LOCATION
Bret Harte Union High School
323 South Main Street
Angels Camp, CA 95222

BACKGROUND
State Route 4 (SR 4) serves as a major east-west route through southern Calaveras County, providing access from the San Joaquin Valley to the Sierra Nevada Mountains. While much of SR 4 within Calaveras County has been improved in accordance with current design standards, the segment of SR 4 between Copperopolis and Angels Camp largely consists of narrow, non-standard lanes with no adjacent shoulders. The alignment follows the existing rolling topography, resulting in numerous curves and limited sight distance, which reduces the operating speed of the roadway to approximately 25 to 35 miles per hours. In order to reduce accidents, improve operational efficiency and relieve current and future traffic congestion, as well as to close the gap between improved roadway segments, the Calaveras County Department of Public Works, in coordination with Caltrans, is proposing to realign this segment of roadway in accordance with current design standards.

Caltrans initiated the SR 4 Wagon Trail Realignment Project, completing a Project Study Report/Project Development Support (PSR/PDS) document in April 2001. Starting in 2008, preliminary studies were completed and public meetings were held to evaluate numerous alignments. As a result of these efforts, two basic alignment corridors were recommended for further study in the environmental document and Project Report.

PUBLIC MEETING PURPOSE
The Public Meeting was scheduled to update the local community of the current project status, and provide an opportunity for local residents to ask questions and provide comments on the proposed SR 4 alignments between Copperopolis and Angels Camp.

PUBLICITY AND NOTICING
Invitations were issued to individual property owners in the immediate project area on October 8, 2013. In addition, a press release was published on October 7, 2013 in the following publications:

- Calaveras Enterprise
- Union Democrat
- Sierra Sentinel
- The Stockton Record
- Valley Springs News
- ThePineTree.net
MEETING ATTENDEES
Approximately 40 community members attended the meeting.

Project team members in attendance included:
- Matt Satow, Drake Haglan Associates
- Tom Garcia, Calaveras County
- Debbie Ponte, County Supervisor, District 4
- Cliff Edson, County Supervisor, District 1
- Grace Magsayo, Caltrans
- Mike Hutchinson, Caltrans
- Anissa Brown, Caltrans
- Jessa Perez, Caltrans
- Melissa Eads, Calaveras COG
- David Hanham, City of Angels Camp
- Elaine Morris, City of Angels Camp
- Pamela Dalcin-Walling, Dokken Engineering
- Juann Ramos, Dokken Engineering
- Namat Hosseinion, Dokken Engineering
- Sarah Holm, Dokken Engineering

PRESENTATION
The Open House began with a welcome statement by Calaveras County’s Project Manager, Matt Satow. Matt provided a summary of the project status, including the following key points:
- Current project activities and status
- Summary of geometric modifications since the April public meeting
- Project Schedule
  - Draft EIR is expected to be complete mid-2015
  - Final EIR is expected to be complete in late 2015 or early 2016
  - Construction is expected to start in 2018
- Anticipated future communications

Matt noted that handouts were available at the sign-in table, including a Project Fact Sheet and a Project Comment Card. Attendees were encouraged to complete the Comment Cards that evening or return them by mail within a week.
Following the presentation, Matt invited the attendees to review the project exhibits displayed around the room, ask questions, provide input and discuss their concerns one-on-one with project team members. He advised that project team members are available to meet individually with property owners separate from the Open House event and should contact Matt to set up the meeting appointments. Matt can be reached at (916) 363-4210, or via email at MSatow@drakehaglan.com.

Project information and updates will be available on the Caltrans website: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist10/enviornmental/projects/sr4wagontral

COMMUNITY INPUT
Community input was collected in the form of comment cards and verbal conversations. The feedback obtained from the community will be evaluated and refinements to the project will be made as a result of this feedback to the maximum extent practicable. Public input will continue to be considered throughout the duration of the project development phase.