

**Final Supplement
to the
Diamond Springs Parkway Project
2011 Environmental Impact Report
for
Phase 1B Design Modification
(SCH #2007122033)**

**Prepared Pursuant to:
California Environmental Quality Act,
Public Resources Code, 21000 et seq.;
and the State of California CEQA Guidelines,
California Code of Regulations, 15000 et seq.**

El Dorado County

March 2016

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Section 1. Summary

1.1. Introduction

The Diamond Springs Parkway Project (Project) is an approved, but not yet constructed, roadway that will connect Missouri Flat Road to State Route 49 (SR 49) in unincorporated El Dorado County. The County conducted environmental review of the Project and certified a final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in 2011.

The County is proposing modifications to the design of the eastern portion of Phase 1B of the Project, and has prepared a draft and final Supplement to the 2011 EIR on the Diamond Springs Parkway Project for Phase 1B Design Modification (Draft SEIR and Final SEIR) to describe the proposed modifications and provide supplemental environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

CEQA requires that if substantial changes are proposed to a project after an EIR is certified, the lead agency must evaluate the potential for those changes to result in new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects. Although the proposed Phase 1B design modification may not represent a substantial change to the Project, the County decided to evaluate and document the potential for new or increased significant effects to ensure full compliance with CEQA.

The Draft SEIR is incorporated into this Final SEIR by this reference. Section 2 of the Draft SEIR provides a detailed description of the proposed modifications and Section 3 of the Draft SEIR provides an environmental analysis that assesses the potential changes in impacts from the proposed modifications as compared to impacts associated with the Project as approved in 2011. A summary of the Project modifications and environmental analysis is provided below.

1.2. Project Summary

Phase 1A of the Project, to realign SR-49/Diamond Road from Pleasant Valley Road to north of Lime Kiln Road, is not affected by the proposed modification. Phase 1B will construct a new four-lane arterial roadway with concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk from Missouri Flat Road east of Golden Center Drive to a new T-intersection with SR-49 south of Bradley Drive. During design of the Phase 1B portion of the Project, the El Dorado County Community Development Agency, Transportation Division (Transportation) determined that modifications to the vertical profile of the eastern portion of Diamond Springs Parkway would provide benefits that include reduced rights-of-way acquisition and construction costs. The modified vertical profile (i.e., elevation) would be more similar to the existing ground surface grade, resulting in a vertical profile as much as 15 feet lower than the approved Project. The proposed modification would require less fill material and would reduce the footprint of fill slopes in this portion of the Project site. As a result, elimination of the Bradley Drive/Throwita Way intersection required as a result of fill placement needed for the approved Project design would not be necessary, and an intersection could be maintained with a slight northern realignment of the west end of Bradley Drive. Maintaining the connection of Bradley Drive to Throwita Way would eliminate the need for a connector road between Bradley Drive and Truck Street (see attached Figure 3). The proposed Phase 1B design modification would reduce the overall disturbance footprint associated with Phase 1B construction from approximately 19 acres under the approved Project to approximately 18 acres under the proposed modification. The proposed Phase 1B design modification would also reduce the amount of imported

soils needed for construction from approximately 67,700 cubic yards of imported soil under the approved Project to approximately 24,000 cubic yards of imported soil under the proposed Phase 1B design modification.

1.3. Environmental Analysis Summary

The 2011 EIR concluded that the approved Project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts. Potentially significant impacts identified in the 2011 EIR could each be reduced to less than significant with implementation of mitigation measures identified in the 2011 EIR and adopted by the County. The analysis of the proposed Phase 1B design modification, as presented in Table 1 of the Draft SEIR, concludes that the proposed modification would not result in any new significant impacts and would not increase the severity of any previously identified significant impacts. Thus, the proposed modifications would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts and would not result in any increase in cumulative effects as compared to the approved Project. The County also considered the potential for changes in growth-inducing effects and determined that the proposed modification would have no effect on the growth-inducing effects previously identified in the 2011 EIR.

The analysis of the proposed Phase 1B design modification concluded that the proposed modification would reduce certain impacts as compared to the approved Project. All previously identified mitigation measures and regulatory requirements would remain applicable to implementation of the Project with the Phase 1B design modification.

1.4. Public Review Process

Pursuant to Section 15087 of the CEQA Guidelines, a January 2016 Draft Supplement to the Diamond Springs Parkway Project 2011 EIR for Phase 1B Modification (Draft SEIR) was distributed for public and agency review and comment for a 45-day period, which began on January 11, 2016 and ended on February 24, 2016.

