



# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

**Project Title: Midway Bridge Replacement Project at Butte Creek**

**Lead Agency: Butte County**

## **Project Description**

The main priority of this project is to replace the existing bridge structures with a new bridge along the section of Midway that crosses Butte Creek. The proposed new bridge will replace both existing structures on the current, existing alignment. A second permanent structure will be required to preserve access to the agricultural fields that will be cut off once the new bridge spans from levee to levee. The segment of Midway will be closed to traffic during construction. Traffic will be detoured to the west to use Aguas Frias Road for north-south travel parallel the segment of Midway Road under construction with the bridge replacement project. Overhead and underground public utilities owned by Pacific Gas & Electric, Sprint, and AT&T located within the project limits will require temporary and permanent relocation. As a part of the Project, the following discretionary permits and approvals may be required from Local, State and Federal regulatory agencies:

- NRCS CPA-106 from the Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- §106 NHPA determination from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District Regulatory Branch.
- §7 ESA determination from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District Regulatory Branch.
- §404 permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District Regulatory Branch.
- §401 permit from the Central Valley Water Quality Control Board.
- §1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- Encroachment permit from the Central Valley Flood Protection Board.

The Project site is located 3 miles southeast of the town of Durham, in unincorporated Butte County, California. The Project is not on any of the lists compiled pursuant to Govt. Code Section 65962.5, (Cortese List).

## **Public Review**

An Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration have been prepared for the Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The public review period for the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration begins on March 28<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and ends on April 28<sup>st</sup>, 2017, pursuant to CA CEQA Guidelines Sections 15072 and 15073. All Project-related environmental review documents have been distributed to the California State Clearinghouse and are also available for review at 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95928 and the Butte County Libraries located in Chico, Paradise, and Durham. Comments on the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration may be submitted by any person, and received by the Butte County Public Works Department at the address above, during this public review period. Public comments may also be submitted during the Public Hearing process set forth below.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN HEREWITH** that the Butte County Board of Supervisors will conduct a Public Hearing to consider adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and approval of the Midway Bridge Replacement Project at Butte Creek.

**Date/Time:** May 23rd, 2017 at 9 a.m.

**Location:** 25 County Center Drive, Suite 205, Oroville, CA 95965

**Proponent:** Butte County Public Works Department

Interested persons are invited to express their opinions. Challenges to the above actions in court, may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the County during, or prior to, the Public Hearing. Questions may be directed to Raymond Cooper, Project Manager – (530) 538-7681, RCooper@buttecounty.net or mailed to Attn: Raymond Cooper 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95928.