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NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD UNTIL JUNE 29, 2020 NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

For Marsh Creek Road Bridge Replacement Project, Bridges #28C-0143 and #28C-0145

State Clearinghouse Number: 2020040312 County File No. 15-41

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) that a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) document titled "Marsh Creek Road Bridge Replacement Project, Bridges #28C-0143 and #28C-0145" has been prepared for the proposed project and is available for public review.

LEAD AGENCY: Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development – Contact: Telma Moreira, Phone: 925-932-6868

APPLICANT: Contra Costa County Public Works Department – Contact: Laura Cremin, Phone: 925-313-2015

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this project is to replace two existing bridges (Bridges #28C-0143 and #28C-0145) on Marsh Creek Road that carry traffic over Marsh Creek. The improvements are necessary to meet current design standards. It is anticipated that both bridges would be constructed at the same time. Construction is expected to begin in May of 2022 and take approximately 18 months to complete. The Project is a covered activity under the East Contra Costa Habitat Conservation Plan.

The proposed replacement for Bridge #28C-0143 would be a single span bridge. The new bridge would be approximately 43 feet wide (two 12-foot travel lanes, 8-foot shoulders, and 1.5-foot wide concrete barriers) and 80 feet long. The west and east roadway approaches to the bridge would be reconstructed. Bridge #28C-0143 would be replaced on a shifted alignment (approximately 45 feet to the northwest) to provide a single stage construction approach that would allow traffic to use the existing bridge during most of the construction duration while the new bridge and roadway approaches are built. Retaining walls would be required on both ends of the bridge.

The proposed replacement for Bridge #28C-0145 would also be a single span bridge. The new bridge would be approximately 43 feet wide (two 10-foot travel lanes, 8-foot shoulders, and 1.5-foot wide concrete barriers) and 80 feet long. The west and east roadway approaches would be reconstructed. Retaining walls would be required on both ends of the bridge. Bridge 145 would be replaced on a shifted alignment to provide a single stage construction approach, similar to the approach described above for Bridge #28C-0143.

Ground disturbance would be necessary. Construction depth would vary between project elements. The maximum depth of excavation for the project work would be approximately 75 feet for the installation of bridge foundation piles (using drilling), approximately 10 to 15 feet of excavation for bridge abutments, and approximately five feet for general roadway work and utility relocations. Work would occur in Marsh Creek. If creek flows are present, dewatering would be required according to regulatory permit conditions. Disturbed areas would be stabilized as necessary following construction. Drainage patterns in the project area would be maintained. Utility relocation would be necessary. Right-of-way acquisition and temporary construction easements would be required. Tree removal (approximately 30 total) and vegetation removal would be necessary throughout the project area. No full detours are anticipated. Standard traffic control measures would be employed, and emergency vehicles and private property owners will have access at all times.

PROJECT LOCATION: Marsh Creek Road, Bridge #28C-0143 is 1.6 miles west of Deer Valley Road and Bridge #28C-0145 is 0.2 mile west of Camino Diablo, unincorporated Antioch/Brentwood area, Contra Costa County.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Initial Study for the proposed project identified potentially significant impacts in the environmental area of Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology/Soils, Hazards & Hazardous Materials, Noise, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Wildfire. Environmental analysis determined that measures were available to mitigate potential adverse impacts to insignificant levels. As a result, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(c), 21064.5, and Article 6 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:

A copy of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) may be reviewed at the Contra Costa County Public Works Department, 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez, during normal business hours. However due to changing circumstances related to Covid 19, hours may be affected. Please check the Public Works website for updated hours https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/227/Public-Works. MND viewed online the following The can be at https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/4841/Public-Input. Documents referenced in the MND can be provided upon request by contacting the project planner (contact information below).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Pursuant to CEQA, there was a 30-day public review and comment period for the MND. The original 30-day comment period was from April 24, 2020 to May 23, 2020. The County is extending the comment period. The new comment period ends at **4:00 pm on Monday, June 29, 2020.**

Written comments on the adequacy of the MND must be received by **5:00 pm on Monday**, **June 29**, **2020**.

