

**TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Mineral King Road Bridge (Historic Oak Grove)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tulare County intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) Mineral King Road Bridge (Historic Oak Grove Bridge) Replacement 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) Replacement 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 construction of a replacement bridge on a new alignment. The new replacement bridge would be constructed immediately east (approximately 50 feet upstream) of the existing bridge to preserve views from the approach roadway . The replacement bridge would consist of an approximately 100-foot-long clear span steel plate girder bridge the same width as the existing bridge, approximately 19 feet wide from curb to curb. The total bridge width, with barrier rails, would be 23 feet (including a 19-foot travel way plus two 2-foot barrier rails). The new alignment would require cutting into the existing hillside at both bridge approaches as well as the construction of rock anchor retaining walls. The Project includes three potential construction staging areas, approximately 1.3 miles west, 400 feet northeast, and 800 feet northeast of the existing bridge. Traffic would continue to use the existing bridge until construction is completed. Following construction, the existing bridge will be permanently closed to vehicular traffic, partially rehabilitated, and used as a pedestrian crossing.
5. **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:** A copy of the MND will be available for review at the Tulare County Resource Management Agency, at the address above, (559) 624-7000, (Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm) and (Friday: 9:00 am to 11:00 am). Due to the coronavirus emergency, an appointment will be necessary to view the document at RMA.

The MND may also be viewed on the County web site at:

<https://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/index.cfm/planning-building/environmental-planning/mitigated-negative-declarations/mineral-king-road-historic-oak-grove-bridge-replacement/>

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, no copies of the MND shall be available at any libraries at the moment.

6. **REVIEW PERIOD:** May 26, 2021 – June 24, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.
7. **CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner at (559) 624-7121 or HGuerra@co.tulare.ca.us (**para Español llame Jose Saenz (559) 624-7102**).

The MND has a review period of **30 days**, starting on **Wednesday, May 26, 2021**, and ending on **Thursday, June 24, 2021**, 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 Board of Supervisors. 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.

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