

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: San Joaquin County
Department of Public Works
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County of San Joaquin California
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Project Title: Stephens Road Resurfacing

Project Location: See attached vicinity map

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries: See attached project description

Public Agency Approving Project: San Joaquin County Public Works Department

Name of Agency Carrying Out Project: San Joaquin County Public Works Department


This is to advise that the San Joaquin County Public Works Department has approved the above described project on 4/4/2025 and has made the determination that the project is exempt due to the following:

Exempt Status (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080 (b) (1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080 (b) (3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080 (B) (4); 15269(b) (c))
- ☒ Categorical Exemption: Existing Facilities (Sec. 15301 (c))
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (Sec. 15282(I))

Reason(s) why project is exempt: The project will repair an existing road and will not result in any major alterations to the configuration of the road. No additional vehicle travel lanes will be constructed.

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STEPHENS ROAD RESURFACING

Project Description

Project Location:

Comstock Road to North End. See attached Vicinity Map.

Project Justification:

The original construction date and existing structural section are unknown for Stephens Road. The road has been periodically chip sealed by Road Maintenance with the most recent application occurring in 2014-2015.

Existing roadway exhibits frequent transverse, longitudinal, and alligator cracking throughout the project limits. Rutting in the wheel path is visible and roadway has minimal shoulder backing.

Scope of Work:

The project will consist of:

1. Resurfacing existing roadway (18 feet wide) with 0.25 feet of Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) (Type A). No paving fabric will be used.
2. Repairing pavement structural failure areas with full depth 0.50 feet of HMA (Type A).
3. Constructing HMA driveways and frontages 8 feet in length from edge of pavement.
4. Placing 6-foot-wide gravel shoulders on both sides: 2 feet (8% slope) and 4 feet to conform.
5. Applying Penetration Treatment at all intersection radii plus 50 feet or to conform.

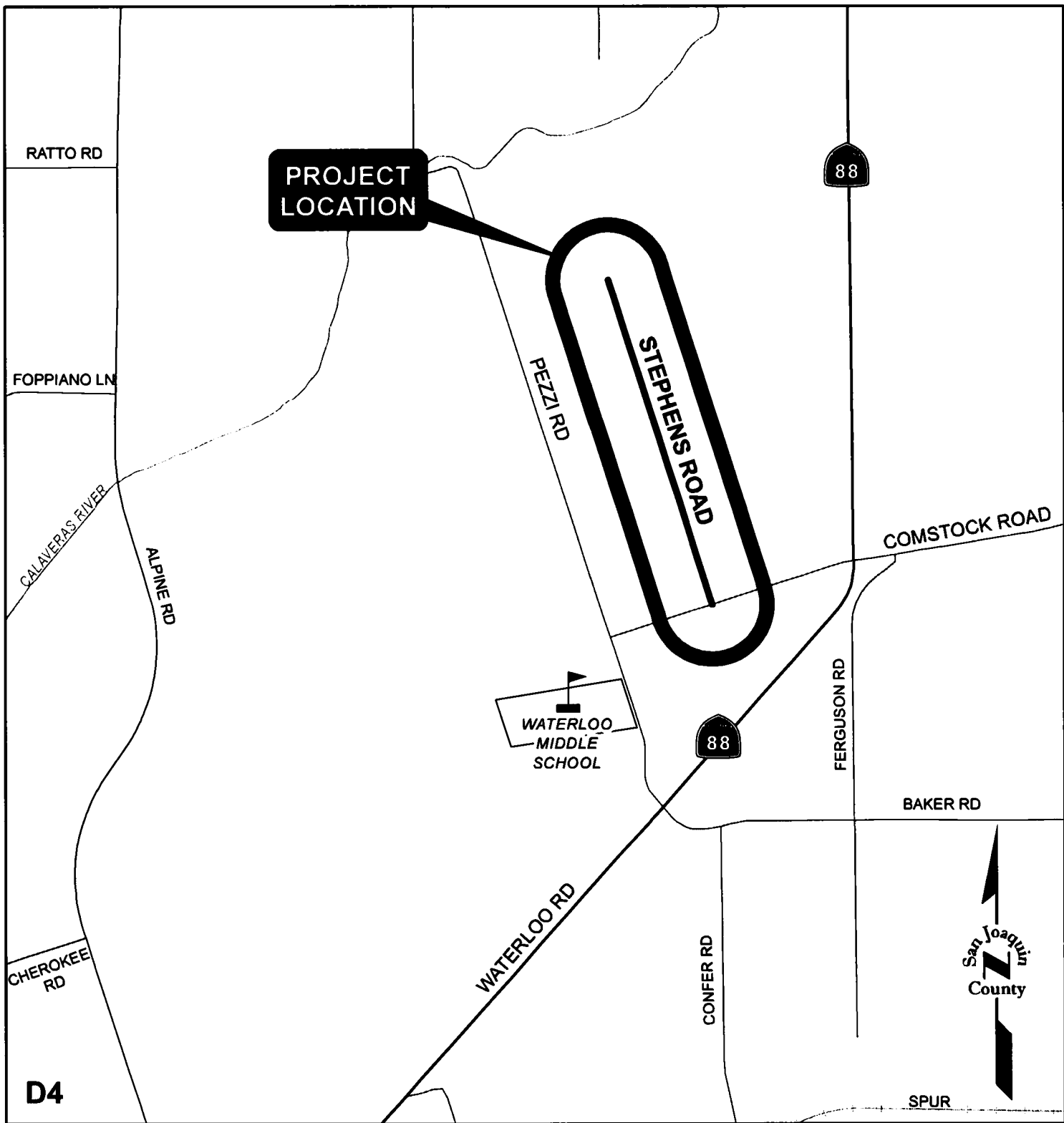
Environmental Setting:

In these portions of the San Joaquin County, land usage is primarily rural with single family homes.

There are many large trees adjacent to the project area. Nesting and migratory birds, protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, may nest within these trees. Furthermore, the Swainson's Hawk, a raptor species of concern within the State of California and listed as threatened may nest adjacent to or within the project area. A pre-construction survey for nesting Swainson's Hawks and other migratory birds is recommended if construction is scheduled to occur from February 15th to September 1st.

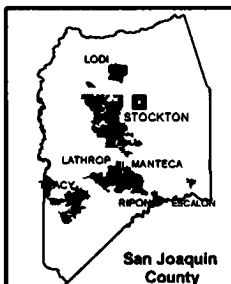
Beneficiaries:

The public will see increased safety and fewer hazards with this well-maintained road. Overall, there will be reduced maintenance concerns and more reliability within the project area.



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NO SCALE



Vicinity Map **STEPHENS ROAD RESURFACING** (Comstock Road To North End)

