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VIA EMAIL

California Department of Transportation  
Attn: Emiliano Pro  
Office of Environmental Management., MS-30  
1657 Riverside Drive  
Redding, CA 96001

RE: 02-LAS-36-PM 6.0/14.6 – Goodfred Bridge Replacement and Roadway Rehabilitation Project Draft Initial Study with proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Dear Mr. Pro:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the environmental review for the Goodfred Bridge Replacement and Roadway Rehabilitation Project (the project). The Board of Supervisors is in support of the project. We would like to offer the following comments on the environmental document.

According to Caltrans' environmental document, during construction emergency vehicles may experience delays due to traffic control during construction of the proposed project.

The County is concerned about any potential for Caltrans's traffic control delaying the delivery of public safety between eastern and western Lassen County. County resources provide approximately 12 hours of Sheriff Patrol, one vehicle, per day in the Town of Westwood, with backup response dispatched from Susanville at other times. Sheriff patrol in Westwood may also respond to and provide backup to the Susanville vicinity. Caltrans should avoid any traffic control caused delays to the Lassen County Sheriff at all times during project construction.

The project area may be located in an area of gaps in the public safety voice communication system to and from personnel to the repeater site on Hamilton Mountain. This has not been addressed in the environmental document.

Noise impacts during construction may adversely affect visitors to the area or lessen visitation. The proposed project is located adjacent to Goodrich Creek and near the Town of Westwood. Goodrich Creek is routinely planted with trout by the Department of Fish and Wildlife and is a destination for anglers for sport fishing. The area is also thought to be prime area for other outdoor activities such as hunting. Visitation to the area and environs

is considered to contribute to the local economy. While we realize the temporary noise impacts of construction are expected and unavoidable to visitors, during the entirety of the project the piercing beeping noise emitted from back-up alarms on equipment at the construction site may be something that Caltrans can address to not adversely affect visitors and visitation to the area.

This concludes comments by the Lassen County Board of Supervisors. We look forward to the benefits that this project has to offer to Lassen County residents and visitors to Lassen County and the State of California. Thank you in advance for fully resolving our concerns.

Sincerely,

CHRIS GALLAGHER, Chairman  
Lassen County Board of Supervisors

CC: Dean Growdon, Lassen County Sheriff