

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: March 28-29, 2012

Reference No.: 2.5c.(7)
Action Item

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Subject: **FINANCIAL ALLOCATION FOR LOCAL ASSISTANCE ENVIRONMENTAL
ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION PROJECTS
RESOLUTION FP-11-46**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the following resolution, allocating \$9,683,778 for 32 Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Program Projects.

ISSUE:

The attached vote list describes 32 EEM Program projects off the State Highway System totaling \$9,683,778, plus \$16,496,599 from other sources. The agencies for these projects are ready to proceed and are requesting an allocation at this time. The Budget Act of 2011 appropriates \$10 million for the EEM Program. This is the first allocation for \$9,683,778, which leaves a remaining balance of \$316,222 for future allocations.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION:

Resolved, that \$9,683,778 be allocated from the Budget Act of 2011, Item 2660-101-0183, for 32 Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program projects, as described on the attached vote list.

Attachment

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Project # Allocation Amount Applicant RTPA/CTC Dst-County	Project Title Location Project Description	EA Program	Budget Year Item # Fund Type Program Code	Amount by Fund Type
2.5c.(7) Locally Administered Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Projects				
Resolution FP-11-46				
1 \$500,000 The Trust for Public Land MCOG 01-Mendocino	Point Arena Public Lands Acquisition Project. Acquire 409 acres of grassland and riparian habitat adjacent to Highway 1 in Mendocino County. This project is a multi-agency effort to protect key Northern California coastline, extensive wildlife corridor open space, rare habitats and spectacular and memorable visual resources. (Contribution from other sources: \$4,529,500.)	21-01 EEM / 11-12 \$500,000	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$500,000
2 \$320,000 City of Redding SCRTPA 02-Shasta	Palisades Avenue River Trail Connection. Provide a north-south trail connection between the newly constructed portion of the Sacramento River Trail and Palisades Avenue in central Redding. This project will provide a recreational and commuter access for non-motorized transportation users. (Contribution from other sources: \$20,000.)	21-02 EEM / 11-12 \$320,000	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$320,000
3 \$350,000 Shasta County-Department of Public Works SCRTPA 02-Shasta	Palo Cedro Bike Lane and Pedestrian Improvement Project. Project will complete and enhance existing pedestrian and bicycle access along existing county roads to the Palo Cedro Community Park on Cedro Lane; the Project is located in the Community of Palo Cedro. (Contribution from other sources: \$ 30,000.)	21-03 EEM / 11-12 \$350,000	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$350,000
4 \$350,000 Shasta Land Trust SCRTPA 02-Shasta	Acquisition of the Great Shasta Rail Trail. Acquire 80 mile railroad right-of-way, known locally as the McCloud Railway, so that a public recreation trail may be created on the purchased corridor. Project will protect natural resources along Highway 89 in Shasta and Siskiyou Counties. (Contribution from other sources: \$1,363,210.)	21-04 EEM / 11-12 \$350,000	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$350,000
5 \$105,200 American River Conservancy EDCTC 03-EI Dorado	Brush Creek Ranch Habitat Acquisition. Acquire 604.9 acres of oak woodland habitat, annual grassland, chaparral habitat, riparian habitat and an important addition to the South Fork American River and Folsom State Recreation Area multi-use trail systems just north of Folsom Lake and South Fork American River. (Contribution from other sources: \$2,541,600.)	21-05 EEM / 11-12 \$105,200	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$105,200
6 \$159,350 American River Conservancy EDCTC 03-EI Dorado	Gold Hill-Wakamatsu Ranch Restoration. Restoration and enhancement of 20 acres of riparian habitat, seasonal wetland habitat, pond habitat and oak woodland habitat that are part of the 272-acre Gold Hill Ranch. This project will also develop Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible trails and interpretive kiosks on the property that will enhance the interpretation of cultural resources. (Contribution from other sources: \$86,218.)	21-06 EEM / 11-12 \$159,350	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$159,350
7 \$350,000 Bear Yuba Land Trust Nevada CTC 03-Nevada	Yuba River: Black Swan Resources Land Acquisition. Acquire 50 acres of Black Swan property to permanently protect the blue oak woodland, a sensitive pond network and associated riparian habitat. This project, located just north of Highway 20 between the cities of Marysville and Grass Valley, will make possible public recreation access to trailhead and staging. (Contribution from other Sources: \$50,000.)	21-07 EEM / 11-12 \$350,000	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$350,000

