

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 14, 2009

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Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING  
03-BUT-70, PM 3.3/5.8  
RESOLUTION E-09-26**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-09-26.

## **ISSUE:**

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Negative Declaration (ND) has been completed:

- Route 70 in Butte County – Extend passing lanes and construct roadway improvements in the city of Gridley. (PPNO 2273)

This project will extend the existing northbound and southbound passing lanes, add turning lanes at the intersection with East Gridley Road, install a two-way turning lane, and roadway improvements on Route 70 in Gridley. The project is fully funded and is programmed in the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program. Total estimated project cost is \$23,000,000, capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2010-11.

The project will involve construction activities resulting in vernal pool wetlands and associated species effects that will be addressed by minimizing the project footprint, and off-site or compensatory mitigation. As a result, an ND was completed for this project. A copy of the ND has been provided to Commission staff.

The Department has approved this project for construction. This approval and the filing of the Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research will satisfy the environmental requirements for this stage of the project planning process.

Attachments

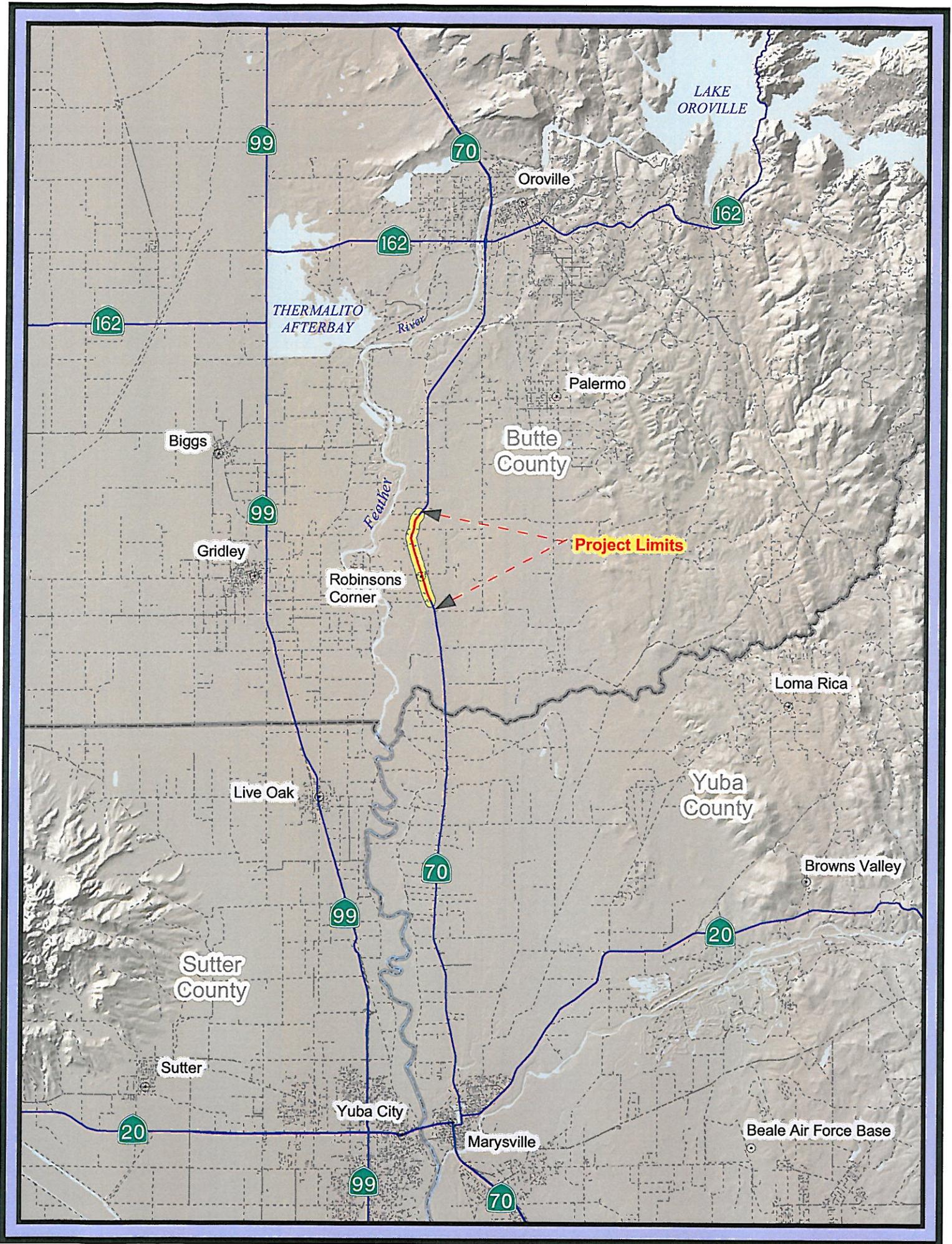
## **CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

### **Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding**

**03-But-70, PM 3.3/5.8**

**Resolution E-09-26**

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- Route 70 in Butte County – Extend passing lanes and construct roadway improvements in the city of Gridley. (PPNO 2273)
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3** **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Negative Declaration; and
- 1.4** **WHEREAS**, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2.1** **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.



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