

Memorandum

To: Chair and Commissioners

Date: May 7, 2008

From: JOHN F. BARNA, JR.

File: Book Item 2.2c(3)
Action

Ref: Final Environmental Impact Report – New Public Road Connection at Nees/Dewolf Avenue and SR 168 in the City of Clovis

ISSUE: Should the Commission, as a responsible agency, comment on the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Harlan Ranch Project and Northeast Annexation Program for consideration of a new public road connection?

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Commission makes no comment to the FEIR and adopts the resolution to approve a new public road connection for this project under a concurrent item.

BACKGROUND: The City of Clovis (City) prepared a FEIR for the approval and construction of a 410 acre mixed use development and the eventual annexation of all of the unincorporated lands within the City's sphere of influence situated northwest of State Route 168, south of Shepherd Avenue and east of Temperance Avenue within the unincorporated area of Fresno County, adjacent to the northeast city limits of Clovis.

As part of the Harlan Ranch Project, the City of Clovis is constructing an extension of DeWolf Avenue to State Route 168. The extension will provide access from Harlan Ranch to State Route 168 at an at-grade intersection. The existing intersection is fully developed with traffic signals, and striping for through and turn lanes in all four directions, and is ultimately planned for a future interchange.

Access to State Route 168 is currently restricted and Caltrans is requesting a vote to approve a new public road connection under a concurrent item. The project is fully funded by the City of Clovis and no state or federal funds will be used. Construction is estimated to begin within 2 years of authorization of the public road connection at an estimated cost of \$731,000.

Attachment – Project Location Map



EXHIBIT "A"

