

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: December 11-12, 2002

Reference No.: 2.1f.(2)
Action Item

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Ref: **PROGRAM AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION G-01-22—ENVIRONMENTAL
ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION PROGRAM (EEM)**

ISSUE:

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requests that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the program amendment of CTC Resolution G-01-22 to change the scope to substitute the purchase of 37 acres of Andrew Creek/Table Mountain property (Project #55) with 33-acres of Old Don Pedro/Big Creek Ranch. The Andrew Creek/Table Mountain property was withdrawn from the market after the July 12, 2001, Commission allocation. The Old Don Pedro/Big Creek Ranch property is of equal environmental value; its cost is less per acre resulting in a reduced cost total. Also the BLM is purchasing 4 fewer acres, which meshes nicely with the additional acres being purchased by the Tuolumne County Land Trust. The original total of \$275,000 can be reduced to \$145,000. The original \$245,000 allocation can be reduced to \$129,180 and the original \$30,000 local match can be reduced to \$15,820. The original reimbursement rate of 89.09% will not change. The \$115,820 in unencumbered funds will remain in the EEM Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends approval of the attached Resolution to allow the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to change its scope to purchase the Old Don Pedro/Big Creek Ranch property. These projects have a concurrent allocation amendment under 2.5c.(6).

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) attempted to purchase the Andrew Creek/Table Mountain property; however, after the Commission allocation the seller withdrew the offer. The BLM found another property for sale, Old Don Pedro/Big Creek Ranch, of equal value, but for less cost. This will allow them to fulfill the goals and objectives of the original application approved by the Resource Agency. This is project number EEM 2001(55).

Attachments

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01 ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT
AND MITIGATION PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

Resolution G-02-____
Amending Resolution G-01-22

WHEREAS, Streets and Highways Code Section 164.56, establishes the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program; and

WHEREAS, this program provides \$10 million annually for environmental enhancement and mitigation projects that are directly or indirectly related to the environmental impact of modifying existing transportation facilities or for the design, construction or expansion of new transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Resources Agency is charged with evaluating proposals submitted for this program and providing a list of proposals recommended for funding to the California Transportation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission is responsible for awarding grants to fund proposals that are included on the list prepared by the Resources Agency; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the Commission's approval on July 12, 2001 of said list, the owner of the Andrew Creek/Table Mountain property to be purchased by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management withdrew its offer for sale; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management has located substitute property as follows:

- U.S. Bureau of Land Management (Project #55) – 33-acres of equal environmental value in Old Don Pedro/Big Creek Ranch - \$129,180 (EEM) and \$15,820 (local match); reimbursement rate will remain the same at 89.09%.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission revises the Fiscal Year 2001-02 Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program, to reflect the following:

- U.S. Bureau of Land Management (Project #55) – 33-acres in Old Don Pedro/Big Creek Ranch for \$129,180 in EEM funds and \$15,820 in local match funds with a reimbursement rate of 89.09%.

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