

## California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

January 8, 2024

**Subject:** Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for the 03-1J630 Willow Slough Bridge Replacement Project.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has prepared an Initial Study (IS) with proposed Negative Declaration (ND), which examines the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project located in Sacramento County on State Route 99. Caltrans is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**Project Location:** The proposed project is located on State Route 99 in Sacramento County between post miles 6.04 and 7.06, approximately 6 miles north of the Sacramento and San Joaquin county line.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to construct a new bridge at a higher elevation to match the adjacent northbound bridge (Bridge No. 24-0046R elevation) at Willow Slough, with the two bridges separated by a physical gap. In addition, this project would install Transportation Management System (TMS), remove the existing Thrie beam guardrail, and place a Type 842 Concrete Barrier for each bridge. The project would require one temporary construction easement (TCE), no acquisition of new permanent right of way is needed.

**Environmental Effects:** The proposed project would have Less Than Significant Impacts to Biological Resources, Hydrology and Water, and Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

**Availability of Document:** Pursuant to CEQA requirements, a draft IS/ND is being made available for a public review period commencing on January 11, 2024 and ending on February 9, 2024. The document can be viewed online at:  
<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>

**Comments:** Caltrans will be accepting written comments on the draft IS/ND for consideration prior to adoption of the document. Comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 9, 2024, and can be submitted by mail to:

California Department of Transportation Environmental Management, M5 Branch, Attn: Veronica Wilson, 703 B Street, Marysville, CA 95901.

Submit comments via email to: [Willow.Slough.ED@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Willow.Slough.ED@dot.ca.gov)