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Date: September 21, 2012

To: Interested Parties

From: Kevin Rosser, Tehama County

**Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the
Evergreen Road at South Fork Cottonwood Creek Bridge Project**

Tehama County has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) to evaluate the potential environmental effects of the Evergreen Road at South Fork Cottonwood Creek Bridge Project (project or proposed project), which is located in the northern portion of Tehama County on Evergreen Road over the South Fork of Cottonwood Creek. The project area is in a rural area, approximately 3 miles west of Interstate 5. The proposed project consists of the following: realign approximately 0.8 mile of Evergreen Road, construct a new bridge along the road across the South Fork Cottonwood Creek, remove the existing bridge, excavate along the creek to increase the capacity of the channel upstream of the new structure, install a left turn lane on Bowman Road at Evergreen Road, replace in-situ the ACID canal crossing, and modify the ACID pipeline under Evergreen Road.

Tehama County has prepared a Draft IS/MND in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines. To implement the proposed project, Tehama County also requires permission from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). A separate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental document will be prepared by Caltrans in association with FHWA to evaluate those impacts associated with their decision making processes for federal funding. Tehama County is moving forward with the separate IS/MND at this time to provide environmental documentation necessary to facilitate the initiation of State and/or local approvals needed for construction of the project in 2015.

The IS/MND identifies potentially significant impacts related to: air quality, biological resources, water quality, and noise. All impacts are reduced to less-than-significant levels with implementation of recommended mitigation measures.

The IS/MND is being circulated for public review and comment for a 30-day period beginning on September 21, 2012, and ending on October 22, 2012. The IS/MND may be reviewed at Tehama County's Website [<http://www.co.tehama.ca.us/>]; at the Tehama County office located at 9380 San Benito Avenue, Gerber, CA 96035; and at the Tehama County Library, Corning Branch at 740 3rd Street, Corning, CA 96021.

Please send written comments on the IS/MND to Kevin Rosser, Civil Engineer, Tehama County, 9380 San Benito Avenue, Gerber, CA 96035, fax (530) 385-1293. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to KRosser@tcpw.ca.gov. For e-mailed comments, please include the project title in the subject line, attach comments in MS Word format, and include the commenter's U.S. Postal Service mailing address. The Tehama County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the IS/MND at 10:00am on October 30, 2012 at 727 Oak Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080.