

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

**Form F**

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Project Title: Albion River Bridge Project

Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 1

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Project Location: Albion Mendocino County  
*City* *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

Caltrans proposes to replace the existing Albion River Bridge (Bridge #10-0136), which is located on State Route (SR) 1 in the community of Albion, Mendocino County, California. The project limits on SR 1 are from post mile (PM) 43.3 to PM 44.2. The purpose of the project is to provide a bridge across the Albion River that meets modern seismic safety standards, provides safe and reliable multimodal access, and minimizes ongoing maintenance costs. The project proposes three Build Alternatives and a No-Build Alternative. The build alternatives include Alternative 1, which is west of the existing bridge and includes Design Options 1A (non-arch) and 1B (arch); Alternative 2, which is east of the existing bridge and includes Design Options 2A (non-arch) and 2B (arch); and Alternative 3, which is generally along the same alignment of the existing bridge, and includes Design Option 3A (non-arch).

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The proposed project is anticipated to have significant and unavoidable impacts on aesthetics and cultural resources, and is anticipated to have less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated on biological resources. Mitigation measures for aesthetics include measures to reduce potential for glare, aesthetic treatments, restoration of disturbed areas, restoration of Albion Campground facilities, and working with community members to offset the project's visual impacts. Mitigation measures for cultural resources include protecting known cultural resources not located in the area of direct impact, implementing a Cultural Resources Management Plan and Archaeological Monitoring Plan, historic bridge recordation, and other treatment measures to be determined following public input and consultation with SHPO. Mitigation measures for biological resources include compensating for permanent impacts to natural communities and wetlands and waters, using soil protection timber crane mats below the high tide line, placing piles outside of sensitive habitat where feasible, installing and removing temporary trestle piles during outgoing tides where feasible, restoring contours of temporarily impacted wetland and waters, preparation of a Marine Animal Monitoring Plan, following the California Eelgrass Mitigation Policy for no net loss of eelgrass, and mitigating for federally and state listed fish through improving habitat or funding a salmonid recovery project.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Areas of known controversy include visual impacts, removal of a historic bridge, justification for bridge replacement, resilience to climate change, public access and recreation, impacts to eelgrass and other environmentally sensitive habitat, impacts to local businesses during construction, and cumulative impacts.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Mendocino County, Mendocino County Air Quality Management District, California Transportation Commission, State Office of Historic Preservation, California Natural Resources Agency, State Lands Commission, California Coastal Commission, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board