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8 \$350,000 Placer Land Trust <u>Placer CTPA</u> 03-Placer	Johnston Ranch Conservation Project. Acquire 80 acres of the Johnston Ranch. The project will protect a mix of blue oak woodlands, foothill pine, Sierra hardwoods (buckeye, Manzanita, etc.) annual grasslands/rangelands and riparian habitat. (Contribution from other Sources: \$420,000.)	21-08 EEM / 11-12 \$350,000	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$350,000
9 \$341,762 Sacramento Tree Foundation <u>SACOG</u> 03-Sacramento	Stones Lakes Blue Heron Trails Visitor Contact Station. The project will restore lands on the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge. Four acres of oak savannah habitat will be created and five acres of native grasslands will be enhanced. (Contributions from other Sources: \$138,465.)	21-09 EEM / 11-12 \$341,762	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$341,762
10 \$350,000 The Trust for Public Land <u>SACOG</u> 03-Yuba	Marysville Ranch Resource Lands Conservation Easement. Acquire conservation easement to protect an approximately 1,277 acre ranch near State Route 20, in Yuba County, to protect oak woodlands and annual grasslands. (Contributions from other Sources: \$1,150,000.)	21-10 EEM / 11-12 \$350,000	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$350,000
11 \$350,000 East Bay Regional Park District <u>MTC</u> 04-Alameda	Iron Horse Trail Construction, Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station to Santa Rita Road. Construction of 1.6 miles of the Iron Horse Trail through the Hacienda Business Park closing the gap between the Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station and Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton. Project will provide links to schools, parks and other trail systems in the area and trail links to Lake Del Valle State Park. (Contribution from other sources: \$2,109,450.)	21-11 EEM / 11-12 \$350,000	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$350,000
12 \$350,000 City of San Jose <u>MTC</u> 04-Santa Clara	Lower Silver Creek Trail. Construct 1.17 miles of paved trail improvements. Enhance pedestrian and bicycle mobility for recreation and transportation. Located in Lower Silver Creek between Alum Rock Avenue and I-680 in eastern San Jose. (Contributions from other sources: \$1,044,200.)	21-12 EEM / 11-12 \$350,000	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$350,000
13 \$298,456 Sonoma County Water Agency <u>MTC</u> 04-Sonoma	Sonoma County Water Agency Rohnert Park/Cotati Highway 101 Widening: Hinebaugh Creek Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Project. Remove approximately 10 acres of exotic shrubs/trees and install up to 14,560 native trees/shrubs/grasses over 25 acres to enhance critical habitat, offset vehicle emissions, provide additional wetland mitigation. (Contributions from other Sources: \$108,426.)	21-13 EEM / 11-12 \$298,456	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$298,456
14 \$200,000 Land Trust for Santa Barbara County <u>SBCAG</u> 05-Santa Barbara	Franklin Trail Project. Clearing 3,500 feet of new trail and installing two pedestrian bridges, 250 feet of retaining walls, oak trees (20), and native plants (250). Project will provide access to a gentle multi-use trail, thousands of acres of National Forest, panoramic vistas and appreciation of natural communities. (Contributions from other Sources: \$250,000.)	21-14 EEM / 11-12 \$200,000	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$200,000

