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## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PARTIALLY RECIRCULATED DRAFT EIR**

**FROM:** Yuba County  
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**TO:** Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, and Interested Parties

**DATE:** May 28, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Availability of for the Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Waldo Road Over Dry Creek Bridge Replacement Project (State Clearinghouse [SCH] # 2022080453)

**Project Title:** Waldo Road Over Dry Creek Bridge Replacement Project

**Project Applicant:** Yuba County, Department of Public Works

**Project Location:** The Project is located in rural Yuba County, roughly 14 miles northeast of Wheatland. Waldo Road is a generally north/south road and the bridge crosses Dry Creek on a generally north/south alignment.

### **What's Being Planned:**

Yuba County (County), in coordination with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to demolish the existing bridge (Bridge No. 16C0006) and build a new bridge, approximately 100 feet upstream, to carry Waldo Road over Dry. Waldo Road and connecting roads Spenceville Road and Camp Far West Road, are all lightly traveled routes passing through rolling Sierra foothills terrain. The bridge is located within the Spenceville Wildlife Area, a 11,900-acre wildlife preserve and public outdoor recreation area administered by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

The existing bridge is currently classified as structurally deficient, with a sufficiency rating of 9.3. A new bridge is necessary to meet current design and safety standards which can safely convey vehicles, including emergency response vehicles, and pedestrians across Dry Creek. The replacement bridge will meet current applicable County, America Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, and Caltrans design standards.

The new bridge will require a realignment of the roadway, which will correct the existing substandard curves on roadway approaches to the bridge. The vertical profile of the new bridge will be raised slightly to provide sufficient water conveyance beneath the bridge during flood events. This will also require a slight rise in the approach roadway elevation, which will gradually decrease until the realigned roadway conforms to the existing roadway elevations.

Once the new bridge has been constructed, the existing bridge would be demolished. Preservation and maintenance of the bridge is not possible due to the presence of hazardous lead paint throughout the



structure, the non-standard design components, substandard curves, unprotected pedestrian access, and on-going timber and steel maintenance issues.

#### **Why this Public Notice:**

The Original Draft EIR was published in March 2025 under State Clearinghouse Number 2022080453. The public review period for the Original Draft EIR lasted 45 days, from March 21, 2025 to May 6, 2025. During the public review period the County received two comment letters. One of the letters was from Beale Air Force Base (BAFB), a United States Air Force base in Yuba County. The BAFB comment letter stated that the Beale Lake Dam, downstream of the Project, was removed in 2020 and that subsequent snorkel and eDNA surveys identified California Central Valley steelhead and Chinook salmon within Dry Creek upstream of the removed dam. BAFB also provided electronic copies of two fish surveys reports through a secure link for the County to review. The BAFB comment letter requested that the County review these reports to determine whether the EIR needed a revised analysis and additional or revised avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures.

The County reviewed the two fish survey reports and determined that the presence of these fish species was new information and that further environmental analysis of potential environmental impacts was warranted, resulting in a need to prepare a Partially Recirculated Draft EIR, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15087 and 15088.5(a). The Biological Resources, Tribal Cultural Resources, Mandatory Findings of Significance, and Mitigation Measures chapters have been updated and presented in the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5(f)(2), if the Draft EIR revision is limited to a few chapters or portions of the Draft EIR, the lead agency need only recirculate the chapters or portions that have been modified. The changes to the Project being recirculated would not substantially change the information, analysis, or significance conclusions in the remaining sections of the Draft EIR. Therefore, those sections are not included in the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR. **Pursuant to Section 15088.5(f)(2) of the CEQA Guidelines, the County directs that reviewers of this Partially Recirculated Draft EIR limit their comments to those that relate to the sections of the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR that have been revised and recirculated.**

The Partially Recirculated Draft EIR discloses certain potentially significant Project impacts on biological resources and tribal cultural resources but does not change the “less than significant with mitigation incorporated” significance conclusions for these impacts, as discussed in the Original Draft EIR. The Project maintains a significant effect on the environment under CEQA, due to the demolition of Waldo Bridge, a resource that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. As there were no changes to the analysis that discusses this significant effect, it is not included in the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR.

#### **What's Available:**

The Partially Recirculated Draft EIR can be viewed on the County's website: [https://www.yuba.gov/departments/community\\_development/planning\\_department/document\\_library.php](https://www.yuba.gov/departments/community_development/planning_department/document_library.php).

If unavailable on the website, you may obtain the document in electronic format by telephoning the Department of Public Works at (530)-749-5420, or by emailing the Public Works Department at [publicworks@co.yuba.ca.us](mailto:publicworks@co.yuba.ca.us). To request a PDF version of the document, please reference the Project title above. Current office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm (closed 12:00pm to 1:00pm).

#### **Public Review Period:**

June 1, 2026 to July 17, 2026

**Where You Come In:**

Have the potential impacts discussed in the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR been addressed? Do you have information that should be included? Do you disagree with the findings of the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR? Comments must be received electronically or physically by 5:00pm on July 17, 2026. Please note that an email response is preferred if available to you. Comments about the Draft EIR should include the Project Title (Waldo Road Over Dry Creek Bridge Replacement Project) as the subject line and be addressed to:

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**Public Hearing:** A public hearing to receive comments on the Draft EIR will be held before the Yuba County Planning Commission on Wednesday July 15, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Board of Supervisor's Chambers, Yuba County Government Center, 915 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Marysville, CA. The County will provide a separate public notice prior to any future meetings or hearings.

**Next Steps:**

Once the County has considered any comments received on the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR, the County will determine whether any revisions to the Draft EIR are required. Should only minor revisions be necessary that do not change the significance determinations or add new mitigation measures, the County anticipates finalizing the EIR and presenting it to the Planning Commission on or around August 19<sup>th</sup>. The Planning Commission will consider the Final EIR, Findings of Fact, and Statement of Overriding Consideration to determine whether the EIR can be certified, the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program can be adopted, and the Project approved. Please consult the Planning Commission 2026 meeting website to for dates and agendas, should you wish to attend and provide comments. Their website is:

[https://www.yuba.gov/departments/community\\_development/planning\\_department/planning\\_commission\\_2026.php](https://www.yuba.gov/departments/community_development/planning_department/planning_commission_2026.php)

