**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Caltrans District 4**

**Announces the Notice of Availability for the
State Route 116 Slide Repair Project
Draft Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration**

**WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has prepared a Draft Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the State Route (SR) 116 Slide Repair Project (Project). The Project is located at post miles (PMs) 9.4-9.55 between the unincorporated communities of Guerneville and Monte Rio in Sonoma County, CA. Caltrans proposes to stabilize the embankment and prevent additional landslides through the construction of a soldier pile retaining wall with ground anchors adjacent to the westbound lane. The Project would also repair a downdrain culvert, also damaged by landslides, and would include other drainage improvements to help stabilize the slope over the long term. A concrete barrier and a midwest guardrail system would be installed between the retaining wall and the westbound lane.

**WHY THIS AD?**

Caltrans, the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared the Draft IS/ND to analyze the potential effects the Project may have on the environment. The Draft IS/ND discusses potential environmental impacts, Project features, and avoidance and minimization measures. Per CEQA Section 15073, Caltrans will circulate the Draft IS/ND for review for 30 days from December 29, 2022 to January 27, 2023. During this time, the general public and responsible and trustee agencies can submit comments on the Draft IS/ND. This public notice is to inform you of the public comment period.

**WHAT IS AVAILABLE?**

The Draft IS/ND, maps, and Project information are available to download at the [District 4 Environmental Documents by County](https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-popular-links/d4-environmental-docs) website (https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-popular-links/d4-environmental-docs). In addition, hardcopies of the Draft IS/ND will be made available at the following locations in the vicinity of the Project:

Guerneville Regional Library
14107 Armstrong Woods Rd.
Guerneville, CA 95446

**WHERE YOU COME IN**

Please read the Draft IS/ND. We would like to hear what you think. Caltrans will address public comments received during the 30-day public comment period, in the Project's Final IS/ND. Send comments by January 27, 2023 to:

Caltrans, District 4
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P.O. Box 23660, MS-8B
Oakland, CA 94623-0660;

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**CONTACT**

For individuals with sensory disabilities, the Draft IS/MND can be made available in Braille, in large print, on audiocassette, or on computer disk by writing to the Caltrans District 4 mailing or email address or by calling **California Relay Service** at **(800) 735-2929 (TTY)**, **(800) 735-2922 (Voice)**, or **711**.

An accessible electronic copy of the Draft IS/MND is available to download at the [District 4 Environmental Documents by County](https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-popular-links/d4-environmental-docs) website (https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-popular-links/d4-environmental-docs).