



PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration, Notice of Proposed Section 4(f) *De Minimis* determination, and Announcement of Virtual Public Hearing for the Damnation Creek Safety Project

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes a safety project which would include roadway grade improvements, road widening, and curve realignment on U.S. Highway 101 in Del Norte County between postmiles 15.6 and 16.2. Additional project features include installation of approximately 350 feet of new Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) guardrail, installation of approximately 150 feet MGS special guardrail, replacement of an existing drainage inlet, construction of a new downdrain, and installation of approximately 1,130 feet of hot-mix asphalt dikes.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE

The environmental document, referred to as an Initial Study (Negative Declaration), and a proposed Section 4(f) *De Minimis* determination (Appendix D of the IS) for this project will be available for review from December 22, 2023 to January 29, 2024 at the following locations:

- tinyurl.com/damnationdocs

The document is also available for review on weekdays between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Caltrans District 1, 1656 Union Street, Eureka, CA from December 22, 2023, to January 29, 2024. The draft IS (Negative Declaration) and individual technical studies can be requested by contacting Tyler Brown at Tyler.W.Brown@dot.ca.gov

WHEN AND WHERE

A virtual public hearing will be held to give the public an opportunity to talk about certain design features of the project with Caltrans staff before the final design is selected. The virtual public hearing will be Wednesday, Tuesday January 9, 2024, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. online via Webex: tinyurl.com/damnationmeeting

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please submit written comments to Tyler Brown, Caltrans, North Region Environmental-District 1, PO Box 3700, Eureka, CA 95501. Comments may also be emailed to: Tyler.W.Brown@dot.ca.gov. All comments must be received by January 29, 2024. For more information about this project, please contact the Project Manager Jaime Matteoli at Jaime.Matteoli@dot.ca.gov.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals who require special accommodations (American Sign Language interpreter, real-time captioning, accessible seating, note takers, and documentation in alternative formats) should contact the District 1 Public Information Office at (707) 445-6444 at least 21 days prior to the scheduled hearing date. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2922.

