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**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE MERCED FALLS ROAD SHOULDERS PROJECT**

To: Interested Persons

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Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

Merced County (County) is the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Merced Falls Road Shoulders Project (project). The County of Merced (County) proposes to widen the shoulders of an approximately 1-mile segment of Merced Falls Road just east of Henderson Park, in Merced County, California. The objective of the project is to improve long-term roadway safety. Currently, the roadway has no center median and no paved shoulders.

In accordance with CEQA, the County conducted an initial study (IS) to evaluate the potential effects of the project. Based upon the findings contained in the IS, it is determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, based on mitigation measures that will be attached to the project as conditions of approval. Therefore, the County intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the project.

The proposed IS/MND is available for public review from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the offices of the Merced County Department of Public Works (address listed above), and will also be posted at <http://www.co.merced.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=83>. The public comment period for the IS/MND closes on May 29, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. Comments may be submitted to Joe Giulian at the above address. Emailed comments may be submitted to Jgiulian@co.merced.us and should include the phrase, "Merced Falls Road Shoulders Project" in the subject line.