

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)**

Project Title: Chalk Hill Road Bridge Replacement Project

Project Proponent: Sonoma County Public Infrastructure

Draft EIR Review Period: September 22, 2026 to November 9, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the County of Sonoma has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Chalk Hill Road Bridge Replacement Project (Project) pursuant to and in accordance with Title 14, section 15060(d) of the California Code of Regulations, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the State of California CEQA Guidelines. The County is the lead agency under CEQA for the project and is circulating this Notice of Availability (NOA) to notify interested parties that the Draft EIR is available for public review and comment.

The Draft EIR document is available in print format for public review at the Healdsburg Regional Library (139 Piper St. Healdsburg, CA 95448) and Windsor Regional Library (9291 Old Redwood Highway #100, Windsor, CA 95492). A full copy of the Draft EIR and all project documents can also be found at <https://sonomacounty.gov/development-services/sonoma-public-infrastructure/roads-projects-and-services/projects-in-planning/chalk-hill-bridge-replacement>.

Written public comments must be submitted on or before 5:00 PM on November 9, 2026. Written comments may be submitted via e-mail or U.S. Mail to the following addresses:

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Project Location: The Project site is located in Sonoma County along Chalk Hill Road, a two-lane throughfare that begins east of Windsor and extends north until terminating at its junction with State Route 128. Areas of the project site outside of Chalk Hill Road include portions of surrounding parcels, which consist of agricultural and residential lands, and Maacama Creek and surrounding riparian areas.

Project Background and Description: The Chalk Hill Road bridge over Maacama Creek is at risk of collapse from earthquakes and landslides and is scour critical. The existing one-lane bridge was constructed in 1915 and is eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places due to its age and unique character. The bridge is also a Sonoma County landmark. The purpose of the Project is to ensure safe crossing for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians over Maacama Creek by replacing the existing bridge.

The County proposes to remove the existing one-lane substandard bridge and replace it with a two-lane bridge built on an alternate alignment. The replacement bridge would have two 11-foot lanes and two 4-foot shoulders for a total clear roadway width of 30 feet, and

would cross the creek with a single-span concrete box girder supported by reinforced concrete abutments. Retaining structures would be built along the west side of the bridge at the north approach roadway to minimize the take of farmland for new right-of-way, and at the south approach roadway to minimize the extent of embankment fill. The Project would remove the existing bridge following completion of the replacement bridge. Additionally, scour countermeasures would be implemented to stabilize the south creek bank and to protect the new replacement bridge.

The Project would be constructed over two construction seasons. The replacement bridge would be built and put into service during the first construction season. The existing bridge would remain open for travel until the new bridge is operational. Traffic would be switched over to the new bridge at the end of the first construction season, and the existing bridge would be demolished and removed during the second construction season. Scour countermeasures, such as vegetated rock slope protection and large logs with root wads, would then be placed to stabilize the south creek bank and to protect the new bridge.

Potential Environmental Effects of the Project: The Draft EIR finds that implementation of the Project could result in significant and unavoidable impacts related to cultural resources. The Project proposes to remove the existing Chalk Hill Road bridge over Maacama Creek, which is an eligible historic structure under National Register Criterion C as an early example of an open-spandrel concrete arch bridge. Impacts in all other areas were found to be less-than-significant or less-than-significant with incorporation of mitigation measures. The Draft EIR provides a detailed Project description, an analysis of physical environmental effects of the project, and an identification of feasible mitigation measures and alternatives that would avoid or lessen the severity of Project impacts.

The Project site is not located on a site included on any list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code § 65962.5.