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15 \$125,000 Goleta Valley Beautiful <u>SBCAG</u> 05-Santa Barbara	Highway 101 Los Carneros/Glen Annie Interchanges Tree Planting. Project will plant 188 diverse, drought-tolerant and native trees with temporary drip irrigation on Highway 101 right of way north of Los Carneros and Glen Annie Interchanges. (Contribution from other Sources: \$25,000.)	21-15 EEM / 11-12 \$125,000	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$125,000
16 \$125,000 City of San Luis Obispo <u>SLOCOG</u> 05-San Luis Obispo	Prefumo Creek Riparian Enhancements. Create a 1.2 acre wetland meadow, planting of 0.5 acre of riparian plantings, and removal of invasive exotic plants along a 2,000 foot long reach of Prefumo Creek in the City of San Luis Obispo, plus care of plantings. (Contribution from other sources: \$0)	21-16 EEM / 11-12 \$125,000	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$125,000
17 \$350,000 The Trust for Public Land <u>SCCRTC</u> 05-Santa Cruz	San Andreas Creek Resource Lands Acquisition Project. Acquire the 38-acre property of mixed riparian, oak woodland, and Douglas fir forest habitat in the Larkin Valley/Aptos Hills area of Santa Cruz County. The project will provide permanent protection of the habitat for the federally endangered Santa Cruz long-toed salamander, the threatened California red-legged frog, and other listed species. (Contribution from other sources: \$925,000.)	21-17 EEM / 11-12 \$350,000	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$350,000
18 \$350,000 City of Fresno Parks, After School, Recreation, and Community Services (PARCS) Department <u>COFCG</u> 06-Fresno	Romain Park Improvements. Plant up to 100 trees to address the increased noise levels, replace irrigation system to help improve water efficiency, and rehabilitate the public restroom facility. The improvements will provide passive recreation, and educational opportunities to learn about low water use landscaping, and sustainable techniques. Located adjacent to State Highway 180 interchange. (Contributions from other sources: \$10,000.)	21-18 EEM / 11-12 \$350,000	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$350,000
19 \$350,000 CSU Fresno Foundation <u>COFCG</u> 06-Fresno	San Joaquin River-Small Fry Trail and Stormy Creek Project. Project is an aquatic interpretive and recreational opportunity with picnic/rest facilities located off Friant Road, and the San Joaquin Hatchery, parallel to the San Joaquin River Parkway Trail. Project will consist of "Small Fry Trail" a children's interactive, exploratory and discovery trail that runs below the bluff and loops through the hatchery and "Stormy Creek," a run-off channel, bioswale demonstration. (Contribution from other sources: \$100,000.)	21-19 EEM / 11-12 \$350,000	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$350,000
20 \$143,831 City of Tulare <u>TCAG</u> 06-Tulare	Hillman Street Project. Planting of 250 native Valley Oaks in a new safety median constructed as part of the Road 108 widening project, to protect and enhance the State's natural heritage. (Contributions from other sources: \$0.)	21-20 EEM / 11-12 \$143,831	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$143,831

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21 \$330,000 City of Tulare <u>TCAG</u> 06-Tulare	Acquisition of Sunrise Park Mediation Enhancement Area. Acquisition of a six acre park site located just off SR 99 near the Paige Avenue interchange in Tulare. Mitigation is needed in the form of large trees, shrubs, and groundcovers planted at the Sunrise Park site to help filter and trap fumes and particle pollutants given off by the greatly increased number of vehicles that will be using the widened highway. (Contributions from other sources: \$0.)	21-21 EEM / 11-12 \$330,000	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$330,000
22 \$318,294 City of Visalia <u>TCAG</u> 06-Tulare	Restore our Community Forest Project. In Visalia, the planting of 600 trees in three medians and one recharge basin will provide mitigation above that required for the recently completed Route 198 Gap Closure Project and the upgrades to SR 63 consisting of road widening. (Contribution from other sources: \$31,480.)	21-22 EEM / 11-12 \$318,294	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$318,294
23 \$339,000 Community Conservation Solutions <u>LACMTA</u> 07-Los Angeles	Los Angeles River Greenway Tree-Planting Project. Project will plant over 4,000 native trees and plants along a half mile of the LA River in the San Fernando Valley to mitigate trees removed and wildlife impacted by the related transportation facility (RTF), restoring a sustainable forest that maximizes carbon sequestration. (Contribution from other sources: \$104,713.)	21-23 EEM / 11-12 \$339,000	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$339,000
24 \$161,335 The Hollywood Beautification Team <u>LACMTA</u> 07-Los Angeles	Planting for Knowledge with Hollywood Community Team. Plant 540 trees with 135 concrete cuts along 101 Freeway. This project will work to mitigate poor air quality that is a result of high vehicular traffic, address the heat island effect created by high temperatures and heavy congestion. (Contribution from other sources: \$40,150.)	21-24 EEM / 11-12 \$161,335	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$161,335
25 \$350,000 City of Pasadena <u>LACMTA</u> 07-Los Angeles	Reclaiming Pasadena's Urban and Natural Forest. Plant 1,400 plants. Project will provide concrete cuts, watering, and restoring native habitat in the Arroyo Seco natural areas. (Contribution from other sources: \$25,000.)	21-25 EEM / 11-12 \$350,000	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$350,000
26 \$350,000 City of Pomona Public Works Department <u>LACMTA</u> 07-Los Angeles	SR-71/Mission Boulevard Slope Stabilization and Beautification Project. Plant 280 trees of various species within the four triangular sloped areas between SR-71 and the four new ramp connectors at Mission Boulevard. Planting new trees will offset vehicular emissions of carbon dioxide and provide aesthetically pleasing environment. (Contribution from other Sources: \$35,000.)	21-26 EEM / 11-12 \$350,000	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$350,000
27 \$296,700 City of South Gate <u>LACMTA</u> 07-Los Angeles	City of South Gate Urban Greening. Planting of 1000 trees citywide. This project will assist in the reduction of carbon emissions from the large volume of vehicles. Planting primarily within residential and arterial parkways within the City of South Gate. (Contribution from other sources: \$0.)	21-27 EEM / 11-12 \$296,700	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$296,700

