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April 12, 2012

Property Owners of the Drake Road Area
Guerneville, CA

RE: **Meeting Notice** – Meeting on May 1 at 5:30 PM for the Planned Temporary Closure of Drake Road in June 2012 for the removal and replacement of the Drake Road viaduct.

Dear Property Owner:

The County of Sonoma Department of Transportation and Public Works has scheduled the removal of the timber viaduct on Drake Road, between Glandy Glen Lane and Leasowe Lane and the replacement with a wall and standard paved roadway. As many residents are aware, the viaduct has deteriorated over the years to a point where it must be removed. We have made just about all the interim and temporary repairs and operational changes that can be done. The complication with this structure is that it provides the only access into the area and to some 160 private properties. The project will require the closure of the road to vehicle traffic for approximately four days, until a temporary, one lane, road can be constructed. There will be limited pedestrian access through the construction site during the closure with transit services on both sides to assist getting people from their homes to their vehicles. Upon completion of the retaining wall, the road will be restored to accommodate two (2) traffic lanes.

County staff would like to meet with affected property owners of the area to discuss concerns and to review ways to minimize the impacts of this project. The Guerneville Veterans Building at 1st Street and Church Street in Guerneville has been reserved for Tuesday, May 1st at 5:30 PM.

The staff met with the various service providers (Post Office, law enforcement, fire, gas distributors, and other utilities) to advise them of the project and to alert them far enough in advance to make any necessary arrangements. I hope you will be able to attend this meeting so that we all will have benefit of input from those affected. I am sorry that we find ourselves in this situation, but it is far better to have an opportunity to plan this work and to make what arrangements we can, as opposed to dealing with a loss of the structure in the middle of a storm or late one night. We will have to make the best of the situation and get through it as quickly as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. O'Kane, Jr.

Thomas F. O'Kane
Deputy Director,
Sonoma County Department of Transportation and Public Works

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