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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**ENGINEERING DIVISION**  
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Ken Grehm, Director of Public Works  
By: Jean Hanson, Associate Civil Engineer  
SUBJECT: Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration / State Clearinghouse No. 2021040711/ Watt Avenue over Dry Creek Bridge Replacement Project

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Adopt a Resolution adopting the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and adopting the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the bridge replacement project on Watt Avenue over Dry Creek.

**BACKGROUND**

The Department of Public Works (DPW) is proposing to replace the existing bridge on Watt Avenue over Dry Creek. The existing Watt Avenue Bridge is over 80-years old and too narrow for current and projected traffic volumes. The Placer County Flood Control District's Dry Creek Watershed Plan identifies the need for this bridge to be replaced as well. The project site is adjacent to the Placer Vineyards and Riolo Vineyards Specific Plan areas and within the Dry Creek / West Placer Community Plan area. Project objectives include replacing the existing bridge to meet future land use and circulation demands, meet regional flood control objectives, improve roadway safety and structural load capacity, and provide a bridge and roadway facility that meets current design standards.

DPW staff has solicited public input for this project by contacting property owners directly adjacent to the project site and by providing information to the West Placer Municipal Advisory Council. The proposed bridge will provide safe access for residents, emergency vehicles, trucks, and other users, while still providing a bridge and approaches designed to current standards and meeting. Construction is tentatively planned for the summer of 2024.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

The County is currently in the process of obtaining NEPA clearance for this project. An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was prepared for this project by Dewberry | Drake Haglan and Associates, Inc. in April 2021, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Comments received during the public comment period, which closed on May 28, 2021 have been appropriately addressed. Upon adoption of the MND, the Notice of Determination will be processed.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$53,300,000. Approximately \$5,700,000 of this amount is currently funded through a combination of Federal Highway Bridge Program funds (approximately \$3,000,000) and the Dry Creek Traffic Mitigation Fee benefit district (approximately \$2,700,000) and is included in the Department of Public Works FY 2021-22 Budget under the line item PJ00515 Watt Avenue at Dry Creek Bridge Replacement. Additional funds will be pursued and included in future year budgets as needed. This is a multi-year project.

**ATTACHMENTS**

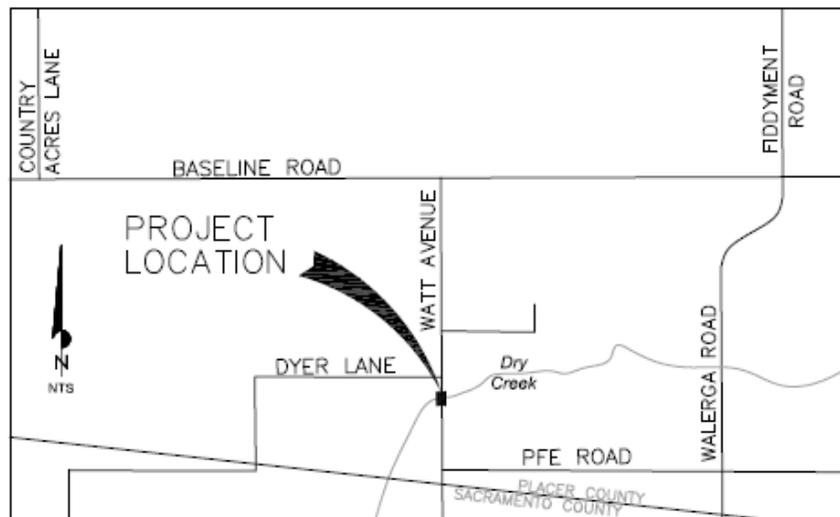
Location Map  
Resolution

On file with the Clerk of the Board: Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

**PLACER COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**WATT AVENUE AT DRY CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

**LOCATION MAP**



LOCATION MAP  
NO SCALE

# Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

**In the matter of:** A Resolution adopting the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (State Clearing House No. 2021040711) and the Mitigation Plan/ Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Watt Avenue over Dry Creek Bridge Replacement Project.

Resolution No.: \_\_\_\_\_

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held on July 06, 2021, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

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Clerk of said Board

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WHEREAS, the existing bridge on Watt Avenue over Dry Creek has been determined to be functionally obsolete; and

WHEREAS, a preliminary design for the project has been prepared by Placer County; and

WHEREAS, the design of the bridge replacement is consistent with the California Department of Transportation and Placer County Standards; and

WHEREAS, the County of Placer has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration, circulated it as required by law and included all necessary measures to mitigate any significant impacts of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors, of the County of Placer, State of California that this Board adopts a Mitigated Negative Declaration (STATE CLEARING

HOUSE NO. 2021040711) for the Watt Avenue over Dry Creek Bridge Replacement Project and make the following findings:

1. The mitigated negative declaration has been prepared as required by law.
2. There is no substantial evidence in the record as a whole that the Project mitigated may have a significant effect on the environment.
3. The mitigated negative declaration and errata as adopted for the Project reflects the independent judgment and analysis of Placer County, which has exercised overall control and direction of its preparation.
4. The mitigation plan / mitigation monitoring and reporting program prepared for the project is adopted.
5. The custodian of records for the Project is the Placer County Public Works Director, 3091 County Center Drive, Auburn, CA 95603.