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28 \$350,000 Coachella Valley Conservation Commission <u>RCTC</u> 08-Riverside	Willow Hole Blowsand Ecosystem Conservation and Multiple species Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan (MSHCP/NCCP). Acquire 114.88 acres in the Willow Hole Conservation Area. The project is located 5.5 miles northwest of the related transportation facility (RTF) and is a part of the same blowsand ecosystem which is essential to the survival of various species associated with the sand source/transport system in support of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species MSHCP/NCCP. (Contribution from other sources: \$577,000.)	21-28 EEM / 11-12 \$350,000	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$350,000
29 \$343,800 Town of Mammoth Lakes <u>Mono LTC</u> 09-Mono	College Connector Path. Build a 0.25 mile long recreational multi-use paved path. Project will provide year round recreational and commuting access. Part of a larger trail network which is called the Town Loop, users will have the ability to commute to open space parks, playgrounds, back country wilderness areas, educational facilities, commercial locations including shipping facilities and other connections. (Contribution from other sources: \$38,200.)	21-29 EEM / 11-12 \$343,800	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$343,800
30 \$326,050 City of Jackson <u>Amador CTC</u> 10-Amador	Jackson Vista Point Improvement Project. Project will update and improve interpretive signing, expand the scenic overlook viewing areas, create ADA compliance for all parking and pedestrian areas, provide a drinking fountain and lighting and greatly improve the appearance of this gateway area in the City of Jackson. (Contribution from other sources: \$0.)	21-30 EEM / 11-12 \$326,050	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$326,050
31 \$350,000 City of San Marcos <u>SANDAG</u> 11-San Diego	Montiel Park Enhancement Project. Project will include the installation of a decomposed granite trail, native vegetation, shade trees, interpretive and educational signage, irrigation, erosion control, and benches to serve as a roadside recreational opportunity. (Contribution from other Sources: \$72,165.)	21-31 EEM / 11-12 \$350,000	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$350,000
32 \$350,000 City of Anaheim <u>OCTA</u> 12-Orange	Santa Ana River Trail Mitigation Project. Plant 80 carbon sequestering trees, irrigation and a trail safety fence, which will create an entry point to/from the Santa Ana River Trail to the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC). Project will result in a 1,600 foot long Riverwalk, extending along the Santa Ana River from North of Katella Avenue to the Railroad Crossing at the south end of the ARTIC site. (Contribution from other Sources: \$652,000.)	21-32 EEM / 11-12 \$350,000	2011-12 101-0183 EEM 20.30.207.811	\$350,000