

# Notice of Availability

## of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Chuckwalla Valley Road Bridge Replacement Project

### PUBLIC MEETING

**Date:** April 15, 2026

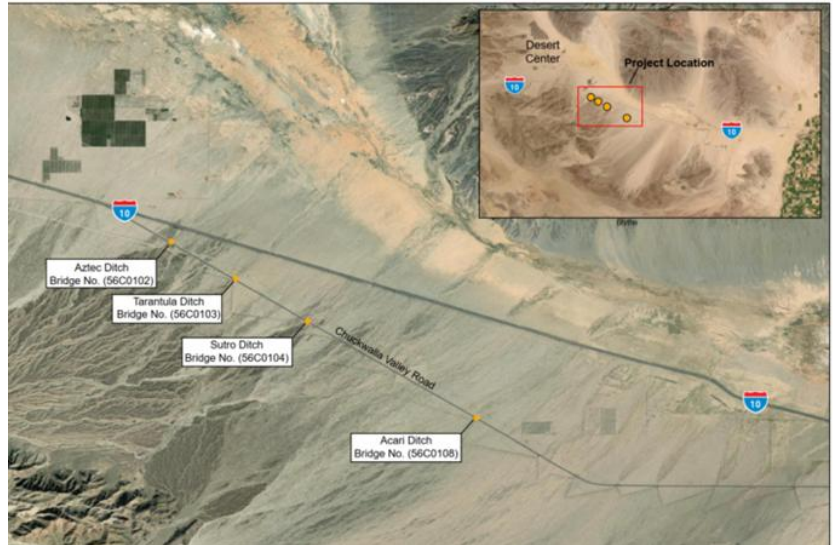
**Time:** 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**Meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.** For details, please visit the project website:

<https://trans.rctlma.org/chuckwalla-valley-road-bridge>.

The public meeting will be held virtually using Zoom and will be accessible via computer or other devices with an internet connection. A current version of Zoom is recommended to access the virtual meeting.

**WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?** The County of Riverside Transportation Department (County) proposes to replace four existing, structurally deficient 2-lane timber bridges over Aztec Ditch, Tarantula Ditch, Sutro Ditch, and Acari Ditch along Chuckwalla Valley Road. The new bridges would be in the same location and would replace the existing timber bridges with new, modern concrete bridges. The bridges are being replaced so that the roadway can meet current vehicle load and safety standards. The four bridges are expected to be built simultaneously or in stages, depending on access to utilities and adjacent properties. During construction, a Traffic Control Plan would be prepared to address road closures.



**WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?** The County, as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has studied the proposed project and concluded that it would significantly affect the environment. The report detailing this finding is called an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The Draft EIR identifies that implementation of the proposed Project would result in significant and unavoidable impacts on Cultural Resources. All other environmental factors, including Biological Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources, would result in no impacts, less than significant impacts, or less than significant impacts with mitigation. This notice serves to advertise the availability of the Draft EIR and your opportunity to read and comment on it, as well as the opportunity to attend the public meeting as advertised in this notice. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors will consider approval of the project and adoption of the EIR after May 7, 2026.

**WHAT'S AVAILABLE?** The Draft EIR will be available beginning March 23, 2026. This document will be available for 45 days from March 23, 2026, until May 7, 2026. The document will be available for review at the following locations:

- County of Riverside Transportation Department, 3525 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Riverside, CA 92501
- <https://trans.rctlma.org/chuckwalla-valley-road-bridge>

**WHERE YOU COME IN** Please submit your comments on the Draft EIR in writing or by email no later than May 7, 2026, to Frances Segovia, Riverside County Transportation Department, 3525 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Riverside, CA 92501, or at [fsegovia@rivco.org](mailto:fsegovia@rivco.org). Comments will be accepted beginning March 23, 2026. Pursuant to Section 15072(g)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, it has been determined that the project footprint is not identified on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code pertaining to hazardous waste sites. Your written comments will be considered in the decision of the proposed project and will be forwarded to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors before action is taken. No decision regarding the proposed project will be made until after the closure of the public review period, at which time all comments received will be responded to by the County and provided to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. Notice of decision will be mailed to any person requesting notification at least 10 days prior to the decision.

**CONTACT** For more information about this project or to receive a copy of the Draft EIR, please contact Frances Segovia, Environmental Project Manager, Riverside County Transportation Department, at (951) 955-1646 or by email at [fsegovia@rivco.org](mailto:fsegovia@rivco.org). In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations, including auxiliary aids and services at no cost, to participate in the meeting by contacting the individual noted above at least three (3) business days before the scheduled event. To accommodate persons with disabilities, this document is available in alternate formats upon request.