

El Dorado County

Notice of Availability

Draft Environmental Impact Report

NOTICE is hereby given that the County of El Dorado is issuing for a 45-Day Public Review for the DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT for the Bucks Bar Road at North Fork Cosumnes River – Bridge Replacement Project (SCH# 2015072043)

LOCATION: The Bucks Bar Road at North Fork Cosumnes River – Bridge Replacement Project (Proposed Project) is located on Bucks Bar Road about 1.2 miles north of Mount Aukum Road and the unincorporated community of Somerset and 3.6 miles south of Pleasant Valley Road.

DESCRIPTION: The Proposed Project would replace the existing 70-foot-long bridge with a 120- to 130-foot-long, single-span steel girder bridge with a concrete deck and would maintain a similar alignment across the North Fork Cosumnes River as the existing bridge. The road profile and bridge deck would be raised approximately 5 feet to 8 feet above the existing bridge deck. The road work would extend approximately 320 feet south and 350 feet north from the existing bridge. The existing bridge must be removed before construction of the proposed bridge, thereby requiring full road closure of Bucks Bar Road for approximately 10 months.

BACKGROUND: Constructed in 1940 or 1941, the one-lane bridge does not meet current standards for sight distance. Caltrans has classified the Bucks Bar Road Bridge as functionally obsolete because of the narrow bridge deck roadway. The Bucks Bar Road Bridge does not allow passage for either the 50- or 100-year storm events. The draft Environmental Impact Report identifies significant project impacts to cultural resources (historical & archeological) and tribal cultural resources.

No sites listed under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code occur within the Proposed Project area.

A Notice of Preparation (NOP) requesting comments on the scope of the EIR was circulated from June 25, 2018 to July 25, 2018. Comments received were considered during the preparation of the EIR.

REVIEW: The review period for the Draft EIR begins on **17 July 2024 and ends 31 August 2024**. A public meeting will be held on **16 July 2024, 6:30 – 8:00 PM**, at **Pioneer Park (6740 Fairplay Road, Somerset CA)** to provide a project overview and discuss the project. A copy of the Draft EIR may be reviewed at the Placerville Library 345 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA and online at:

<https://www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Land-Use/County-Projects/Bridge-Projects/Bucks-Bar-Road-Bridge>.

Comments on the Draft EIR are due by **5:00 PM on 31 August 2024**. Please submit comments to:

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Comments may also be submitted electronically to john.kahling@edcgov.us. The Board of Supervisors is anticipated to consider certifying the Final EIR in **October 2024** at a hearing that will be noticed to the public. The Board's agenda may be downloaded at <https://www.edcgov.us/Government/BOS> prior to the meeting.