



## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**Project Title: East Rio Bonito Road Bridge Replacement Project at Hamilton Slough and Sutter Butte Canal**

**Lead Agency: Butte County Department of Public Works**

**Project Description:**

The project will replace the existing bridges along East Rio Bonito Road over Hamilton Slough and Sutter Butte Canal. The proposed Hamilton Slough Bridge will be moved 65 feet east to better match the proposed realigned Hamilton Slough, as well as to provide adequate distance from adjacent residential property and approach guardrail. The proposed Sutter Butte Canal Bridge will be shifted to the south to match the proposed new 35 mph alignment that will eliminate the existing sharp corners. The segment of East Rio Bonito Road between Highway 99 and Dos Rios Road will be closed to through traffic during construction of both the Hamilton Slough Bridge and Sutter Butte Canal Bridge. Local access will be available during construction. The project will maintain access to farm roads as well as the Sutter Butte Canal maintenance road. 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:

- §106 National Historic Preservation Act determination from the California Department of Transportation on behalf of Federal Highways Administration.
- §7 ESA determination from the California Department of Transportation on behalf of Federal Highways Administration.
- §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.
- CPA-106 from the Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- Encroachment permit from the Central Valley Flood Protection Board.

The Project site is located 1.25 miles northeast of the town of Biggs, 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 **April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018** and ends on **May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018**, 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 95965, Butte County Library Branches in Gridley, Biggs, Durham, Chico, and Paradise, and online at <http://www.buttecounty.net/publicworks/Home.aspx> Comments on the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration may be submitted by any person, and received by the Butte County Department of Public Works at the address above, during this public review period.

**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 East Rio Bonito Road Bridge Replacement Project at Hamilton Slough and Sutter Butte Canal.

**Date/Time: June 12, 2018 at 9am.**

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

**Proponent: Butte County Public Works**

Interested persons are invited to express their opinions. Challenges to the above actions in court, may be limited to only those issues raised in written correspondence delivered to the County prior to the end of the comment period on **May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018**. 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 95965.