

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A SECTION 4(F)  
DE MINIMIS DETERMINATION FOR SONOMA 1  
CULVERT REHABILITATION PROJECT**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to replace 23 culverts along State Route (SR) 1 between Mill Gulch (Post Mile [PM] 30.8) and 0.5 miles south of Miller Creek (PM 40.6) in Sonoma County, California for the Sonoma 1 Culvert Rehabilitation Project (the Project). The Project would replace in kind or upgrade to the appropriate size 23 culverts, seven of which would be located within three Section 4(f) properties.

**WHY THIS AD?**

Caltrans has studied the effects the Project may have on the environment. This public notice is to tell you of Caltrans' intent to adopt a U.S. Department of Transportation Act Section 4(f) *De Minimis* finding and of its availability for you to review and provide comments.



Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 seeks to protect publicly owned parks and recreation areas, wildlife refuges, and historic sites that are eligible for the National Register of Historic

Places. Provisions to carry out this evaluation are recorded in 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 774.17, Section 4(f). As part of the Safe, Accountable and Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU ACT) of 2005, the legislature established the *de minimis* finding process, in which determinations are made regarding 4(f) resources when no adverse effects would occur. *De Minimis* impacts are defined as those that do not adversely affect the activities, features and attributes for which the property qualifies as a 4(f) resource.

Caltrans has determined that the Project will require six permanent drainage easements (PDEs) and one temporary construction easement (TCE) within California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) right-of-way (ROW) on Fort Ross Historic State Park and Salt Point State Park and Sonoma County Regional Parks ROW on Stillwater Cove Regional Park, Section 4(f) properties. No existing public trails or roads are located within the six PDEs and one TCE and therefore would not restrict recreation uses of the three Section 4(f) properties. Caltrans has analyzed the use that the Project would have on these three Section 4(f) properties and has determined that the six PDEs within State Parks ROW on Fort Ross Historic State Park and Salt Point State Park and Sonoma County Regional Parks ROW on Stillwater Cove Regional Park to have a *de minimis* use on these three Section 4(f) properties.

**WHAT IS AVAILABLE?**

The Section 4(f) *De Minimis* Determination is available for review weekdays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Caltrans District 4 Office, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94612. The Section 4(f) *De Minimis* Determination is also available to download at the [Caltrans environmental document website](https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-popular-links/d4-environmental-docs) (<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-popular-links/d4-environmental-docs>).

**WHERE YOU COME IN?**

Comments concerning the use of the three Section 4(f) properties are welcomed during the 30-day public comment period from March 9, 2020 to April 8, 2020. Please send comments to:

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**CONTACT**

For individuals with sensory disabilities, the Section 4(f) *De Minimis* Determination can be made available in Braille, in large print, on audio cassette, or on computer disk by writing to the above address or email or by calling California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 (TTY), (800) 735-2922 (Voice), or 711.

For more information about the determination of a *de minimis* determination or if you have comments, questions, or concerns regarding the Project, please contact Loretta Meyer, Environmental Planner, at (510) 587-7734 or [loretta.meyer@jacobs.com](mailto:loretta.meyer@jacobs.com).