



on Noche, Caltrans Senior Transportation Engineer-Geotechnical Specialist, speaks to a member of the public about the project at the “Coffee with Caltrans” event held at Frankie’s Bagels in Eureka, CA on February 19, 2026.

Last Chance Grade Updates

These updates are intended to help communicate the wide range of complex activities happening both in the field and behind the scenes to help Caltrans avoid and minimize impacts while working toward a long-term solution for Last Chance Grade.

Recent and Current Activities

- Final Environmental Document (FED) Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) process continuing
- Planning for next phase of geotechnical exploration underway. The next phase will last from September 2026 through January 2027.
- Caltrans meeting with Tribes, Redwood State and National Parks, and State Historic Preservation Office to advance Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding cultural resources
- A meeting of the Huffman Stakeholder Working Group was held on June 4, 2026
- Continuing with development of mitigation measures
- Procurement process for the Final Design Consultant contract is ongoing

- Continue Independent Technical Support Services (ITSS) Consultant procurement process
- “Coffee with Caltrans” event held on February 19, 2026 in Eureka, CA.
- Finalization of FY 25/26 Quarter 4 LCG Project Funding Plan

Decisions

- No decisions this quarter

Timeline/Schedule - Upcoming Activities

Quarter	Activities
Quarter 3: Jul - Sept 2026	• Continue Final Design Phase • Final Design Consultant team integrates with project team to advance the project • Start Fall 2026 Geotechnical Exploration
Quarter 4: Oct - Dec 2026	• Public Open House • Continue Final Design Phase • Complete the ITSS Consultant Procurement Process • Continue Fall 2026 Geotechnical Exploration
Quarter 1: Jan - Mar 2027	• Continue Final Design Phase • ITSS Consultant team integrates with project team to advance the project • Complete Fall 2026 Geotechnical Exploration