The Notice of Intent (NOI) to adopt the Draft SEIR (Appendix 2), requesting comment on the Draft SEIR, was sent to the 497 individual property owners potentially affected by the Project. A notice was also posted in the Mountain Democrat on January 11, 2016 and copies of the Draft SEIR were provided to state agencies for review through the State Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse No. 2007122033). The Draft SEIR was available for review at the County Library in Placerville, as well as at the public counter of the El Dorado County Transportation Division. The document is also available on the Transportation website at the following location: <http://www.edcgov.us/Government/DOT/CEQA.aspx>.

During the 45-day Draft SEIR review period, the public and state agencies were provided with the opportunity to submit written comments on the Draft SEIR. Two comment letters were received and are included in Section 2 of this Final SEIR along with the County's responses to these comments. No changes to the text of the Draft SEIR were required to address these comments.

1.5. Purpose of the Final SEIR

The purpose of a Final SEIR is to provide the public and agencies an opportunity to review any revisions to the Draft SEIR and the responses to comments prior to approval of a project. This Final SEIR, including the Draft SEIR as incorporated by reference, serves as the environmental document to be used by the County Board of Supervisors when considering approval of the proposed Phase 1B Design Modification to the Project. In accordance with Section 15090 of the CEQA Guidelines, after completing

the Final SEIR and before approving the modification to the Project, the County, as the CEQA lead agency, shall certify that:

- The Final SEIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA;
- The Final SEIR was presented to the decision-making body of the lead agency, and that the decision-making body reviewed and considered the information in the Final SEIR prior to approving the project; and
- The Final SEIR reflects the lead agency's independent judgment and analysis.

Additionally, pursuant to Section 15091(a) of the CEQA Guidelines, if an EIR or SEIR that has been certified for a project identifies one or more significant environmental effects, the lead agency must adopt "findings of fact." For each significant impact, the lead agency must make one of the following findings:

- Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which avoid or substantially lessen the significant environmental effect as identified in the EIR.
- Such changes or alterations are within the responsibility and jurisdiction of another public agency and not the agency making the finding. Such changes have been adopted by such other agency or can and should be adopted by such other agency.
- Specific economic, legal, social, technological, or other considerations, including provision of employment opportunities for highly trained workers, make infeasible the mitigation measures or project alternatives identified in the final EIR.

Each finding must be accompanied by a brief explanation of the rationale for the finding. In addition, pursuant to Section 15091(d) of the CEQA Guidelines, the agency must adopt, in conjunction with the findings, a program for reporting or monitoring the changes that it has either required in the project or made a condition of approval to avoid or substantially lessen environmental effects. These measures must be fully enforceable through permit conditions, agreements, or other measures. This program is referred to as the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. In the case of this Project modification proposal, no additional mitigation measures were identified. Therefore, the existing Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program approved with the 2011 EIR still applies.

CEQA Findings of Fact will be included in a separate findings document that accompanies the County's staff report submitted to the County Board of Supervisors for consideration and approval along with certification of the Final SEIR.

1.6. Final SEIR Contents and Organization

This Final SEIR is organized as follows:

- Section 1, Summary, describes the purpose of the report, outlines the organization of the report, incorporates the Draft SEIR by reference and provides a summary of the Project and environmental analysis, and summarizes the public review process and consultation with other agencies;
- Section 2, Comments and Responses to Comments, contains a copy of all written comments received on the Draft SEIR during the 45-day public review period (January 11, 2016 through February 24, 2016) and provides the County's responses to each comment.

Section 2. Comments and Responses to Comments

This section contains a copy of all written comments received during the public review period between January 11, 2016 and February 24, 2016. CEQA requires that the lead agency respond to all significant environmental issues raised in comments and that the agency's response reflect the level of detail appropriate to the comment (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15088). The County, as the lead agency for the Project, has reviewed each comment and prepared a response to each comment related to the adequacy of the draft document.

Comments and Responses

Comment Letter A. Doug Walker, Cultural Resource Coordinator, El Dorado County Historical Society. February 16, 2016

Response to Comment Letter A

The comment letter advises that a survey of the El Dorado County Historical Society elicited no comments relating to cultural resources and general approval of the reduction of the environmental impacts of the earthwork associated with the Project. The County appreciates the review and input provided by the El Dorado County Historical Society and its members. The comments do not address the adequacy of the environmental impact analysis and express support for the proposed modifications, and no further response to the comment letter is necessary.

Comment Letter B. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. February 17, 2016.

Response to Comment Letter B

The comment letter advises of state regulations pertaining to water quality and related permitting requirements. The comment letter does not address the adequacy of the Draft SEIR or environmental analysis. The County appreciates the review and input provided by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. The County will comply with all pertinent regulatory and permitting requirements prior to and during construction of the Project, and no further response to the comment letter is necessary.



