

# NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

**WHO:** Project Applicant, Sonoma County Department of Public Infrastructure

**WHAT:** The Sonoma County Department of Public Infrastructure proposes to construct a new, 2-lane bridge across the Russian River on Washington School Road near the community of Asti in Sonoma County. The new bridge would replace the current, seasonal low water crossing, also known as the Asti Summer Crossing (ASC). The purpose of this project is to enhance safety and connectivity in Sonoma County and to eliminate the financial cost and environmental consequences of the ASC. The project will occur on county owned right of way. **Supervisory District 4.**

**Parcel Zoning:** The project will take place within the County owned Right-of-Way. Surrounding parcels are zoned Land Intensive Agriculture, Resources and Rural Development and Diverse Agriculture.

In accordance with Public Resource Code and CEQA Guidelines, the County of Sonoma provides notice to agencies and interested parties that it is releasing a Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the project. The IS/MND did not find potential environmental impacts that could not be mitigated to a less-than-significant level. The IS/MND is available at Permit Sonoma at 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

**WHERE & WHEN:** After the close of the IS/MND public review period, it is anticipated that the IS/MND will be adopted without a public hearing, unless a written objection is received by the Director prior to that date. If a written objection is received, a public hearing will be scheduled and a notice of the hearing will be issued.

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:** Project materials and associated documents are available at Permit Sonoma, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 and digitally through the Project Planner, Jackson Ford at Jackson.Ford@sonoma-county.org or 707-565-8356.

**GETTING INVOLVED:** If you have questions or concerns regarding the proposed project please contact the project planner listed above. The required 30-day public review period on the IS/MND is May 29, 2024 to June 28, 2024. Comments on the IS/MND) must be received by **June 28, 2024, at 5:00PM**. All comments received after the review period will be included in the public record for consideration and provided to the decision-making body prior to or at the Board hearing.

If you challenge the decision on the project in court you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to Permit Sonoma at or prior to the public hearing.

**DATE:** May 29, 2024