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Hwy, 49 Bridge in Coloma

Kristiana Spaulding to: bosfour

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Dear Supervisor Briggs,

I'm emailing you in regards to the State Route 49 South Fork of the American River Bridge in Coloma.

I understand that Cal Trans is proposing a retrofit of this bridge.

The bridge is host to one of my favorite views in the whole county. I'm attaching an iphone photo taken from the bridge. As a resident of Coloma, I often cross that bridge, sometimes with my dog, and I have to hope each time that one of us doesn't get side swiped by a car. We had a close call the last time we crossed.

I can't imagine trying to cross with a baby stroller or the like.

We have thousands of tourists who visit our town and cross that bridge to go to the bakery or one of the other restaurants in town. It's even more dangerous to be a pedestrian at night.

Please keep pedestrians and bicyclists in mind when you review the proposal for the retrofit.

We could really use designated pedestrian lanes to be added to keep everyone safe and alive.

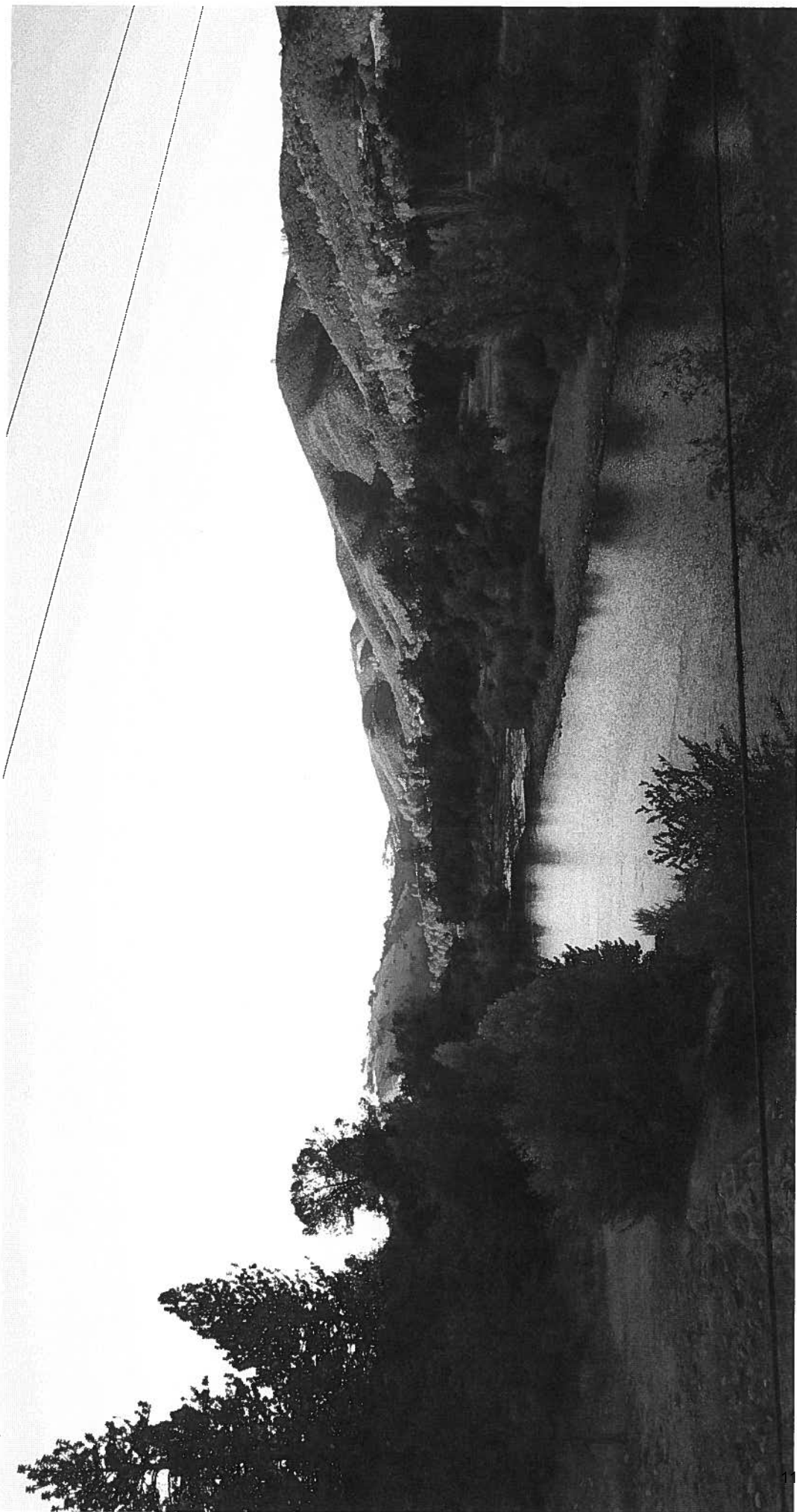
Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

Kristiana Spaulding



49 bridge in Coloma.JPG





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hwy 49 bridge

Aaron Phillips to: bosfour

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From: "Aaron Phillips" <apbuilders@directcon.net>

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Supervisor Briggs,

Please carefully consider the ramifications of bridge modifications in Lotus on Highway 49. I am a local resident/home owner and often run across this bridge to access local trails. The bridge is tight now and one misstep would likely land a pedestrian in the lane of traffic. If I am informed correctly, now this pedestrian space is going to decrease?

I implore you to consider not only the local pedestrians but also the influx of tourists Coloma/Lotus receives in the summer. Often I have witnessed groups of people crossing this bridge (side by side) in the evening to take advantage of local dinner entertainment venues. The combination of tourists gawking at the river from cars as well as on foot leaves a margin for disaster should pedestrian space be decreased.

I would like to see the improvements to the bridge bring about an increased level of safety to all. Not just from an engineering viewpoint but with accommodations for accessibility as well. Please help us improve this great community by showing some thought in this major access point.

Thank you,

Aaron Phillips

3rd generation resident