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EL DORADO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Placerville, CA 95667

Community Development Agency, Transportation Division
2850 Fair Lane Court
Placerville, CA 95667
Attn: Janet Postlewait

February 16, 2016

Re: Response to Invitation to Comment

Diamond Springs Parkway Phase 1B Modification Project

Dear Janet:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the cultural resource impact of your proposed project.

Hopefully this project was fully reviewed for impacts on cultural resources prior to its 2011 approval. A survey of our membership elicited no comments relating to cultural resources and a general approval of the reduction of the environmental impacts of the earthwork.

Doug Walker
Cultural Resource Coordinator, EDCHS
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**COMMENTS TO REQUEST FOR REVIEW FOR THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
SUPPLEMENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, DIAMOND SPRINGS PARKWAY
PROJECT, SCH# 2007122033, EL DORADO COUNTY**

Pursuant to the El Dorado County Community Development Agency's 11 January 2016 request, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has reviewed the *Request for Review for the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Supplement Environment Impact Report* for the Diamond Springs Parkway Project, located in El Dorado County.

Our agency is delegated with the responsibility of protecting the quality of surface and groundwaters of the state; therefore our comments will address concerns surrounding those issues.

I. Regulatory Setting

Basin Plan

The Central Valley Water Board is required to formulate and adopt Basin Plans for all areas within the Central Valley region under Section 13240 of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. Each Basin Plan must contain water quality objectives to ensure the reasonable protection of beneficial uses, as well as a program of implementation for achieving water quality objectives with the Basin Plans. Federal regulations require each state to adopt water quality standards to protect the public health or welfare, enhance the quality of water and serve the purposes of the Clean Water Act. In California, the beneficial uses, water quality objectives, and the Antidegradation Policy are the State's water quality standards. Water quality standards are also contained in the National Toxics Rule, 40 CFR Section 131.36, and the California Toxics Rule, 40 CFR Section 131.38.

The Basin Plan is subject to modification as necessary, considering applicable laws, policies, technologies, water quality conditions and priorities. The original Basin Plans were adopted in 1975, and have been updated and revised periodically as required, using Basin Plan amendments. Once the Central Valley Water Board has adopted a Basin Plan amendment in noticed public hearings, it must be approved by the State Water Resources

Control Board (State Water Board), Office of Administrative Law (OAL) and in some cases, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Basin Plan amendments only become effective after they have been approved by the OAL and in some cases, the USEPA. Every three (3) years, a review of the Basin Plan is completed that assesses the appropriateness of existing standards and evaluates and prioritizes Basin Planning issues.

For more information on the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins*, please visit our website:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/.

Antidegradation Considerations

All wastewater discharges must comply with the Antidegradation Policy (State Water Board Resolution 68-16) and the Antidegradation Implementation Policy contained in the Basin Plan. The Antidegradation Policy is available on page IV-15.01 at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalleywater_issues/basin_plans/sacsjr.pdf

In part it states:

Any discharge of waste to high quality waters must apply best practicable treatment or control not only to prevent a condition of pollution or nuisance from occurring, but also to maintain the highest water quality possible consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the State.

This information must be presented as an analysis of the impacts and potential impacts of the discharge on water quality, as measured by background concentrations and applicable water quality objectives.

The antidegradation analysis is a mandatory element in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and land discharge Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) permitting processes. The environmental review document should evaluate potential impacts to both surface and groundwater quality.

II. Permitting Requirements

Construction Storm Water General Permit

Dischargers whose project disturb one or more acres of soil or where projects disturb less than one acre but are part of a larger common plan of development that in total disturbs one or more acres, are required to obtain coverage under the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activities (Construction General Permit), Construction General Permit Order No. 2009-009-DWQ. Construction activity subject to this permit includes clearing, grading, grubbing, disturbances to the ground, such as stockpiling, or excavation, but does not include regular maintenance activities performed to restore the original line, grade, or capacity of the facility. The Construction General Permit requires the development and implementation of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan

(SWPPP).

For more information on the Construction General Permit, visit the State Water Resources Control Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/constpermits.shtml.

Phase I and II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permits¹

The Phase I and II MS4 permits require the Permittees reduce pollutants and runoff flows from new development and redevelopment using Best Management Practices (BMPs) to the maximum extent practicable (MEP). MS4 Permittees have their own development standards, also known as Low Impact Development (LID)/post-construction standards that include a hydromodification component. The MS4 permits also require specific design concepts for LID/post-construction BMPs in the early stages of a project during the entitlement and CEQA process and the development plan review process.

For more information on which Phase I MS4 Permit this project applies to, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/storm_water/municipal_permits/.

For more information on the Phase II MS4 permit and who it applies to, visit the State Water Resources Control Board at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/phase_ii_municipal.shtml

Industrial Storm Water General Permit

Storm water discharges associated with industrial sites must comply with the regulations contained in the Industrial Storm Water General Permit Order No. 2014-0057-DWQ.

