

Tim Bell Road Bridge Replacement Project
Virtual Public Meeting –
Draft EIR Public Comment Period
Wednesday, April 7, 2021
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

GROUND RULES & REMINDERS



- Attendees muted upon entry
- Project presentation, followed by presentation clarification & formal comment period
- Questions/comments can be provided verbally or by using Q&A box
- Please limit verbal questions & comments to two minutes
- Formal Draft EIR comments submittal tonight and through **5 p.m. April 19** via email & mail
- Meeting is being recorded for documentation

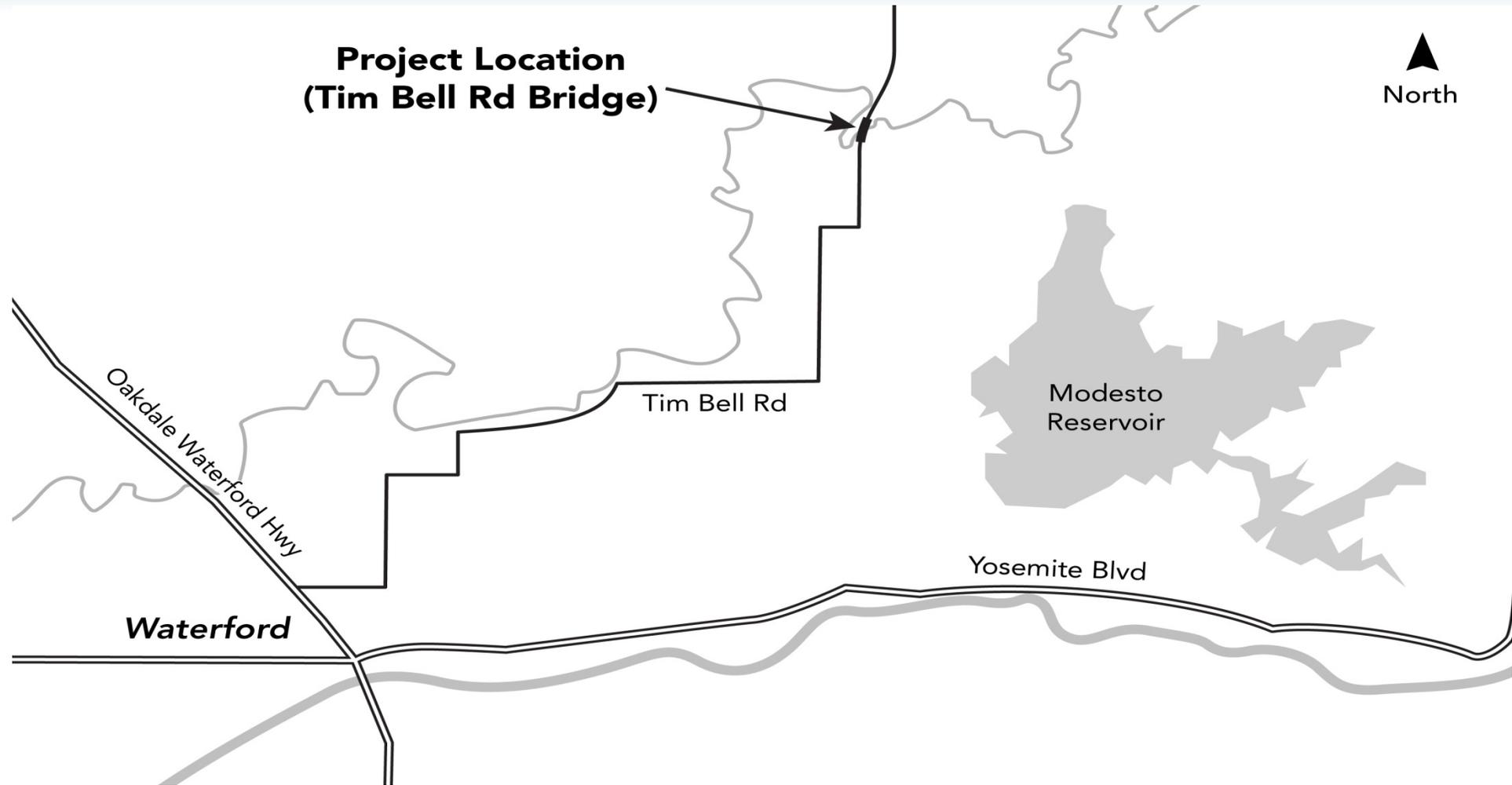
MEETING PURPOSE

- Welcome & Introductions
- Meeting Format
 - Part 1: Project Presentation – Overview & Draft EIR Findings
 - Part 2: Presentation Clarification
 - Part 3: Formal Comments Period – Comments on Draft EIR

