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File: 01-HUM-299
PM 20.2/20.5
01-42370
Green Point Sink Slope
Stabilization

To Whom It May Concern:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to repair two segments of Route 299 by realigning the highway upslope, installing underdrains, replacing and realigning failed culverts and constructing two soldier pile tieback walls below the roadway. The project also includes adding shoulders, guardrails and rumble strips.

The project limits are from post mile 20.2 to 20.5. The project is proposed to address safety and maintenance concerns. Improvements are needed to decrease annual maintenance costs and to prevent catastrophic failure of this segment of the highway.

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. The study results indicate that the proposed project with mitigation measures will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains the study result is called an Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A copy of the document is enclosed for your review.

If you would like to make any written comments regarding the proposed project or the Initial Study and Draft MND, please submit them by August 25, 2011, to the address below or call the Caltrans staff at the telephone number provided below.

After comments are received from the public and reviewing agencies, Caltrans may: 1) Environmentally clear the proposed project by signing the Negative Declaration; 2) Conduct further environmental studies; 3) Modify the proposed project in response to comments; or 4) Abandon the project. When and if the environmental review for this project is concluded and all necessary permits have been approved, Caltrans can begin construction on all or part of this proposed project.

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For more information, please call Ms. Linda Evans at 707-441-5840, or submit written comments to: Ms. Linda Evans, Caltrans Environmental, P.O. Box 3700, Eureka, CA 95501-3700, by August 25, 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Goff Evans". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

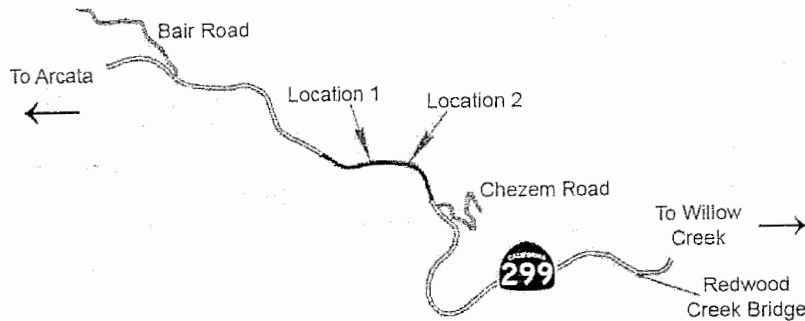
LINDA GOFF EVANS, Environmental Coordinator
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Enclosure

PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Intent to Adopt A Mitigated Negative Declaration
for the Proposed Green Point Sink Storm Damage Permanent Restoration



What's Being Planned? The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to repair two segments of Route 299 by constructing two soldier pile tieback retaining walls, installing underdrains, and replacing and realigning failed culverts. All work is within the existing highway right of way. The project is located approximately 15 miles east of Blue Lake on Route 299 near the westerly Chezem Road intersection with Route 299 in unincorporated Humboldt County.

Why This Project? The project is needed to reduce annual maintenance costs and to prevent catastrophic failure of the highway.

Why This Notice? 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 that summarizes these studies is called an Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND). This notice is an announcement to the public that the IS/MND is available for review and comment at the Humboldt County Library - Eureka Branch at 1313 Third Street and at the Caltrans District Office, 1656 Union Street, Eureka.

If you are interested, you may read the IS/MND. If you want a public hearing on this proposed project or have important information that has not been considered in the IS or comments about the conclusions in the MND, send your written comments or request for a public hearing to Linda_Evans@dot.ca.gov or Caltrans, Attention: Linda Evans, Environmental Management, P.O. Box 3700, Eureka, CA 95502-3700, by **August 25, 2011**.

Contact: For more information contact Richard Mullen, Project Manager, at Richard_Mullen@dot.ca.gov or 707-441-5877. For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document is available in alternative formats. Please contact Julie East at Julie_east@dot.ca.gov, 707-441-3998, or TTY 711.

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