For more information on the Industrial Storm Water General Permit, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/storm_water/industrial_general_permits/index.shtml.

Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit

If the project will involve the discharge of dredged or fill material in navigable waters or wetlands, a permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act may be needed from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE). If a Section 404 permit is required by the USACOE, the Central Valley Water Board will review the permit application to ensure that discharge will not violate water quality standards. If the project requires surface water

¹ Municipal Permits = The Phase I Municipal Separate Storm Water System (MS4) Permit covers medium sized Municipalities (serving between 100,000 and 250,000 people) and large sized municipalities (serving over 250,000 people). The Phase II MS4 provides coverage for small municipalities, including non-traditional Small MS4s, which include military bases, public campuses, prisons and hospitals.

drainage realignment, the applicant is advised to contact the Department of Fish and Game for information on Streambed Alteration Permit requirements.

If you have any questions regarding the Clean Water Act Section 404 permits, please contact the Regulatory Division of the Sacramento District of USACOE at (916) 557-5250.

Clean Water Act Section 401 Permit – Water Quality Certification

If an USACOE permit (e.g., Non-Reporting Nationwide Permit, Nationwide Permit, Letter of Permission, Individual Permit, Regional General Permit, Programmatic General Permit), or any other federal permit (e.g., Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act or Section 9 from the United States Coast Guard), is required for this project due to the disturbance of waters of the United States (such as streams and wetlands), then a Water Quality Certification must be obtained from the Central Valley Water Board prior to initiation of project activities. There are no waivers for 401 Water Quality Certifications.

Waste Discharge Requirements – Discharges to Waters of the State

If USACOE determines that only non-jurisdictional waters of the State (i.e., “non-federal” waters of the State) are present in the proposed project area, the proposed project may require a Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit to be issued by Central Valley Water Board. Under the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, discharges to all waters of the State, including all wetlands and other waters of the State including, but not limited to, isolated wetlands, are subject to State regulation.

For more information on the Water Quality Certification and WDR processes, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/help/business_help/permit2.shtml.

Dewatering Permit

If the proposed project includes construction or groundwater dewatering to be discharged to land, the proponent may apply for coverage under State Water Board General Water Quality Order (Low Risk General Order) 2003-0003 or the Central Valley Water Board's Waiver of Report of Waste Discharge and Waste Discharge Requirements (Low Risk Waiver) R5-2013-0145. Small temporary construction dewatering projects are projects that discharge groundwater to land from excavation activities or dewatering of underground utility vaults. Dischargers seeking coverage under the General Order or Waiver must file a Notice of Intent with the Central Valley Water Board prior to beginning discharge.

For more information regarding the Low Risk General Order and the application process, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2003/wqo/wqo2003-0003.pdf

For more information regarding the Low Risk Waiver and the application process, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/waivers/r5-2013-0145_res.pdf

Regulatory Compliance for Commercially Irrigated Agriculture

If the property will be used for commercial irrigated agricultural, the discharger will be required to obtain regulatory coverage under the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. There are two options to comply:

1. **Obtain Coverage Under a Coalition Group.** Join the local Coalition Group that supports land owners with the implementation of the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. The Coalition Group conducts water quality monitoring and reporting to the Central Valley Water Board on behalf of its growers. The Coalition Groups charge an annual membership fee, which varies by Coalition Group. To find the Coalition Group in your area, visit the Central Valley Water Board's website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_lands/app_appr_oval/index.shtml; or contact water board staff at (916) 464-4611 or via email at IrrLands@waterboards.ca.gov.
2. **Obtain Coverage Under the General Waste Discharge Requirements for Individual Growers, General Order R5-2013-0100.** Dischargers not participating in a third-party group (Coalition) are regulated individually. Depending on the specific site conditions, growers may be required to monitor runoff from their property, install monitoring wells, and submit a notice of intent, farm plan, and other action plans regarding their actions to comply with their General Order. Yearly costs would include State administrative fees (for example, annual fees for farm sizes from 10-100 acres are currently \$1,084 + \$6.70/Acre); the cost to prepare annual monitoring reports; and water quality monitoring costs. To enroll as an Individual Discharger under the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, call the Central Valley Water Board phone line at (916) 464-4611 or e-mail board staff at IrrLands@waterboards.ca.gov.

