



Department of Public Works
345 W. 7th Street
Merced, CA 95341
(209) 385-7601
www.co.merced.ca.us

JANUARY 24, 2020

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE INITIAL STUDY/PROPOSED
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE ARROYA AVENUE
BRIDGE OVER DELTA CANAL REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

To: Interested Persons

From: Merced County Department of Public Works
345 W. 7th Street
Merced, CA 95341

Contact: Matiel Holloway, Project Engineer
(209) 385-7601
matielholloway@countyofmerced.com

Subject: Notice of Availability of the Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration

The County of Merced (County) is the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Arroya Avenue Bridge over Delta Canal Replacement Project (project). The County proposes to replace the Arroya Avenue structure (Bridge No. 39C-0275) over Delta Canal, located approximately 0.9 mile north of State Route 152, near the community of Dos Palos in Merced County. The purpose of the project is to: 1) remove the existing structure and reconstruct a bridge that will provide adequate and safe vehicle access; and 2) provide a new structure that will be wider and meet current design standards for the traffic utilizing this roadway.

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 with the implementation of mitigation measures, which will be attached to the project as conditions of approval project, the project would not have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, the County intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the project.

A hard copy of 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 an electronic copy is available for review on the County's website. The public comment period for the IS/MND closes on February 28, 2020. Written comments may be submitted to Matiel Holloway at the above address. Emailed comments may be submitted to matielholloway@countyofmerced.com and should include the phrase, "Arroya Avenue Bridge over Delta Canal Replacement Project" in the subject line.