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**SUMMARY- DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**  
**ROUTE 120 IN STANISLAUS COUNTY**

**10-Sta-120:**

Oakdale Expressway Project.

**Proposed Action:**

Construct a two-lane expressway between 0.1 mile west of Valley Home Road and 2.8 miles east of Lancaster Road to bypass the City of Oakdale.

**Programming:**

The project is programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as the Oakdale Bypass with \$74.3 million from the Interregional Improvement Program (\$65.0 capital and \$9.3 million support funds). The current cost estimate for the project is \$101.2 million (capital and support costs). The Stanislaus County Council of Governments and the Department are working together to identify funding for the projected cost increase.

**Alternatives Being Considered:**

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

**Potential Significant Environmental Effects:**

- Biological resources: wetlands, vernal pools and other possible habitat areas.
- Removal of farmland.
- Community impacts: business and home relocation.

**Proposed Measures to Minimize Harm:**

- Preservation and enhancement of vernal pool habitat.
- Construction windows would be used to minimize fishery habitat degradation.
- Mitigation of Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle habitat would be accomplished under terms of "Conservation Guidelines for the Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle".
- Replacement planting of oaks at the ratio designated in the mitigation plan.
- Relocation assistance for displaced businesses, agricultural operations and homes.