Low or Limited Threat General NPDES Permit

If the proposed project includes construction dewatering and it is necessary to discharge the groundwater to waters of the United States, the proposed project will require coverage under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Dewatering discharges are typically considered a low or limited threat to water quality and may be covered under the General Order for *Dewatering and Other Low Threat Discharges to Surface Waters* (Low Threat General Order) or the General Order for *Limited Threat Discharges of Treated/Untreated Groundwater from Cleanup Sites, Wastewater from Superchlorination Projects, and Other Limited Threat Wastewaters to Surface Water* (Limited Threat General Order). A complete application must be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board to obtain coverage under these General NPDES permits.

For more information regarding the Low Threat General Order and the application process, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/general_orders/r5-2013-0074.pdf

For more information regarding the Limited Threat General Order and the application process, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at:

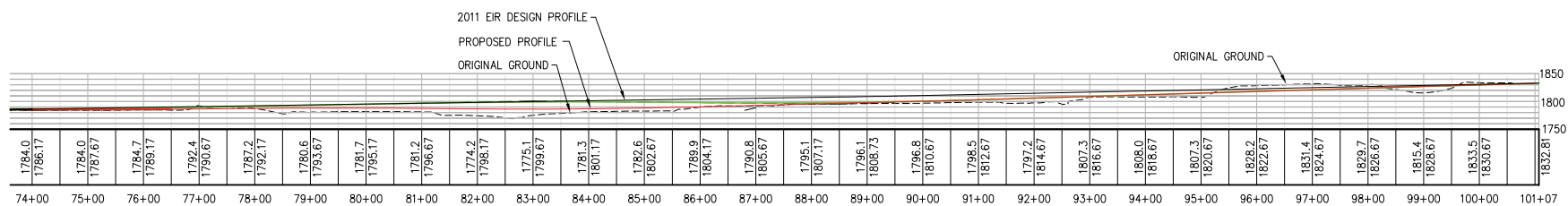
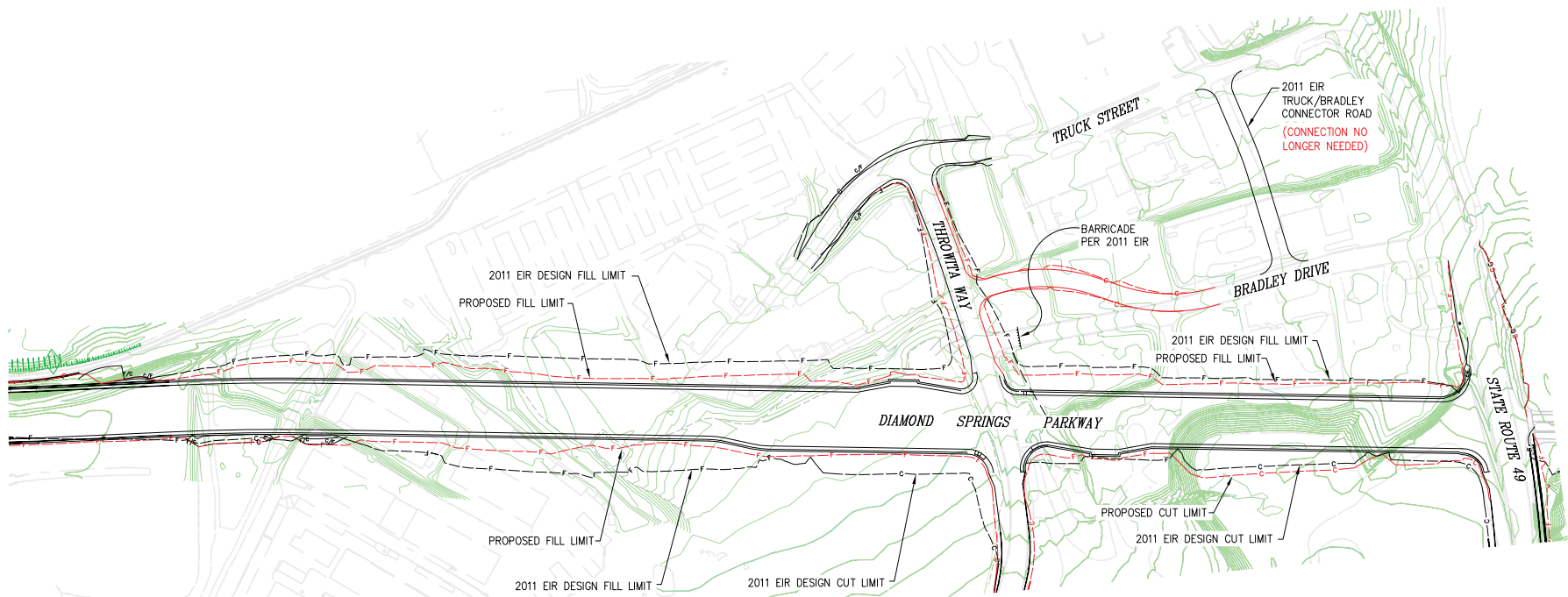
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If you have questions regarding these comments, please contact me at (916) 464-4644 or Stephanie.Tadlock@waterboards.ca.gov.