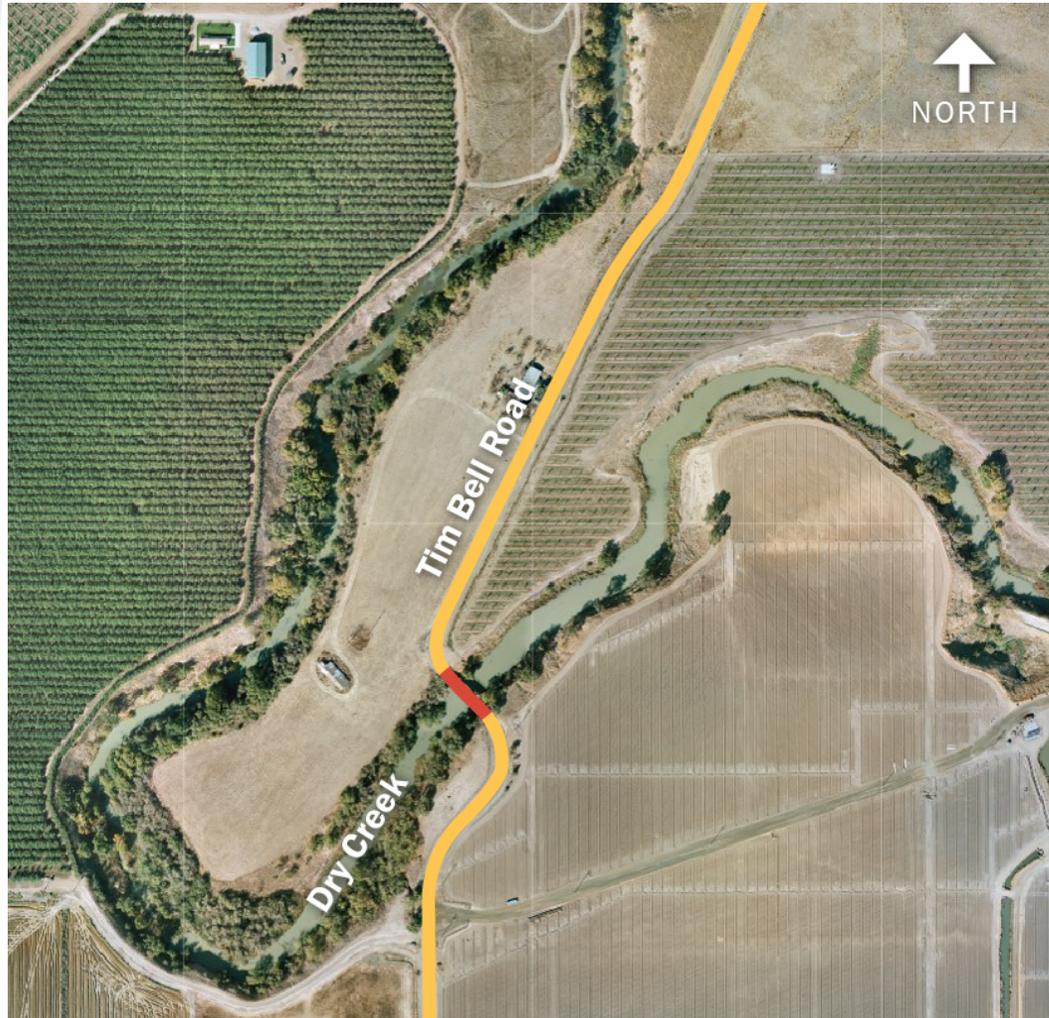


PROJECT OVERVIEW & BACKGROUND

PROJECT LOCATION



CURRENT ROAD & BRIDGE



- Historic bridge constructed in 1925
- Does not meet current Caltrans design standard
- Severe rain causes flooding
- Maintenance not cost effective

PROJECT BACKGROUND



Objective:

- Provide long-term, safe access across Dry Creek

Benefits:

