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To: Special Projects Section

From: **DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL**
South Lake Tahoe Area

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Subject: SOUTH LAKE TAHOE AREA RESPONSE TO ENVIRONMENTAL
DOCUMENTS REVIEW – SCH# 2024110511

This impact report is in response to Environmental Document Review – SCH # 2024110511 (Meeks Creek Bridge Replacement Project). Complete closure of State Route 89 (SR-89) at Meeks Creek Bridge is expected to last from 3-7 days while repairs are undertaken. SR-89 is a main route through the area and is also a primary evacuation route for major disasters. During the period of closure, there are no other alternate routes available for vehicular traffic on the west shore of the Tahoe Basin. Due to this road closure, the area will be impacted as follows:

Public: Without an alternate route through the area, the public will be impacted by having to reroute around the east side of the Lake Tahoe Basin when traveling from the South Lake Tahoe area to points beyond the closure and vis versa on the west shore of the Basin. This will increase travel time.

South Lake Tahoe CHP Area: The South Lake Tahoe CHP Area's geographic area of responsibility extends from the north edge of South Lake Tahoe on SR-98 to the Placer County line in the city of Tahoma in this area. While the roadway is closed, the South Lake Tahoe CHP Area will not be able to respond to emergencies or conduct enforcement on approximately 2.5 miles of SR-89 south of Tahoma to the point of the road closure.

Emergency Services/Safety: In similar fashion to the impact on the South Lake Tahoe CHP Area, other emergency services may be impacted by delayed response times (fire/ambulance) as all emergencies south of the road closure would require a response from South Lake Tahoe area.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned at (530) 539-9500.



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