans at approximately 100 feet each) with an approximate 28-foot-wide roadway clear width between bridge railings. The proposed width will help accommodate farm equipment crossing the structure. A temporary creek crossing would be placed to the north of the existing bridge during construction to provide access around the bridge construction and maintaining access to properties on Central House Road. The new bridge would provide adequate and safe public access that is consistent with County, Federal Highway Administration, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, and the California Department of Transportation design criteria and standards.

**Environmental Effects:** The Initial Study (IS) identified potentially significant impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, public services, transportation, tribal cultural resources, and wildfire. Environmental analysis determined that measures were available to mitigate potential adverse impacts to insignificant levels. Mitigations identified in the IS designed for the proposed project will reduce the impacts to less than significant levels. As a result, a Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(c), 21063.5, and Article 6 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

**Public Review:** The Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) has been prepared for the proposed project in accordance with CEQA (CEQA Guidelines Section 15071). The public review period for this IS/MND begins on **December 8, 2023** and ends on **January 9, 2024**, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15072 and 15073. Project-related environmental review documents have been distributed to the California State Clearinghouse and are also available for review at 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965, and on the County’s webpage: <https://www.buttecounty.net/807/Public-Works>. Comments on the IS/MND will be received by the Butte County Department of Public Works at the address above and must be received by **4 PM on January 9, 2024**.

**Notice is Given Herewith** that the Butte County Board of Supervisors will conduct a Public Hearing to consider adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and approval of the Central House Road Bridge over Wyman Ravine Replacement Project.

**Date/Time:** February 27, 2024 at 9:30am.

**Location:** 25 County Center Drive, Suite 205, Oroville, CA 95965

**Proponent:** Butte County Public Works

Interested persons are invited to express their opinions. Challenges to the above actions in court, may be limited to only those issues raised in written correspondence delivered to the County prior to the end of the comment period at **4 PM on January 9, 2024**. Questions may be directed to Raymond Cooper, Project Manager – (530) 538-7681, [rcooper@buttecounty.net](mailto:rcooper@buttecounty.net) or mailed to Attn: Raymond Cooper 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965.