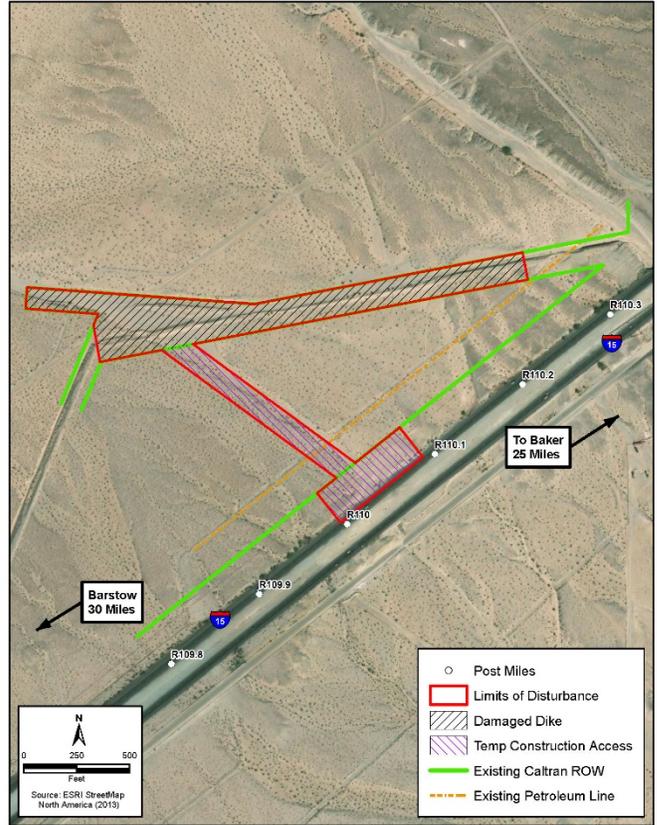
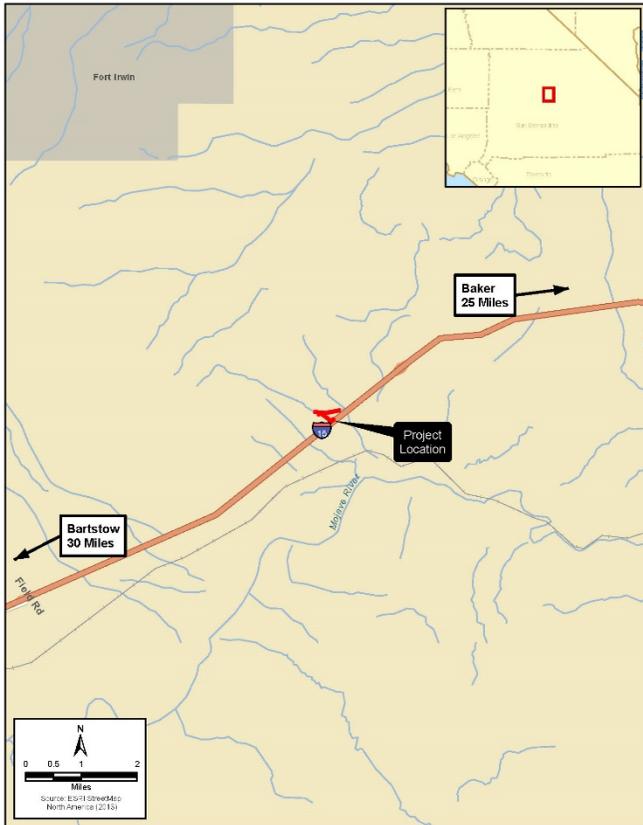




PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration Opportunity for a Public Hearing Interstate 15 (I-15) Repair Earthen Dike

Proposed Improvements Adjacent to Interstate 15



<p>WHAT'S BEING PLANNED</p>	<p>The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 8 is proposing to reconstruct a portion of an eroded earthen dike (berm) 0.43 miles north of Interstate 15 (I-15), and 1.6 miles south of the Afton Road Overcrossing, at Postmile (PM) R110.00 in San Bernardino County. The project would consist of reconstructing the earthen dike by excavating to a depth of 5' to 10' feet, using the excavated material to reconstruct the eroded earthen dike, back to its original design height of 8' to 10' feet (4' wide at its top and 36' to 44' wide at its base). There will also be work performed outside Caltrans Right of Way (ROW), and Temporary Construction Easements (TCEs) would be required. In addition, a temporary construction access road would be constructed to allow for access to the site. The total project area is approximately 13 acres (566,280 square feet).</p>
<p>WHY THIS AD?</p>	<p>Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report also explains why it is called an Initial Study with [Proposed] Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA). This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the IS/EA and of its availability for you to read and to offer the opportunity for a public hearing.</p>
<p>WHAT'S AVAILABLE?</p>	<p>The IS/EA, project maps and other project related information, are available for review and copying at the Caltrans District 8 Office (464 West 4th Street, San Bernardino, CA 92401); public viewing days/hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, (except State observed holidays). The IS/EA will also be available at the Barstow Branch Library, located at 304 East Buena Vista Street, Barstow, CA 92311; library hours are Monday through Wednesday from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm, Thursday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, and Saturday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (closed Friday and Sunday), (except U.S. holidays observed). Appointments at the District 8 Office are Welcome. Additionally, the IS/EA may be downloaded from Caltrans District 8's website at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist8/ for more information and downloading.</p>
<p>WHERE YOU COME IN</p>	<p>Do you have any comments about processing the project with an Initial Study with [Proposed] Mitigated Negative Declaration/ Environmental Assessment (IS/EA)? Do you disagree with the findings of our environmental study as set forth in the IS/EA? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Would you like a public hearing? We'd like to hear what you think. Please submit your comments by email to I15RepairEarthenDike@dot.ca.gov and include "I15Repair Earthen Dike" in the subject line, or make an appointment to view the IS/EA at the District 8 Office, or in writing to the following address no later than April 29, 2019:</p> <p>Renetta Cloud, Senior Environmental Planner Office of Environmental Studies "A" California Department of Transportation, District 8 464 W. 4th Street, 6th Floor, MS 823 San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400</p> <p>We will begin accepting comments on March 29, 2019. If there are no major comments, Caltrans District 8 will proceed with the project's design.</p>
<p>CONTACT</p>	<p>For more information about this study or any transportation matter, please call the Caltrans District 8 Office of Public Affairs at (909) 383-4631. For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document can be made available in Braille, in large print, or audiocassette, or on computer disk. To obtain a copy in one of these alternate formats, please write or call to Department of Transportation, District 8, Attn: Joy Schneider, Public Information Officer, 464 W. 4th Street, 6th Floor, MS1247, San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400; (909) 806-4726 (Voice), or use the California Relay Service 1 (800) 735-2929 (TTY), 1 (800) 735-2929 (Voice) or 711.</p>