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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE MOSQUITO ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

DATE: June 24, 2015
TO: Interested Agencies and Individuals
FROM: El Dorado County Community Development Agency, Transportation Division

The El Dorado County Community Development Agency, Transportation Division (Transportation) is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Mosquito Road Bridge Project. Transportation is soliciting the view of interested persons and agencies on the scope and content of the information to be included in the EIR. Agencies should comment with regard to information relevant to the agencies' statutory responsibilities, as required by Section 15082 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. Transportation will also accept written comments regarding the scope and content from interested persons and organizations concerned with the project, in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines Section 15083.

The scoping comment period begins June 26, 2015 and ends July 26, 2015. Please direct all written comments to: El Dorado County Community Development Agency, Transportation Division, Attention: Ms. Janet Postlewait, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA 95667. **Individuals and organization/agency representatives are invited to provide written and oral comments at a scoping meeting that will be held on Wednesday evening, July 15, 2015 beginning at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Mosquito Fire Protection District Station 75, 8801 Rock Creek Road, Placerville.** Persons with disabilities that may require special accommodations at the scoping meeting should contact Janet Postlewait at the above address, or by phone at 530 621-5900. This notice can also be found on the El Dorado County Transportation website at <http://www.edcgov.us/MosquitoBridge/>.

PROJECT LOCATION: The Mosquito Road Bridge is located on Mosquito Road at the South Fork of the American River, 6.0 miles north of the U.S. 50/Mosquito Road intersection in Placerville, CA, and 2.3 miles south of the communities of Mosquito and Swansboro, in El Dorado County.

BACKGROUND: In 1939, the Mosquito Bridge was largely reconstructed using the 1867 foundations from the original structure. The bridge does not meet current standards such as load requirements and bridge width, and in current times, has required extensive maintenance resulting in long term road closures. Structurally, the bridge is rated near the bottom of the list of all state bridges with a sufficiency rating (SR) of 12.5 out of 100. Bridges with a SR of < 50 are eligible for replacement under the FHWA Highway Bridge Program.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project includes replacement of the existing bridge and approach structures and must meet the Federal, State, and County safety and design standards in a manner consistent with the transportation needs of the corridor.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS AND PUBLIC INPUT: Following receipt of input during the comment period, the County will prepare a Draft EIR that will describe the Project and alternatives (including a no project alternative as required by CEQA) and will identify the potential environmental effects and mitigation measures that may be necessary to minimize or avoid such effects. The Draft EIR will be made available for public review and input for a 45-day review period. The County will consider all comments received and will prepare a Final EIR which identifies any necessary changes to the Draft and provides responses to all comments on the Draft. The County Board of Supervisors will consider certification of the Final EIR prior to approval of actions required for undertaking the Project.

Mosquito Road Bridge – Project Location