Any comments should be in writing and submitted to the following address or email:

Laura Cremin
Contra Costa County Public Works Department

255 Glacier Drive Martinez, CA 94553

OR

Laura.Cremin@pw.cccounty.us

The environmental document is expected to go before the County Board of Supervisors on July 28, 2020. To confirm the Board date, please contact Laura Cremin at Laura. Cremin@pw.cccounty or 925-313-2015.

Attachments: Figure 1: Project Location

Figure 2 - 3: Project Vicinity Map





Figure 1
Project Location and Regional Vicinity Map
Marsh Creek Road Bridges 143 and 145
Replacement Project

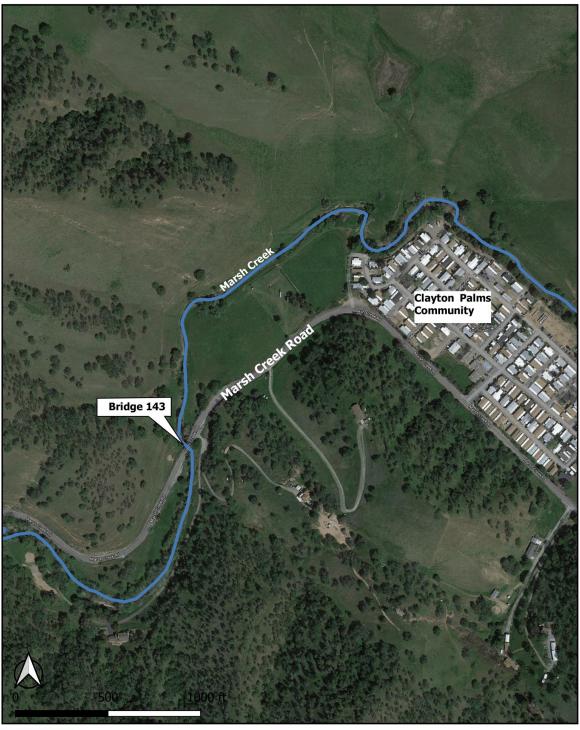




Figure 2
Marsh Creek Road Bridge #143 Vicinity Map
Marsh Creek Road Bridges 143 and 145
Replacement Project

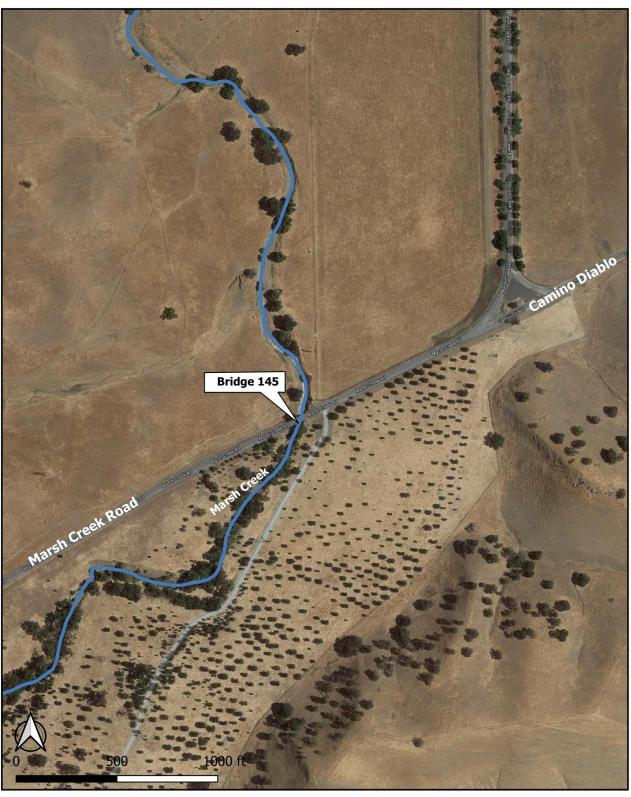




Figure 3

Marsh Creek Road Bridge #145 Vicinity Map

Marsh Creek Road Bridges 143 and 145

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