Stephanie Tadlock
Environmental Scientist

Appendix A: Figure 3 From SEIR



LEGEND:

— PROPOSED PHASE 1B DESIGN MODIFICATION

PROPOSED PHASE 1B DESIGN MODIFICATIONS

2015 SUPPLEMENT TO THE DIAMOND SPRINGS PARKWAY PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
SCALE : AS SHOWN

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Appendix B: Notice of Intent to Adopt SEIR



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TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

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APPENDIX B

PLACERVILLE OFFICES:

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

NOTICE is hereby given that the County of El Dorado intends to adopt a SUPPLEMENT to the DIAMOND SPRINGS PARKWAY PROJECT 2011 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR PHASE 1B DESIGN MODIFICATION SCH #2007122033

LOCATION: The Project is located in the community of Diamond Springs, southwest of the City of Placerville (Figure 1). The proposed Phase 1B design modification is within the eastern portion of the Diamond Springs Parkway alignment and includes the Parkway alignment and the easternmost segment of Bradley Drive.

BACKGROUND: In 2011, the County certified a Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and approved the Diamond Springs Parkway Project. Construction of the Project as approved is planned to be completed in two phases, Phase 1A and 1B as described in the Adopted El Dorado County 2015 Capital Improvement Program.

The approved Phase 1A realigns SR-49/Diamond Road from Pleasant Valley Road to north of Lime Kiln Road and realign SR-49/Diamond Road to the west to create frontage road along the east. SR-49/Diamond Road will be improved with two 12-foot lanes and 8 foot shoulders, signal modification at Pleasant Valley Road/SR-49 intersection and potential underground utility district.

The approved Phase 1B will construct a new 4-lane arterial roadway with concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk from Missouri Flat Road east of Golden Center Drive to a new T-intersection with SR-49 south of Bradley Drive. The project also includes improvements to SR-49/Diamond Road from the new intersection to Pleasant Valley Road, signalization of multiple intersections and a sidewalk on the east side of SR-49.

Under the approved Project design of Phase 1B, the elevation of the eastern portion of Diamond Springs Parkway would be as much as 10 feet above existing ground surface with substantial fill material. Slopes required for the fill area would extend into the western end of the existing Bradley Drive near the Throwita Way intersection, thus eliminating this intersection and requiring a new north-south connector road from Bradley Drive to Truck Street to maintain full vehicle access and circulation within the area.

This Draft *Supplement to the Diamond Springs Parkway Project 2011 Environmental Impact Report for Phase 1B Design Modification* (SEIR) addresses only a portion of Phase 1B and no other aspects of the approved project are subject to review.

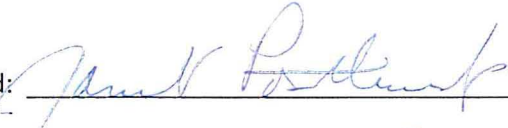
DESCRIPTION: This Draft SEIR documents the proposed Phase 1B design modification and the potential differences in impacts compared to those presented in the 2011 EIR. The proposed Phase 1B modification adjusts the previously approved elevation of the eastern portion of Diamond Springs Parkway to more closely match the Environmentally Superior Alternative analyzed in the 2011 EIR. The modified elevation would be more similar to the existing ground surface grade, resulting in a vertical profile as much as 15 feet lower than the approved Project, requiring less fill and reducing the footprint of fill slopes in this location of the Project. As a result, elimination of the Bradley Drive/Throwita Way intersection would not be necessary, and the existing intersection could be maintained with a slight northern realignment of the west end of Bradley Drive, thus eliminating the need for a connector road between Bradley Drive and Truck Street. See the SEIR document for a more detailed project description as well as a description of the approved project phases.

REVIEW: Comments on this Draft SEIR should be limited to addressing the proposed Phase 1B design modification and environmental issues associated with the proposed modification. Environmental effects of the Project as evaluated and documented through the certified 2011 EIR that would remain unchanged by the proposed Phase 1B design modification are not subject to further review.

