

## Chapter 3. Comments and Coordination

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Early and continuing coordination with the general public and appropriate public agencies is an essential part of the environmental process to determine the scope of environmental documentation, the level of analysis, potential impacts and mitigation measures and related environmental requirements. Agency consultation and public participation for this project have been accomplished through a variety of formal and informal methods, including project development team meetings, interagency coordination meetings, written correspondence and public information meetings held in the Lake Tahoe Area. This chapter summarizes the results of Caltrans' efforts to fully identify, address and resolve project-related issues through early and continuing coordination. After public circulation of this document, any comments will be included in this section and reflected in the Final Environmental Document.

This section describes the consultation and coordination conducted during the environmental review of the project. The improvements proposed for this segment of US 50 were included as elements of the Draft Program EIR, described below, that initiated the consultation and coordination process for this project.

### **3.1. Consultation and Coordination Performed for the Program EIR**

Water quality improvements for three segments of US 50—including Segment 2, the subject of this report—and five segments of SR 89 were first defined in the Project Study Reports (PSRs) for US 50 and SR 89 (Caltrans 2003a, 2003b). Development of the PSRs included initial coordination with the TRPA and LRWQCB with regard to potentially acceptable designs that would meet the water quality requirements mandated for these highways. The work involved joint agency field reviews that resulted in water quality and roadway improvements that were added, eliminated, or relocated to better fit the existing field conditions.

The PSRs were circulated to the TRPA and LRWQCB for review and comment. The *Caltrans Lake Tahoe Basin Environmental Improvement Program Delivery Plan* (Caltrans 2005b) was provided to stakeholders in the Tahoe Basin including TRPA and LRWQCB. In addition, the Caltrans Tahoe Basin Team, which includes Caltrans, TRPA, and LRWQCB representatives, met and coordinated on issues common to the planning, design, construction, and maintenance activities related to the proposed Caltrans projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Caltrans staff also participated in monthly

meetings with TRPA to provide input and answer questions on the overall EIP projects. Field reviews with TRPA and LRWQCB staff were conducted on specific segments to illustrate and discuss proposed water quality treatment options.

A Draft Program EIR was prepared to address the eight segments of US 50 and SR 89 defined in the PSRs, including US 50 Segment 2. The Draft Program EIR noted that additional review would be performed for each segment of the project as it is advanced in design. A number of public and agency notice and review steps were completed for the Draft Program EIR. A Notice of Preparation describing the project and planned studies for the EIR was filed with the State Clearinghouse, and comments were received<sup>3</sup> that requested or recommended studies, records, and field review; consultation for cultural resources; and evaluation of biological habitat and potential impacts to fish, wildlife, threatened and endangered species, and water quality. These studies were performed for both the Draft Program EIR and this Initial Study (IS) for US 50 Segment 2.

The Draft Program EIR was issued for review in June 2007, and a public meeting was held to receive comments on the document. Comments on the Program EIR that pertain to US 50 Segment 2 were considered in the preparation of this IS.

### **3.2. Public Participation and Coordination**

The mailing list developed for the Draft Program EIR was updated and used for public notification of the availability of this IS. The distribution list is included in Chapter 5.

Copies of this IS were made available for review and comment at the following locations:

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<sup>3</sup> The Program EIR includes copies of all comments and consultation received, and is incorporated by reference.

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In addition, this IS was posted on the World Wide Web for public review at  
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist3/departments/envinternet/envdoc.htm>.

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## Chapter 7. List of Technical Studies

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Archaeological Survey Report (URS and Condor Country Consulting, October 2007)

Community Impact Assessment (URS, October 2007)

Historical Resources Evaluation Report (JRP Historical Consulting, November 2007)

Historic Property Survey Report (URS, October 2007)

Natural Environment Study (URS, November 2007)

Noise Report (Illingworth and Rodkin, August 2007)

Visual Impact Assessment (Caltrans, September 2007)

Water Quality Study (URS, October 2007)

Wetland Delineation Report (URS, November 2007)