



**COUNTY OF LAKE**  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
Planning Division  
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**October 5, 2023**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**APPLICATION:** General Plan Conformity GPC 22-11; Initial Study IS 22-28

**PROJECT NAME:** Wolf Creek Road at Wolf Creek Bridge Replacement Project (No. 14C-0049)

**APPLICANT:** County of Lake, Public Works Department

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT:** The bridge has a sufficiency rating of 60.1 and has been designated as functionally obsolete per the Caltrans Structure Maintenance & Investigations, Local Agency Bridge List (July 2015). The functionally obsolete designation is a result of the insufficient deck width. Wolf Creek Road is a two lane road and the clear width of the existing bridge is too narrow to support standard lane and shoulder widths for a two lane facility. Additionally, the existing bridge fails to meet the current Caltrans design standard for freeboard requirements. Hydraulic studies indicate that the existing bridge may be overtopped during a 100-year storm event. Caltrans has reviewed the preliminary details of the project and supports a full replacement scope. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide a replacement structure that is consistent with appropriate Caltrans structural design standards, is placed on a road alignment that meets the appropriate American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) roadway geometry standards, and is hydraulically capable of passing and clearing the design storm events (50-year storm plus 2 feet of freeboard and 100-year storm).

The replacement bridge will be wider to comply with current AASHTO standards for local rural roads, including 9-foot travel lanes and 2-foot shoulders, plus crash-tested vehicular barriers. A 5-foot sidewalk (Lake County standard) will also be proposed on the north side of the replacement structure to accommodate school children accessing a nearby bus stop. The replacement bridge will be approximately 84 feet long. This length is appropriate for a single span bridge, which would reduce the construction duration and increase the hydraulic capacity of the channel. It is anticipated that deep foundations will be needed to support the replacement bridge. The underlying formation of the soil is rock overlaid by alluvial and fan deposits which have washed down from the mountains. The upper material is subject to scour; this is often best suited for concrete piles, as they can be designed to act as columns if the soil material scours away. The most feasible pile type will be determined during the type selection process, when further geotechnical information is available.

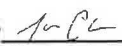
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**October 5, 2023**

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COUNTY CLERK  
LAKE COUNTY

By   
Deputy clerk

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Bridge No. 14C-0049 is located in unincorporated Spring Valley in Lake County, approximately 5.4 miles northeast of State Route 20; Quad: Benmore Canyon T14N, R07W, Section 11 UTM Zone 10 (39.082336, -122.604181)

**PROPOSED FINDINGS:**

1. Potentially significant environmental impacts will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the mitigation measures determined by Initial Study 22-28.
2. As mitigated, no significant environmental impact will occur from the project.

The Initial Study prepared for this project and all documents referenced in that study are available for review at the following location:

**Lead Agency Name and Address:**

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**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Please submit comments to the Community Development Department starting October 5, 2023 and ending November 3, 2023, to be given full consideration prior to an upcoming public hearing. Comments on the proposed mitigated negative declaration will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for their consideration. Comments may be submitted at the Planning Commission hearing. However, comments submitted at the public hearing may not be able to be reviewed as thoroughly as comments submitted prior to the hearing. Any member of the public may also speak before the Planning Commission regarding this project at the hearing specified below.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** This project is scheduled to go before the Lake County Planning Commission at the:

Lake County Courthouse  
Board of Supervisors Chambers – First Floor  
255 N. Forbes St., Lakeport, CA  
Date: TBD  
Time: TBD

Any member of the public may speak before the Planning Commission regarding this project.

DATE: 10/5/23

By:   
Katherine Schaefer  
Resource Planner



