

# Memorandum

**To:** CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action

**Ref:** Mitigated Negative Declaration for the McCoy Road at North Fork Dibble Creek Bridge Project (Resolution E-10-01)

**ISSUE:** Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the McCoy Road at North Fork Dibble Creek Bridge Project (project) in Tehama County and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Commission accept the MND and approve the project for future consideration of funding.

**BACKGROUND:** The County of Tehama (County) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On August 2, 2005 the County Board of Supervisors approved the project and determined that all significant environmental impacts related to the project could be avoided or reduced to a less than significant level after mitigation.

The project will construct a year round bridge for the last unpaved section of McCoy Road. This bridge will provide a year round route between Hooker Creek Road and Hwy 36; a year round dual access to the McCoy Road residential area; an emergency detour for Interstate 5, and the necessary infrastructure to meet current development capacity needs.

Impacts related to hazards and hazardous materials, aquatic habitat/water quality, Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle, and wetlands were identified as having possible impacts requiring mitigation measures. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, maintaining fire extinguishing devices to adequately contain a fire caused by machinery or equipment used during the project operation; confining timing of work in the stream channel; implementing erosion control measures; fencing around the elderberry shrubs prior to the start of construction activities; and consulting with a qualified biologist prior to construction.

The project is estimated to cost \$5,667,000 and is fully funded with Federal (\$4,972,000), and STIP (\$695,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in FY 2009/10.

On November 18, 2009, the County provided confirmation that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project scope of work programmed by the Commission.

Attachment

- Resolution E-10-01

# CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 02 - Tehama Resolution E-10-01

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the County of Tehama (County) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
  - McCoy Road at North Fork Dibble Creek Bridge Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the County has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project will replace the concrete slab in the north fork of Dibble Creek with a bridge consisting of two 12 foot lanes and 8 foot shoulders to provide a year round route between Hooker Creek Road and Hwy 36, dual access to the McCoy Road residential area, and an Interstate 5 emergency detour; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the County found that all significant or potentially significant impacts can be reduced by mitigation measures to a less than significant level; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the County approved the Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.