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ALPINE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY MARKLEEVILLE CREEK FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION PROJECT

INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

1. APPLICANT: Alpine County

2. ADDRESS: 50 Diamond Valley Road, Markleeville CA 96120

PHONE NUMBER: 530-694-2140
 LEAD AGENCY: Alpine County, CA

5. PROJECT TITLE: Markleeville Creek Floodplain Restoration Project

6. LOCATION: Markleeville CA – Location of the former USFS Markleeville Guard Station

7. DESCRIPTION: The Markleeville Creek Floodplain Restoration Project (Project) is intended to reestablish the natural form and function of Markleeville Creek at the site of the former United States Forest Service (USFS) Markleeville Guard Station. The Project will re-create the streamside habitat by removing the floodwalls and artificial fill material, and re-vegetating all disturbed areas. In addition to addressing the environmental restoration needs of this site, the Project will also provide various community benefits including utility improvements and public access for recreation such as walking paths, interpretive signage, picnicking and parking.

The Project has three major elements: sewer system modifications; floodplain restoration; and, public access facilities. These elements are related and complimentary, but must be implemented in a specific sequence. The sewer system modifications need to occur first in time, so that the floodplain restoration can utilize the entire footprint of existing disturbed ground, some of which now includes sewer manholes and other infrastructure. The public access facilities could be implemented concurrently with the floodplain restoration.

PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: An initial study in accordance with Section 21080(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has been completed. The Alpine County Community Development Department has proposed a determination that this project will <u>not</u> have a significant effect on the environment, and has issued a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. This Initial Study and draft Mitigated Negative Declaration has also been submitted to the California State Clearing House for review as required by CEQA.

DECISION ON THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION: The Alpine County Board of Supervisors will make the final decision on the proposed mitigation negative declaration. This decision is scheduled for the Board of Supervisors regular meeting on May 5, 2015, 9:00 a.m., Board of Supervisors Chambers, Alpine County Administration Building, 99 Water Street, Markleeville, CA.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Written comments to be considered by the Board of Supervisors must be submitted to the Alpine County Community Development Department no later than 5 p.m. on Friday April 17, 2015. Comments may be mailed or delivered to the following address or emailed to Brian Peters at bpeters@alpinecountyca.gov.

Alpine County Community Development Department 50 Diamond Valley Road Markleeville CA 96120

If you challenge the project approval in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public meeting described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Alpine County Community Development Department by the deadline listed above. For additional information contact Brian Peters, Community Development Director at (530) 694-2140, bpeters@alpinecountyca.gov
WHERE TO OBTAIN OR REVIEW DOCUMENTS: The Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration may have been posted on line at http://www.alpinecountyca.gov/index.aspx?NID=407 . The documents are also available for review at the Alpine County Community Development Department office at the address listed above.
Brian Peters, Community Development Director Environmental Coordinator
For County Clerk Use Only:
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