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February 11, 2019

State Clearinghouse
PO Box 3044
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

Re: Notice of Availability – Draft Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration–
Bear Creek Culvert Rehabilitation Project

Dear State Clearinghouse:

This purpose of this letter is to notify that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has prepared an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for public review and comment. Enclosed with this letter includes a Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal, Project Summary, and 15 packets containing project summaries and copies of the electronic document on CD for your use and distribution for public and agency review. As instructed in the document, the comment period ends **March 15, 2019**.

Please respond via email receipt of this letter with the state clearinghouse number assigned to this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sunny McBride".

Sunny McBride
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PUBLIC NOTICE



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (Study Results Available)

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Bear Creek Culvert Rehabilitation Project on SR 154

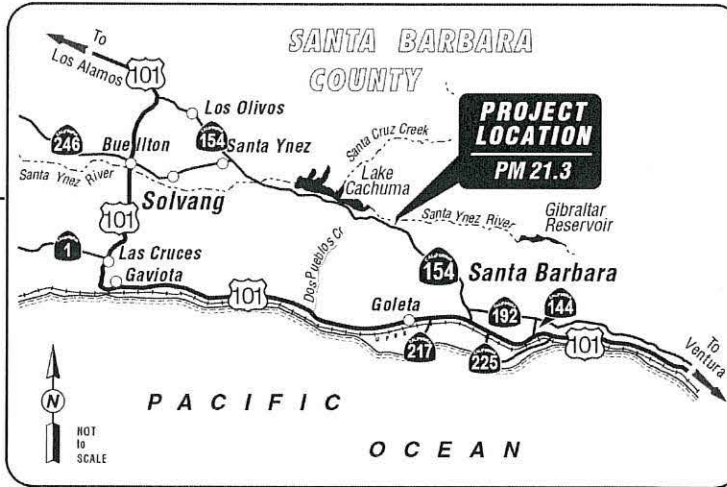
Do you want a public hearing for the SR 154 Bear Creek Culvert Rehabilitation Project?

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted until March 15, 2019
If there are no major comments or requests for a public hearing, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

What Is Being Planned?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to repair a failing structural steel plate pipe culvert situated at postmile 21.3, 100 feet below State Route 154 in northwest Santa Barbara County, 0.31 miles west of Paradise Road. The proposed project involves paving the floor of the culvert with a 6 inch slab of concrete, and constructing a fish passage structure to remediate the barrier to fish passage created by stream scour at the culvert inlet. Construction of a temporary access road will require tree and vegetation removal. Temporary stream diversion and dewatering operations will be necessary within Bear Creek to complete the project.



Why This Public Notice?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains why is called an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and of its availability for you to read, and to offer the opportunity for a public hearing.

What's Available?

The Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and other project information are available for review at the Caltrans District 5 Office at 2885 South Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The document can be viewed on the web at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/d5/> and is also available at the following locations:

- Santa Ynez Branch Library, 3598 Sagunto Street, Santa Ynez, CA 93460
- Goleta Valley Library, 500 N. Fairview Avenue, Goleta, CA 93117
- Santa Barbara Public Library, 40 East Anapamu St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Where Do You Come In?

Do you have any comments about processing the project with an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Would you like to request a public hearing? Please submit your comments or request for a public hearing in writing no later than March 15, 2019 to Caltrans, Attn: Jason Wilkinson, District 5 Office at 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. If there are no major comments or requests for a public hearing, Caltrans will proceed with the project design.

Contact:

For more information about this study or to request a copy of the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, please contact Jason Wilkinson, Senior Environmental Planner, at (805) 542-4663 or jason.wilkinson@dot.ca.gov. For other transportation matters, call the District 5 Public Affairs Office at (805) 549-3318.

Special Accommodations:

Individuals who require special accommodations (American Sign Language, interpreter, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact the District 5 Public Affairs Office at (805) 549-3318. Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929.

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