

## NOTICE OF PREPARATION

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From: California Dept. of Transportation  
P.O. Box 23660, MS-8B  
Oakland, CA 94623-0660

Subject: **Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report**  
*Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14, (CEQA Guidelines) Sections 15082(a), 15103, 15375.*

Project Title: Gleason Beach Highway 1 Realignment Project

Project Location: State Route 1, between Jenner and Bodega Bay in unincorporated Sonoma County

Project Description: The California Department of Transportation proposes to realign a two-lane section of State Route 1, moving the roadway eastwards and away from the coast. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide a safe transportation facility that is no longer vulnerable to rapidly advancing coastal erosion.

This is to inform you that the California Department of Transportation will be the lead agency and will prepare an environmental impact report for the project described below. Your participation as a responsible agency is requested in the preparation and review of this document.

We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

A more detailed project description, location map, and identification of potential environmental effects that may result from this project are contained in the attached materials.

A copy of the Initial Study is not attached.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

Please direct your response to Stefan Galvez-Abadia, Office Chief, E-mail stefan.galvez@dot.ca.gov, Telephone 510.286.5506 at the address shown above. Please supply us with the name for a contact person in your agency.

Date 3/13/2014

Signature  
Title

  
Office Chief



### Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613  
For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH #2011022002

Project Title: Gleason Beach Highway 1 Realignment Project

Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation, District 4

Contact Person: Valerie Shearer

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 23660, MS-8B

Phone: 510-286-5594

City: Oakland

Zip: 94623-0660

County: Alameda

Project Location: County: Sonoma City/Nearest Community: Jenner and Bodega Bay

Cross Streets: Highway 1 Zip Code: 94923

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 38 ° 22 ' 30 " N / 127 ° 07 ' 30 " W Total Acres: N/A

Assessor's Parcel No.: Section: Twp.: Range: Base:

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: State Route 1 Waterways: Scotty Creek, Pacific Ocean

Airports: N/A Railways: N/A Schools: N/A

#### Document Type:

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| CEQA: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOP | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR                 | NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI | Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons           | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR | <input type="checkbox"/> EA        | <input type="checkbox"/> Final Document        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neg Dec              | (Prior SCH No.)                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mit Neg Dec          | Other:   | <input type="checkbox"/> FONSI     |  |

#### Local Action Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update    | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan            | <input type="checkbox"/> Rezone                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan              | <input type="checkbox"/> Prezone                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element   | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan         | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan                | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:         |

#### Development Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type Highway Realignment and Bridge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: _____                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____               |   |

#### Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual         | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetation         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard         | <input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic     | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources     | <input type="checkbox"/> Minerals                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise                | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption      | <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                        |

#### Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Transportation/Agricultural

#### Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

The project proposes to realign a 3,030-3,800 foot (ft), two-lane section of Highway 1, approximately 400 ft inland of the current alignment at Gleason Beach. At the current rate of coastal retreat, it is expected that the 87 ft section of roadway at Gleason Beach abutting the coastal bluffs will be undermined within five years. The purpose of the project is to provide a safe transportation facility that is no longer vulnerable to advancing coastal erosion. Current design alternatives include the construction of a bridge where the proposed realignment crosses the Scotty Creek floodplain. The proposed length of the bridge varies between 750-900 ft.

This NOP supercedes the NOP that Caltrans filed in 2011.

Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

**Reviewing Agencies Checklist**

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X".  
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of             | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency         | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol           | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # _____                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB #2 _____                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board          | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy             | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission                  | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board                           | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of         | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of                     | <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission                              | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights                                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region #3 _____         | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of              | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of                | Other: _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of                 | Other: _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development                |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission |  |

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**Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)**

Starting Date 3/17/2014 Ending Date 4/17/2014

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**Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):**

Consulting Firm: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature of Lead Agency Representative:** Valerie Shearer **Date:** 14 Mar 2014

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

Form F

Lead agencies may include 15 hardcopies of this document when submitting electronic copies of Environmental Impact Reports, Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations, or Notices of Preparation to the State Clearinghouse (SCH). The SCH also accepts other summaries, such as EIR Executive Summaries prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15123. Please include one copy of the Notice of Completion Form (NOC) with your submission and attach the summary to each electronic copy of the document.

SCH #: 2011022002

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Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation, District 4

Contact Name: Stefan Galvez-Abadia

Email: stefan.galvez@dot.ca.gov Phone Number: 510-286-5506

Project Location: State Route 1, between Bodega Bay and Jenner in unincorporated Sonoma County  
*City* *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The project proposes to realign a 3,030-3,800 foot (ft), two-lane section of Highway 1, approximately 400 ft inland of the current alignment at Gleason Beach. Gleason Beach is located in Sonoma County, between Bodega Bay and Jenner. At the current rate of coastal retreat, it is expected that the 87 ft section of roadway at Gleason Beach abutting the coastal bluffs will be undermined within five years. The purpose of the project is to provide a safe transportation facility that is no longer vulnerable to advancing coastal erosion. Current design alternatives include the construction of a bridge where the proposed realignment crosses the Scotty Creek floodplain. The proposed length of the bridge varies between 750-900 ft; the bridge structure will change the visual character of the coastal landscape looking inland from Gleason Beach. The project will require several property acquisitions. During various phases of project construction, this segment of Highway 1 will have only one lane open to traffic.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Significant or potentially significant effects to coastal wetlands, federally listed threatened and endangered species, a local Sonoma County historic property, and scenic vistas/visual quality are anticipated as a result of the Gleason Beach Highway 1 Realignment Project. Possible mitigation measures to minimize impacts to coastal wetlands and federally threatened and endangered species include compensatory mitigation in coordination with applicable state and federal agencies through on-site wetland and/or habitat restoration, purchase of mitigation credits at established mitigation banks, or conservation easements. The Gleason-Mann-Ballard-Ranch, a designated Sonoma County landmark and California Register of Historic Places property, will be substantially affected by the Gleason Beach Highway 1 Realignment Project due to the change in the rural setting. Though Caltrans cannot fully mitigate for the impact to this historic property, possible minimization measures include data recordation through photographs and measured drawings in addition to developing a brochure on local dairy ranching. The implementation of context sensitive solutions and design modifications will minimize the project's impacts to the rural character and visual quality of the coastal Sonoma landscape. Discussions and dialogue with interested citizens, local officials, and state/federal agencies will contribute to the development of these context sensitive solutions.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Providing public access to Gleason Beach for beachgoers as well as providing maintaining access to the residences along Highway 1 are areas of controversy. Another area of controversy is how the proposed realignment project will impact environmental resources in the project area, including, but not limited to, coastal wetlands, the Scotty Creek floodplain, water quality, federally listed threatened and endangered species (including the Myrtle's Silverspot Butterfly of which only four known populations remain in California), and the rural character of the coastal Sonoma landscape.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

- California Coastal Commission
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 3
- California Transportation Commission
- Regional Water Quality Control Board, District 2
- Sonoma County Local Coastal Program
- United States Army Corps of Engineers
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service

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