

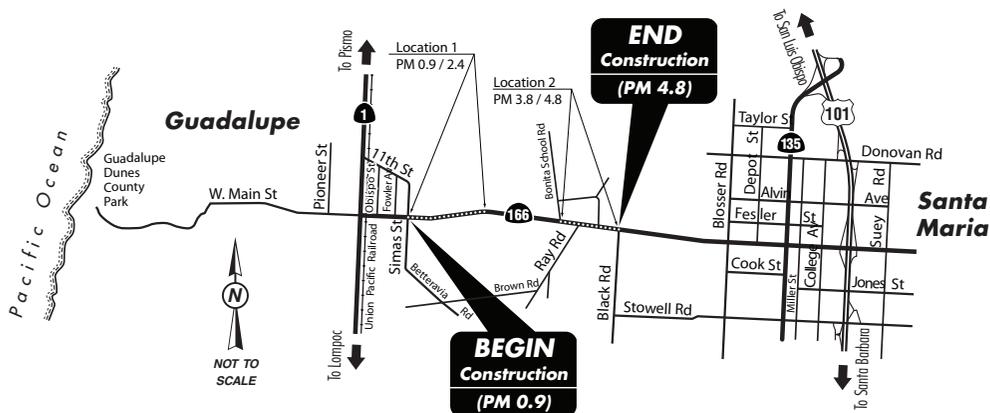


PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Availability/Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Announcement of Open Forum Public Hearing

Guadalupe Ditches Project on State Route 166



WHEN AND WHERE?

Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2010
 Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 (Open House Format)

Place: City of Santa Maria Public Works Office
 620 West Foster,
 Santa Maria, California

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

CALTRANS (California Department of Transportation) is proposing to relocate drainage ditches along State Route 166, also known as Main Street, between the City of Guadalupe and Santa Maria at post mile 0.9 to 2.4 (Location 1) and from post mile 3.8 to 4.8 (Location 2).

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains this conclusion is called an Initial Study/Environmental Assessment. This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment and of its availability for you to review.

An Open Forum Public Hearing will be held to give you an opportunity to talk about certain design features of the project with CALTRANS' staff before the final design is selected.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Maps for the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment and other project information are available for review and copying at the CALTRANS District Office, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo CA 93401, on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment is also available at the City of Santa Maria Public Works' office, and at the City of Santa Maria Public Library, Santa Maria CA.

WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

We welcome your comments. If the project is of interest to you, please review the State Route 166 Guadalupe Ditches Project Initial Study/ Environmental Assessment. If you would like further information, please attend the open forum public hearing. If you have concerns that you would like to share with us, please provide written comments to Caltrans by December 23, 2010, Attn: Matt Fowler, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. You may also submit your comments via e-mail to Matt_C_Fowler@dot.ca.gov. Comments may also be submitted in writing to Caltrans at the open forum public hearing on December 7, 2010. A court reporter will also be available to take comments at the public hearing.

CONTACT

For more information about this study please contact Matt Fowler, Senior Environmental Planner at (805) 542-4603 or e-mail Matt_C_Fowler@dot.ca.gov. For information on other State Highway projects, please contact CALTRANS' District 5 Public Affairs at (805) 549-3318.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals who require special accommodations (American Sign Language interpreter, Spanish Language Interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternative formats, etc.) are required to contact the District 5 Public Affairs Office at (805) 549-3318 at least seven days prior to the scheduled public meeting date. Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at (800) 735-2922.