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SCH #: 2019049146

Project Title: Hirschdale Road Bridges Project

Lead Agency: County of Nevada

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Project Location: Hirschdale
City

Nevada
County

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

The Nevada County Department of Public Works, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is proposing to replace the one-lane, five-span Truckee River Bridge on Hirschdale Road (Bridge # 17C-0045) in Nevada County, California, with a one-lane, two-span bridge. The project also includes rehabilitation and seismic retrofit of the one-lane Hirschdale Road Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Overhead (Bridge # 17C-0046). The two bridges carry Hirschdale Road over the Truckee River and two UPRR tracks approximately 1.2 miles south of Interstate 80. Hirschdale Road provides access to the Truckee River, UPRR, U.S. Forest Service land, several private properties, and is planned to be an important link in the Nevada County portion of the Tahoe-Pyramid Bike Trail.

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

Environmental factors potentially affected by the project include: air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous waste, geology/soils, hazards and hazardous waste, hydrology/water quality, noise, transportation/traffic and tribal cultural resources. Avoidance, minimization and/or mitigation measures will be implemented to reduce any potential affects to a less than significant level. All measures can be found in Chapter 4 of the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration.

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

Initially, the two Hirschdale Road bridges, one over the Truckee River and one over the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) (i.e., the Hirschdale Road Overhead), were planned for removal. After evaluation of project alternatives, which included the preparation of preliminary design plans, environmental studies and public comment, the County determined that the best project would be to replace the Truckee River Bridge and rehabilitate the Hirschdale Road Overhead, to retain and provide the necessary access to lands along Hirschdale Road and Hinton Road, north and east of the UPRR, and support the future Tahoe-Pyramid Bike Trail.

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

The County of Nevada - Department of Public Works is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency for this project. The Caltrans District 3 is the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) lead agency for the project.