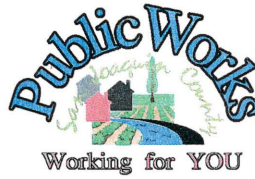




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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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FROM: San Joaquin County Public Works Department
1810 East Hazelton Avenue
Stockton, California 95205

PROJECT: **ESCALON-BELLOTA ROAD BRIDGE (29C-038) REPLACEMENT PROJECT,
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY**

The San Joaquin County Department of Public Works has prepared an environmental evaluation document (Initial Study) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) based on the finding that there is no substantial evidence that the action as proposed will have a significant effect on the environment. The reasons to support this finding are documented in the Initial Study.

PROJECT LOCATION

Escalon-Bellota Road Bridge (29C-038) south of State Route 4 over Littlejohn's Creek

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this project is to replace the existing bridge with a safer two-lane bridge that is compliant with current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) design standard, construction, and funding guidelines. Without the project, the existing bridge would continue to require special maintenance inspections to ensure the absence of cracking that could lead to a catastrophic failure if left unchecked.

PROPOSED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The County proposes to remove the existing bridge and replace it with a wider two-span, cast-in-place pre-stressed concrete slab bridge that meets current standards. The bridge would be constructed on the existing alignment, and new approach roadways would be constructed to connect the bridge to the existing roadway section. The scope of work includes the following:

- Clear and grub to remove vegetation within the footprint of the new improvements;
- Install temporary detour bridge east of the existing bridge and associated approach roadway;
- Remove and replace existing bridge structure with a new bridge on the existing alignment; and,
- Restore detour footprint area.



ESCALON-BELLOTA ROAD BRIDGE (29C-038) REPLACEMENT PROJECT

HAZARDOUS WASTE PRESENCE

This project has no known association with identified hazardous waste sites pursuant to 65962.5 of the Government Code.

A copy of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration may be reviewed at the following locations:

- San Joaquin County Department of Public Works, 1810 East Hazelton Avenue, Stockton, California 95205 (Copies are available for a fee at this location.)
- San Joaquin County Department of Public Works website:
<https://www.sjgov.org/departments/pwk/news>
- Escalon Public Library, 1540 Second Street, Escalon, California 95320

This Notice of Intent is being sent to applicable local public agencies as well as organizations and individuals of local interest. Written comments on this document may be submitted during the 30-day public review period, which begins Monday, May 20, 2019, and must be received by the San Joaquin County Department of Public Works no later than **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday June 19, 2019**. Should you have any questions, please contact Gisselle Andaya, Project Engineer, at 953-7456, or by email at gandaya@sjgov.org, or Laurel Sears, Associate Planner, at 468-3085, or by email at lsears@sjgov.org for questions.

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