

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

November 15, 2024

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for the 03-4J090 Meeks Creek 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 alternatives being considered for the proposed project located in El Dorado County on State Route (SR) 89. Caltrans is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Project Location: The proposed project is located on State Route (SR) 89 in El Dorado County, between Post Mile (PM) 24.4 and PM 25.3. The total length of the project is approximately 0.9 miles long.

Project Description:

Caltrans proposes a fish passage/terrestrial wildlife connectivity and bridge scour repair project on SR 89 in El Dorado County between PM 24.4 and PM 25.3. The project proposes to remove Meeks Creek Bridge (Bridge No. 25-0019), construct a new bridge on SR 89 to provide fish and wildlife passage, repair scour damage, provide bicycle and pedestrian access, add Transportation Management Systems (TMS) elements with a Maintenance Vehicle Pullout (MVP), and restore Meeks Creek channel within Caltrans right of way.

Environmental Effects: The proposed project would have Less than Significant Impacts to Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Waste, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Transportation, Utilities and Service Systems, Wildfire, and Mandatory Findings of Significance.

Availability of Document: Pursuant to CEQA requirements, a Draft IS ND is being made available for a public review period commencing on November 15, 2024, and ending on December 27, 2024. The document can be viewed digitally via Caltrans weblink: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-3/d3-programs/d3-environmental/d3-environmental-docs/d3-el-dorado-county>

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 Friday, December 27, 2024, and can be submitted by mail to:

California Department of Transportation, North Region Environmental–District 3, Attn: Bibiana Rodriguez, 703 B Street, Marysville, CA 95901.

Submit comments via email to: Meeks.Creeks.Bridge.Replacement@dot.ca.gov