- Improve alignment
- Enhance safety
- Raise bridge to minimize flooding

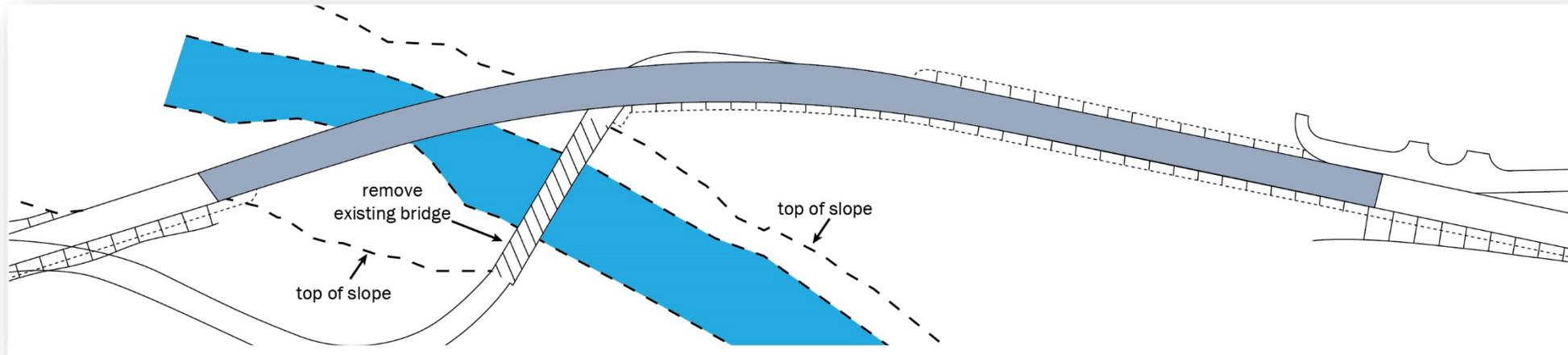


100 YEAR FLOOD

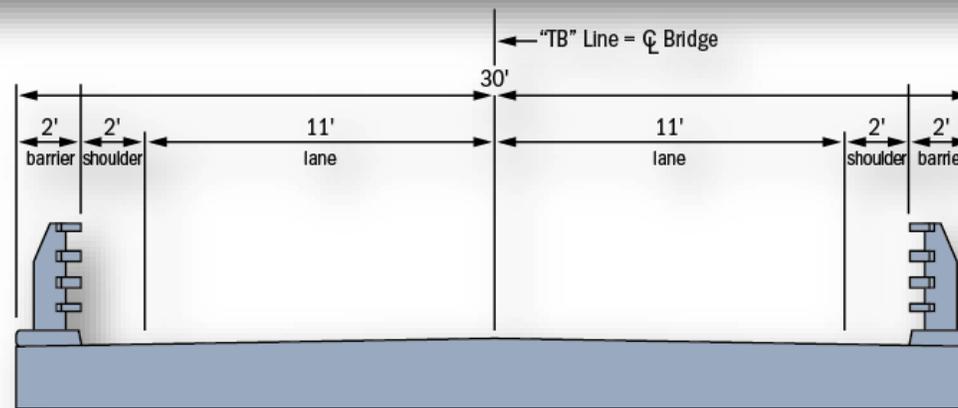


PLAN VIEW

Plan view of proposed Tim Bell Road Bridge

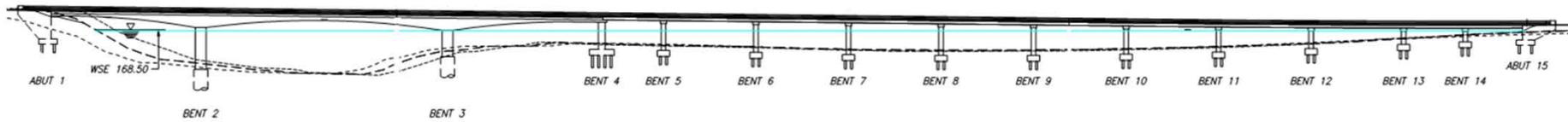
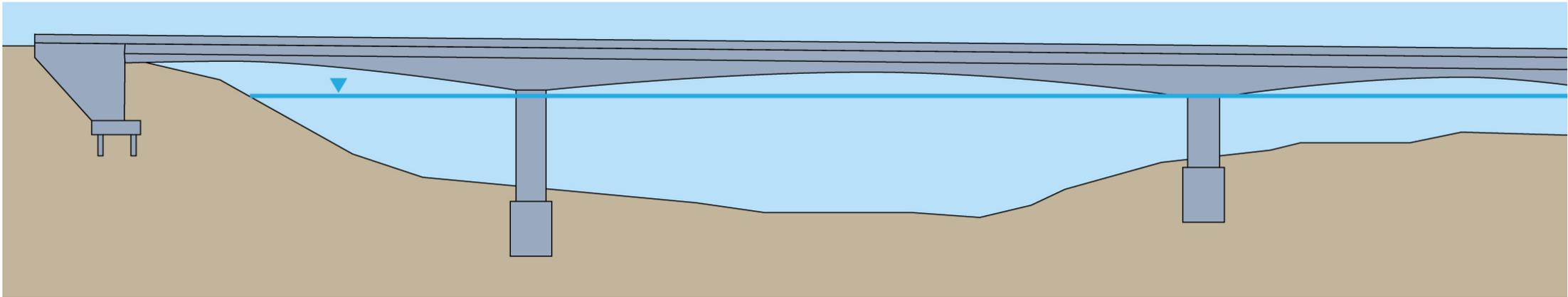


