

CEQA/NEPA Process

California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Policy Act

- ▶ **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**
 - CEQA requires that California state and local agencies prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) when they determine the project may have a significant impact on the environment.
- ▶ **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**
 - NEPA requires that federal agencies prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for federal actions that may affect the quality of the human and natural environment.
- ▶ **EIR/EA** — An EIR/EA is a public document that provides an assessment of the potential environmental impacts resulting from a proposed action and alternatives. Within the EIR/EA, the potentially affected environment is identified and resources potentially affected are analyzed.
- ▶ **Analysis** — Major resource areas to be evaluated in the EIR/EA include, but are not limited to:

Aesthetics	Biological Resources
Cultural Resources	Geology and Soils
Air Quality	Noise and Vibration
Recreation	Traffic
Hydrology and Water Quality	
Hazards and Hazardous Materials	

Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	Environmental Assessment (EA)
Notice of Preparation	
Scoping	Scoping
Draft EIR	Draft EA
State Clearinghouse Distribution for State Agency Review	
Public and Agency Review and Comment	Public and Agency Review and Comment
Final EIR	Final EA
Provide proposed responses to public agency comments at least 10 days prior to certification of the EIR	
Certify EIR, adopt Findings on Project' Significant Environmental Impacts and Alternatives, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and, if necessary, a Statement of Overriding Considerations	Public and Agency Review
	30 Day Review Period public review and comment period
Agency Decision	Agency Decision
Notice of Determination	FONSI

Public Involvement Opportunities during the CEQA/NEPA Process

Attend the Public Scoping Meeting:

March 1, 2017, 5:00 – 7:00 pm
 Mattole Grange #569
 36512 Mattole Road
 Petrolia, California 95558

Note: Do not mail NOP comments to the above address.

Review and Comment on the Draft EIR/EA (Early 2018)

- ▶ Availability of the Proposed Project will be announced in local newspapers.
- ▶ The 45-day comment period commences with the availability of the announcement.
- ▶ Attend the Public Hearing on the Draft EIR/EA.

Review and Comment on the Final EIR/EA (Late 2018/Early 2019)

- ▶ Availability of the Final EIR/EA will be announced to interested parties and in local newspapers.
- ▶ The 30-day comment period commences with the availability of the announcement.

While it is the goal of the project team to meet these time frames, all dates referenced are tentative and may be adjusted if necessary during the EIR/EA process.

Honeydew Bridge (No. 04C-0055) Replacement

