



Contra Costa County

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MEDIA ADVISORY: Orwood Road Bridge Celebration *East County Residents Invited to Ribbon Cutting Event*

DATE: June 23, 2017

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WHO: Contra Costa Supervisor Diane Burgis and County Public Works Staff

WHAT: Celebration of the completion of the newly constructed Orwood Bridge

WHEN: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: 5301 Orwood Road, Brentwood (north of Discovery Bay)

BACKGROUND: A 70-year-old timber bridge serving East County residents and travelers has now been replaced with a modern, safer bridge carrying not only vehicle traffic, but offering a bike/pedestrian trail as well. The building of the new Orwood Bridge took two years at a cost of \$8.7 million dollars, funding jointly by County Road funds, East Bay Regional Park District trail funds, and the federal highway bridge program. County Supervisor Diane Burgis, who represents the part of the County where the bridge is located, praised the effort to improve safety conditions with the new bridge. "We have aging infrastructure throughout the County, and we often don't have the funding to invest in significant improvements," Burgis noted. "I'm pleased with the cooperation and financial support of the federal government and the Park District, we were able to see this very important bridge construction project to completion."