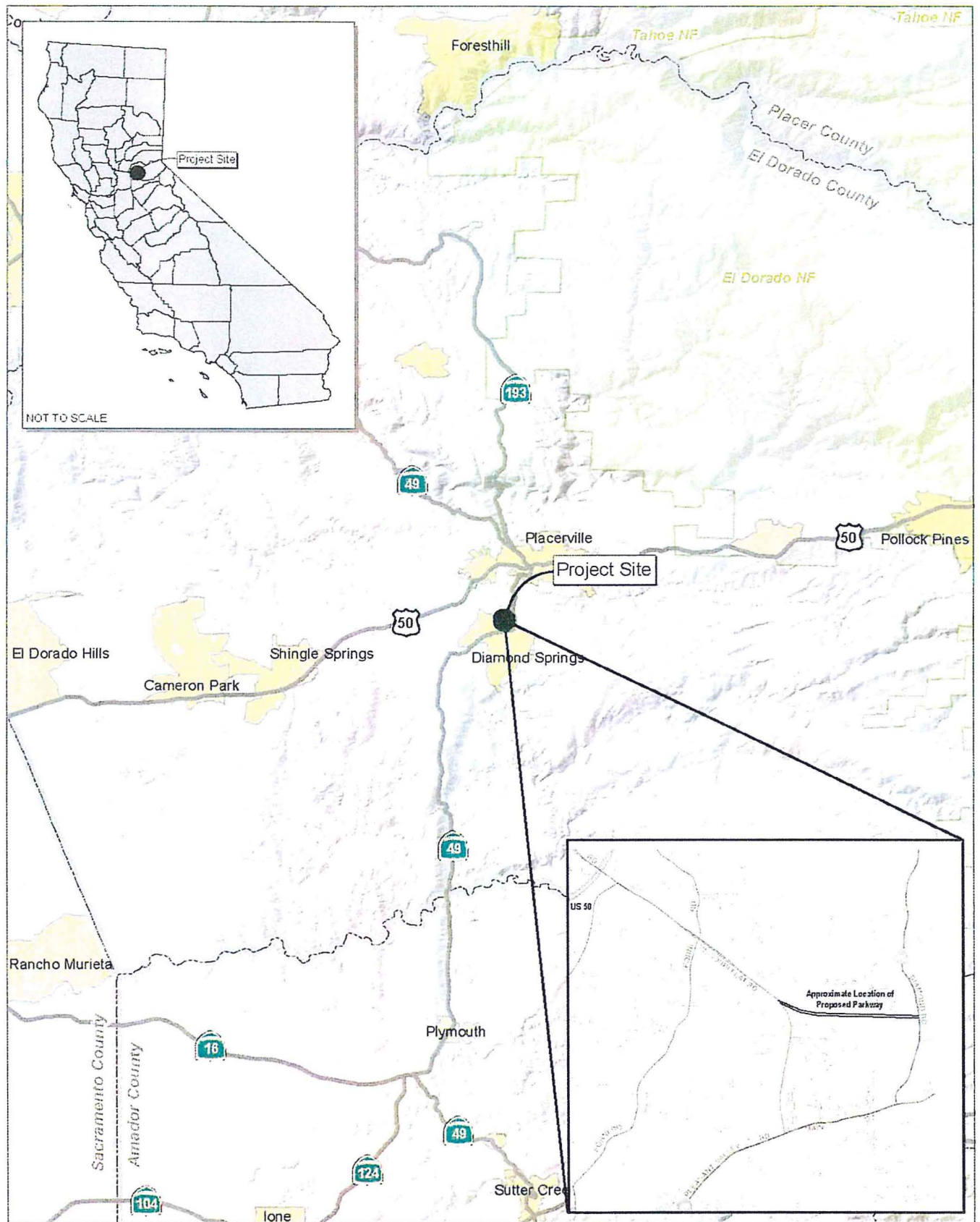
The review period for the Draft SEIR begins on **January 11, 2016** and ends **February 24, 2016**. The SEIR may be reviewed at County Transportation offices: 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA. The document is also available on the Transportation website at the following location: <http://www.edcgov.us/Government/DOT/CEQA.aspx>. Comments during the review period may be directed to:

Janet Postlewait, Principal Planner
El Dorado County Community Development Agency, Transportation Division
2850 Fairlane Court
Placerville, California 95667

Comments may also be submitted electronically to janet.postlewait@edcgov.us. Failure to comment in writing will not preclude your right to comment at any public hearing for the proposed project. The Board of Supervisors is anticipated to consider the SEIR in March 2016. The Board's agenda may be downloaded at <http://www.edcgov.us> prior to the meeting.

Signed: 
Title: Principal Planner

Date: January 7, 2016



Source: Census 2000 Data, CaSIL 2007, MBA 2008.

PROJECT LOCATION

Figure 1

Appendix C: State Clearinghouse Letter and Notice of Completion



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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE AND PLANNING UNIT



KEN ALEX
DIRECTOR

February 25, 2016

Janet Postlewait
El Dorado County Department of Transportation
2850 Fairlane Court
Placerville, CA 95667


Subject: Diamond Springs Parkway Project Phase 1B Design Modification
SCH#: 2007122033

Dear Janet Postlewait:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Supplemental EIR to selected state agencies for review. The review period closed on February 24, 2016, and no state agencies submitted comments by that date. This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process. If you have a question about the above-named project, please refer to the ten-digit State Clearinghouse number when contacting this office.

