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SUMMARY- DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
ROUTE 49 IN AMADOR COUNTY

10-Ama-49:
Amador 49 Bypass.

Proposed Action:

Construct a limited access two-lane expressway from Ridge Road to south of Rancheria Creek, bypassing the historic cities of Sutter Creek and Amador City.

Programming:

The project is programmed in the 1998 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for construction in the 2002/03 fiscal year at \$25.1 million (\$21.5 Capital funds and \$3.6 million support funds). The current cost estimate for the project is \$34.8 million (capital and support costs).

Alternatives Being Considered:

- No-build
- 2 build alternatives consisting of 2-lane expressways on new alignments

Potential Significant Environmental Effects:

- Historic archaeological sites would be impacted
- Impacts to elderberry shrubs
- Removal of 1.5 acres of jurisdictional waters of the US
- Removal of up to 2500 blue oaks.

Proposed Measures to Minimize Harm:

- Road would be designed to minimize impacts to historical features; designation of environmentally sensitive areas (ESAs) to protect and preserve resources.
- Replant elderberry shrubs.
- Impact to jurisdictional waters would be minimized by setting up ESAs and restoring habitat if temporary construction impacts occur.
- Replant and rehabilitate oaks at the ratio designated in the mitigation plan.

Vicinity and Location Map
 Amador 49 Bypass
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