

TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tulare County intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Mineral King Road Bridge (Historic Oak Grove Bridge) Rehabilitation Project. The MND has been approved for public review by the Tulare County Environmental Assessment Officer. Copies are available for review and comment at the Resource Management Agency, Permit Center, 5961 South Mooney Blvd, Visalia, California 93277-9394. Comments and recommendations on the adequacy of the environmental document may be filed at the aforementioned address during the public review period established for the project.

1. **PROJECT:** Mineral King Road Bridge (Historic Oak Grove Bridge) Rehabilitation/Retrofit Project.
2. **APPLICANT/AGENT:** County of Tulare
3. **LOCATION:** The Project site is located along Mineral King Road, approximately 6.5 miles east of State Route 98, east of the community of Three Rivers. The Project area extends approximately 75 feet downstream and 60 feet upstream of the existing Mineral King Road Bridge, and includes the northern and southern approach roadways and encompasses Assessor Parcel Number (APNs) 069-390-021 and 069-390-010. The Project is located in Section 15, Township 17S, Range 29E, MDB&M.
4. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Project includes the rehabilitation/retrofitting of the Mineral King Road Bridge (Historic Oak Grove Bridge). The purpose of the Project is to resolve the structural deficiencies of the bridge while protecting the bridge's historical function and significance. In addition, three potential staging areas are being considered. The first construction staging area (West Construction Staging Area) is located immediately north of Mineral King Road, approximately 1.3 miles west of the existing bridge on APN 069-080-042 (which is owned by the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management). The second construction staging area (East Construction Staging Area) is located approximately 800 feet northeast of the existing bridge on APN 069-390-010, which is privately owned. The third construction staging area (South Construction Staging Area) is located approximately 370 feet northeast of the existing bridge on APN 069-390-010, which is privately owned.
5. **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:** The MND can be viewed at the Resource Management Agency office located at the address above at the Visalia (Main Branch) Library located at 200 W. Oak Ave., Visalia, CA 93291; Three Rivers Branch Library located at 42052 Eggers Dr., Three Rivers, CA 93271; or on the County web site at:
<http://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/index.cfm/projects/planning-projects/environmental-documents/m375-mineral-king-bridge-historic-oak-grove-bridge/>
6. **REVIEW PERIOD:** January 25, 2019 – February 25, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.
7. **CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner (559) 624-7121, (para Espanol llame Jose Saenz (559) 624-7000.

The MND has a review period of 30 days, starting on **January 25, 2019**, and ending on **February 25, 2019**, which has been approved by the State of California, Office of Planning and Research. Any written comments on the MND should be sent to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency at the address noted above, to the attention of: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner.

After the close of the public comment review period on the MND established by this notice, this matter will be set for public hearing before the Tulare County Planning Commission. Notice of the date, time and place for such public hearing will be published and/or mailed as provided by law.

Please take notice that - pursuant to Public Resource Code Section 21177, Government Code Section 65009, and other applicable law - if you challenge the proposed action described above in court, then you may be limited to raising only those issues or objections you or someone else raised during the public comment period or the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency within the review period, or to the Planning Commission during the public hearing.

REED SCHENKE, P.E., ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OFFICER

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