Sincerely,


Scott Morgan
Director, State Clearinghouse

**Document Details Report
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

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Project Title Diamond Springs Parkway Project Phase 1B Design Modification
Lead Agency El Dorado County

Type SIR Supplemental EIR
Description The proposed Phase 1B modification adjusts the previously approved elevation of the eastern portion of Diamond Springs Parkway to more closely match the Environmentally Superior Alternative analyzed in the 2011 EIR. The modified elevation would be more similar to the existing ground surface grade, resulting in a vertical profile as much as 15 feet lower than the approved Project, requiring less fill and reducing the footprint of fill slopes in this location of the Project. The elimination of the Bradley Drive/Throwita Way intersection would not be necessary, thus eliminating the need for a connector road between Bradley Drive and Truck Street.

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Project Location

County El Dorado
City Diamond Springs
Region
Cross Streets SR 49 (Diamond Road) and Pleasant Valley Road
Lat / Long
Parcel No. several

Township	Range	Section	Base
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Proximity to:

Highways Hwy 49, 50
Airports
Railways Sacramento-Placerville
Waterways
Schools Herbert Green Middle
Land Use Industrial

Project Issues Aesthetic/Visual; Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Biological Resources; Drainage/Absorption; Flood Plain/Flooding; Geologic/Seismic; Noise; Population/Housing Balance; Public Services; Recreation/Parks; Schools/Universities; Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading; Solid Waste; Toxic/Hazardous; Traffic/Circulation; Vegetation; Water Quality; Water Supply; Wetland/Riparian; Landuse; Cumulative Effects

Reviewing Agencies Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 2; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 3 S; Air Resources Board, Transportation Projects; Regional Water Quality Control Bd., Region 6 (So Lake Tahoe); Resources Agency; Native American Heritage Commission; Public Utilities Commission

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County: El Dorado

Project Location: County: El Dorado

City/Nearest Community: Diamond Springs

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Zip Code: 95667

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): _____ ° _____ ' _____ " N / _____ ° _____ ' _____ " W Total Acres: _____

Assessor's Parcel No.: _____

Section: _____

Twp.: _____

Range: _____

Base: _____

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 49, 50

Waterways: _____

Airports: _____

Railways: Sacramento/Placerville

Schools: Herbert Green Middle

Document Type:

CEQA: ☐ NOP

☐ Draft EIR

NEPA: ☐ NOI

Other: ☐ Joint Document

☐ Early Cons

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Other: _____

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Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update

☐ Specific Plan

☐ Rezone

☐ Annexation

☐ General Plan Amendment

☐ Master Plan

☐ Prezone

☐ Redevelopment

☐ General Plan Element

☐ Planned Unit Development

☐ Use Permit

☐ Coastal Permit

☐ Community Plan

☐ Site Plan

☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)

☒ Other: Road

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units _____

Acres _____

☒ Transportation: Type New road

☐ Office: Sq.ft. _____

Acres _____

Employees _____

☐ Mining: Mineral _____

☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. _____

Acres _____

Employees _____

☐ Power: Type _____

MW _____

☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. _____

Acres _____

Employees _____

☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____

MGD _____

☐ Educational: _____

☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____

☐ Recreational: _____

☐ Water Facilities: Type _____

MGD _____

☐ Other: _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☒ Aesthetic/Visual

☐ Fiscal

☒ Recreation/Parks

☒ Vegetation

☐ Agricultural Land

☒ Flood Plain/Flooding

☒ Schools/Universities

☒ Water Quality

☒ Air Quality

☐ Forest Land/Fire Hazard

☐ Septic Systems

☒ Water Supply/Groundwater

☒ Archeological/Historical

☒ Geologic/Seismic

☐ Sewer Capacity

☒ Wetland/Riparian

☒ Biological Resources

☒ Minerals

☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading

☒ Growth Inducement

☐ Coastal Zone

☒ Noise

☒ Solid Waste

☒ Land Use

☒ Drainage/Absorption

☒ Population/Housing Balance

☒ Toxic/Hazardous

☒ Cumulative Effects

☐ Economic/Jobs

☒ Public Services/Facilities

☒ Traffic/Circulation

☐ Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Industrial

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

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☐ S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
☐ San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
☐ San Joaquin River Conservancy
☐ Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
☐ State Lands Commission
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☐ SWRCB: Water Rights
☐ Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
☐ Toxic Substances Control, Department of
☐ Water Resources, Department of

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☐ Other: _____

Starting Date January 11, 2016

Ending Date February 24, 2016

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: David P. Baller Date: 1-8-16

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