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## NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE SARATOGA WAY EXTENSION PROJECT

**DATE:** May 18, 2006

**TO:** Interested Agencies and Individuals

**FROM:** El Dorado County Department of Transportation

The El Dorado County Department of Transportation (DOT) is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed extension of Saratoga Way in western El Dorado County. DOT is soliciting the views of interested persons and agencies on the scope and content of the information to be included in the EIR. Agencies should comment with regard to information that is relevant to the agencies' statutory responsibilities, as required by Section 15082 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. DOT will also accept written comments regarding the scope and content of the EIR from interested persons and organizations concerned with the project, in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15083.

The 30-day NOP review and comment period begins May 18, 2006 and ends June 19, 2006. All written comments should be directed to: El Dorado County DOT, Attention: Ms. Janet Postlewait, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA 95667. Individuals and organization/agency representatives are invited to provide oral comments at an EIR scoping meeting that will be held on June 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the *Double Classroom* located at the east end of the Community Activities Building in Community Park at 1021 Harvard Way in El Dorado Hills, California. Persons with disabilities that may require special accommodations at the scoping meeting should contact Janet Postlewait at the above address or by phone at: (530) 621-5993.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project is located in western El Dorado County in the unincorporated community of El Dorado Hills. See attached Figure 1.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project would extend Saratoga Way approximately 0.5 mile from its existing western terminus to interconnect with Iron Point Road at the City of Folsom (Sacramento County) border. The County may also include an alternative in the EIR that would evaluate the option of extending Wilson Boulevard approximately 0.5 mile from its existing terminus to interconnect with Saratoga Way. The project would require the County's acquisition of right-of-way and may also require that temporary construction easements be obtained for access or construction activities within adjacent properties. The project would include provisions for the future extension of utilities within the roadway rights-of-way and would install drainage structures, as necessary to generally maintain existing stormwater runoff patterns.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** Environmental impacts anticipated to be addressed in the EIR include: land use, geology and soils; air quality; water resources; biological resources; noise; aesthetics; human health and safety; motorized and non-motorized transportation/circulation; public services and utilities; and cultural resources.

**EIR PROCESS AND PUBLIC INPUT:** Following the receipt of input during the NOP comment period, the County will prepare a Draft EIR which will describe the proposed project and alternatives (including a *no project* alternative as required by CEQA) and will identify the potential environmental effects and mitigation measures that may be necessary to minimize or avoid such effects. The Draft EIR will be made available for public review and input for a 45-day review period. The County will consider all comments received and will prepare a Final EIR which identifies any necessary changes to the Draft EIR and provides responses to all comments on the Draft EIR. The County Board of Supervisors will consider certification of the Final EIR prior to project approval.

