



## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE MESSICK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

This serves as the San Joaquin County's Notice of Availability/Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Messick Bridge Replacement Project, prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CEQA Guidelines, and local implementation procedures.

*Name of Project:* Messick Bridge Replacement Project

*Project Location:* Messick Road, between Duncan Road and Clements Road, unincorporated San Joaquin County, CA 95236

*Lead Agency:* San Joaquin County, 1810 East Hazelton Avenue, Stockton, CA 95205

*Project Description:* The Messick Bridge Replacement Project (project) is located in the northeastern portion of unincorporated San Joaquin County (County). Locally, the project site is located along Messick Road, approximately 2.15 miles north of East Fremont Street (Highway 26) and 5.50 miles east of Waterloo Road (Highway 88). The proposed project would include the demolition of the existing Messick Road Bridge and construction of a new bridge over Mosher Creek. The replacement bridge structure would be 55 feet and 4 inches long and 29 feet and 6 inches wide, including 10-foot lanes and three-foot shoulders in each direction. The number of spans associated with the bridge would be reduced from the current three-span configuration to a single span. The proposed structure would be supported by abutments at each bank of the creek founded on Cast in Steel Shell (CISS) or Cast in Drilled Hole (CIDH) piles. Wing walls would be constructed adjacent to the abutments and rock slope protection would be placed along the exterior of each wing wall. The project site is not listed as a hazardous waste site pursuant to Government Resources Code Section 65962.5.

The project would require the following agreements, permits and approvals: CEQA Approval from the County of San Joaquin, a Section 404 Nationwide Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Section 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife; and Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the County proposes to adopt an IS/MND for the above-referenced project. The IS/MND is based on the finding that by implementing identified mitigation measures, the project's potentially significant environmental effects would be reduced to a less than significant level. The reasons to support such a finding are documented in the IS/MND prepared by the County.

The IS/MND and supporting materials are available for review at the following locations:

- San Joaquin County, Department of Public Works, 1810 East Hazelton Avenue, Stockton, CA 95205
- San Joaquin County, Department of Public Works, website: <https://www.sjgov.org/departments/pwk/home/news-and-updates>

Written comments regarding the above-referenced IS/MND must be submitted to the County of San Joaquin Public Works Department **prior to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2024**. All correspondence and any questions regarding the above-referenced IS/MND should be directed to the following:

*Name:* Brian Newburg, Engineer  
*Address:* County of San Joaquin, Public Works Department  
1810 East Hazelton Avenue  
Stockton, California 95205  
*Phone:* 209.468.3040  
*E-mail:* [bnewburg@sjgov.org](mailto:bnewburg@sjgov.org)

*Public Review Period:* **Begins – July 8, 2024**

**Ends – August 6, 2024**

*Public Hearing:* A public hearing has not yet been scheduled. A separate notice of public hearing will be circulated pursuant to applicable County of San Joaquin public noticing requirements once a public hearing has been scheduled.