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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY WITH PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the County of El Dorado, within the State of California intends to adopt the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project described below.

TITLE: El Dorado County Department of Transportation Routine Maintenance Agreement Project

LOCATION: The project area for the Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA) covers unincorporated El Dorado County, spans 44 U.S. Geological Survey topographic quads, and includes the census designated communities of El Dorado Hills, Cameron Park, Diamond Springs, Pollock Pines, Shingle Springs, Auburn Lake Trails, Georgetown, Camino, Tahoma, Grizzly Flats, Meyers, Coloma, and Cold Springs. The various types of routine maintenance work covered under the El Dorado County Department of Transportation's (Department) proposed RMA with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will be limited to the El Dorado County Road System (CRS) and will not cover routine maintenance work within the cities of Placerville and South Lake Tahoe, U.S. Forest Service System roads, and roads maintained by the State of California (California Department of Transportation [Caltrans]). In addition, the Department does not maintain facilities managed by the El Dorado Irrigation District, McKinney Water District, the Grizzly Flats Community Services District, or the various public utility districts in El Dorado County. The elevation gradient in the project area is approximately 195 to 10,880 feet above mean sea level. Routine maintenance work would occur in three distinct elevation zones that capture the geographic variation of El Dorado County: West Slope at 3,500 feet elevation and below, West Slope above 3,500 feet elevation, and the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs): Various

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Department intends to enter into a 12-year RMA with the CDFW to conduct the Department's routine maintenance of the private and public facilities integral to the CRS. The Department performs routine maintenance work to maintain functional and structural integrity of their facilities with the ultimate goal of the preservation of infrastructure and public safety. The Department's proposed RMA would cover routine maintenance in areas where maintenance would result in the modification of a lake or stream's bed, bank, or channel. This routine maintenance work is divided into 10 categories: (1) Removal, Replacement, or Repair of Facilities; (2) Debris and Obstruction Removal; (3) Vegetation Control in Channels or on Banks; (4) Repair of Previous Erosion Control Work; (5) Minor Erosion Control Work; (6) Channel Alignment Maintenance; (7) Road Maintenance and Storm Water Runoff Systems (MS-4) Maintenance; (8) Minor Bridge Maintenance; (9) Silt, Sand, or Sediment Removal; and, (10) Maintenance of Existing Recreational Facilities. Permitted maintenance work will be performed by the Department every 1 to 5 years. Work will be planned in order to avoid impacts to waterways, wetlands, vernal pools, and special-status species.

REVIEW: The review period for the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration begins on <u>January 12, 2024</u> and ends on <u>February 12, 2024</u>. The Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration may be reviewed at the El Dorado County Department of Transportation offices at 2850 Fairlane Court, Building C, Placerville, CA. The document is also available on the Transportation website at the following location: https://www.edcgov.us/government/dot/pages/ceqa.aspx.

Comments during the review period regarding the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration should be directed to:

El Dorado County Department of Transportation Attn: Fairlane Engineering 2850 Fairlane Court Placerville, CA 95667

Comments may also be submitted electronically to dotengineering@edcgov.us. Failure to comment in writing will not preclude your right to comment at any public hearing for the proposed project. The Board of Supervisors is anticipated to consider the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration in March or April 2024. The Board's agenda may be downloaded at https://eldorado.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx prior to the meeting.