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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

To: X interested Individuals From: San Benito County RMA
2301 Technology Parkway
Hollister, CA 95023

Project Title: Limekiln Road Bridge (No. 43C0054) Replacement at Pescadero Creek

Project Location: Limekiln Road over Pescadero Creek in San Benito County, California (Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 36°42'20"N /121°19'43"W)

Contact Person / Phone Number: James Polfer, San Benito County RMA - Public Works Division / (831) 902-2273

Review Period: January 27, 2017 to February 27, 2017

Project Description:

San Benito County proposes to replace the Limekiln Road Bridge that crosses Pescadero Creek in San Benito County, California. The purpose of the proposed project is to replace the structurally deficient Limekiln Road Bridge and provide a new bridge that would accommodate hydraulic freeboard over the creek and maintain the 55 mile per hour design speed.

Limekiln Road is a Low Collector Road which runs roughly north to south and intersects with Cienega Road approximately 700 feet north of the Limekiln Road Bridge. The land immediately surrounding the bridge is open farmland with an orchard in the northeast quadrant. The proposed bridge would consist of a 40-foot-long single-span structure and would have a 32-foot clear width made up of two 12-foot lanes and 4-foot shoulders.

Actions associated with the proposed Project would include: bridge demolition, channel slope protection, approach roadway work, bridge construction, metal beam guardrail installation, concrete bridge railing, temporary traffic control including a temporary detour, right-of-way acquisition and temporary construction easements, and utility relocation. The new bridge deck would be approximately 2 to 3 feet higher than the existing bridge deck.

Mitigated Negative Declaration:

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, San Benito County prepared an Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Limekiln Road Bridge Replacement.

Based on the Initial Study, staff determined that the project will not have a significant impact on the environment with implementation of mitigation measures as noted in the IS/MND. The proposed project replaces an existing structurally deficient bridge and all potential environmental impacts that may result with implementation of the project can be mitigated to less than significant levels.

Public Comment Period:

January 27, 2017 to February 27, 2017

The public and all affected agencies are hereby invited to review the Draft IS/MND and submit written comments. The Draft IS/MND is available for review at the at the County of San Benito's Resource Management Agency's office at the above address or a link to the document can be found online at <http://www.cosb.us/county-departments/public-works/>

Comments are due February 20, 2017 and should be sent to James Polfer, San Benito County, 2301 Technology Parkway, Hollister, CA 95023 or JPolfer@cosb.us.