

Public Engagement and Stakeholder Collaboration

Collaboration

Early and continuing coordination with the public and government agencies is an essential part of the environmental review process. Broad-based collaboration has helped Caltrans to shape the alternatives under consideration, determine the necessary environmental documentation, and to identify potential impacts and measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate those impacts.

Key Activities include:

- ◆ Interagency coordination meetings
- ◆ Public workshops and annual Open Houses
- ◆ Ongoing stakeholder meetings
- ◆ Annual and quarterly progress updates
- ◆ Dedicated website at LastChanceGrade.com



Extensive collaboration and input have been a hallmark of the LCG process. From early workshops to help assess 14 preliminary alternatives to visual simulations, onsite tours and mitigation workshops, feedback has been critical in refining alternatives to the current two.

Working Groups

Stakeholder working groups play a critical role by providing crucial input into development and refinement of alternatives.

Groups include:

- ◆ **Partners (landowners and managers)** - State and National Parks, Tribes, local businesses
- ◆ **Biological and Cultural Working Group** - agencies and Tribes
- ◆ **Congressman Huffman's Stakeholder Group** - Tribes, environmental and civic organizations, local businesses, and local, regional, and state government agencies