Cross section view of proposed Tim Bell Road Bridge



PROPOSED DESIGN

Box Girder Arch Bridge



FUNDING



- Highway Bridge Program
- 100% Federal Dollars
- Local match covered by Federal “Toll-Credit” funds

PROJECT SCHEDULE



Ongoing public engagement & communication throughout the planning process

ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS & KEY FINDINGS

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE AREAS STUDIED



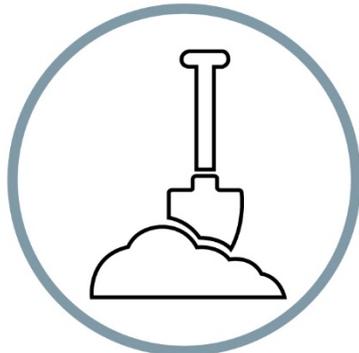
Aesthetics /
Visual



Agriculture



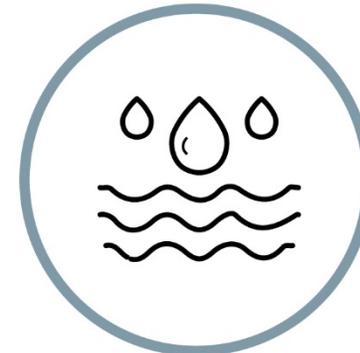
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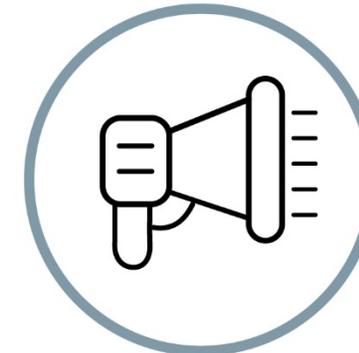
Cultural
Resources



Hazards &
Hazardous Materials



Hydrology



Noise

ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS



WE ARE
HERE



- Identified project environmental impacts
- Proposed avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures, as appropriate
- **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**
Lead Agency = Stanislaus County
Prepared Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**
Lead Agency = Caltrans
Determined project is categorically excluded from NEPA process

CURRENT PROJECT ACTIVITIES



Circulation of the Draft EIR

-  Draft EIR identifies potential impacts of build and no-build alternatives and associated mitigations
-  Draft EIR circulation and public comment period

Next Steps

-  Review and address comments within Final EIR
-  Present Final EIR for decision to Board of Supervisors
-  Approve project to move forward into Final Design

KEY FINDINGS IN DRAFT EIR

- Potential significant impacts in the following CEQA environmental issue areas:



Aesthetics / Visuals



Hazards & Hazardous Materials



Agricultural Resources



Hydrology



Biological Resources



Noise



Cultural Resources

- Removal of the historic bridge is significant and unavoidable impact
- All other resources have no impact or less than significant impacts with mitigation

DRAFT EIR LOCATIONS FOR REVIEW



Electronically on County website

stancounty.com/publicworks/projects.shtm

Hardcopy for review at County office

Stanislaus County Dept. of Public Works

1716 Morgan Road

Modesto, CA 95358

Electronically on CEQAnet web portal site

ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/Project/2021020008

*Tim Bell Road over Dry Creek Bridge (38C-0073)
Replacement Project*



Public Review Draft

Environmental Impact Report

SCH#: 2021020008

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March 2021

HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS



- 45-Day Public Review & Comment Period (**March 5 – April 19**)

Comments due by 5 p.m.
April 19, 2021



Webex: 408-418-9388

Access Code: 187 810 0714

Comments submitted during the Formal Comment Period will be addressed in the Final EIR



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PRESENTATION CLARIFICATION

GETTING CLARIFICATION WITHIN MEETING FORMAT



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DIALED-IN BY PHONE

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TIME LIMIT: 2 mins.

SUBMIT VIA Q&A BOX

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- Type question/comment into Q&A box
- Moderator will read question/comment aloud for panelists’ response

Questions during this clarification session will not be included in the formal record

FORMAL COMMENT PERIOD

SUBMITTING FORMAL COMMENTS DURING MEETING



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