

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS **Date:** December 28, 2009

From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART **File:** Book Item 2.2c (3)
Executive Director Action

Ref: Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Jelly's Ferry Road Bridge Replacement Project (Resolution E-10-03)

ISSUE: Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Jelly's Ferry Road Bridge Replacement 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 April 22, 2008 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 Jelly's Ferry Road Bridge is 58 years old and is classified as functionally obsolete. Therefore, the County is proposing to replace the bridge in order to address public safety concerns and to reconfigure the roadway alignment to American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Standards. The existing Jelly's Ferry Road Bridge serves as a roadway for Jelly's Ferry Road over the Sacramento River and is located 7.5 miles from the Junction of Jelly's Ferry Road with Interstate 5. The proposed bridge replacement project is located along the Sacramento River, within Northern Tehama County, northwest of Table Mountain, approximately 9 miles north of Red Bluff and less than a mile south of Jelly's Ranch.

The County adopted a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan for this project. Impacts related to biological resources and cultural resources were identified as potentially significant unless mitigation measures are incorporated in the project. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, completion of a preconstruction survey by a qualified biologist; fencing and/or avoiding environmentally sensitive resources during construction; protecting known archeological sites with fences and consultation with a certified professional archaeologist/paleontologist if paleontological resources are uncovered during grading or other on-site excavation.

The project is programmed in the Proposition 1B Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit Account (LBSRA) program. The project is estimated to cost \$ 14,176,000 and is fully funded with

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LBSRA (\$975,000), Federal (\$12,433,000), and STIP (\$768,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in FY 2010/11.

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.

Attachments

- Resolution E-10-03
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 02 - Tehama Resolution E-10-03

- 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:
 - Jelly's Ferry Road Bridge Replacement 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 Jelly's Ferry Road Bridge over the Sacramento River to address public safety concerns associated with the existing seismically unsafe bridge; 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 adopted a Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program for the project; and
- 1.7 **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.

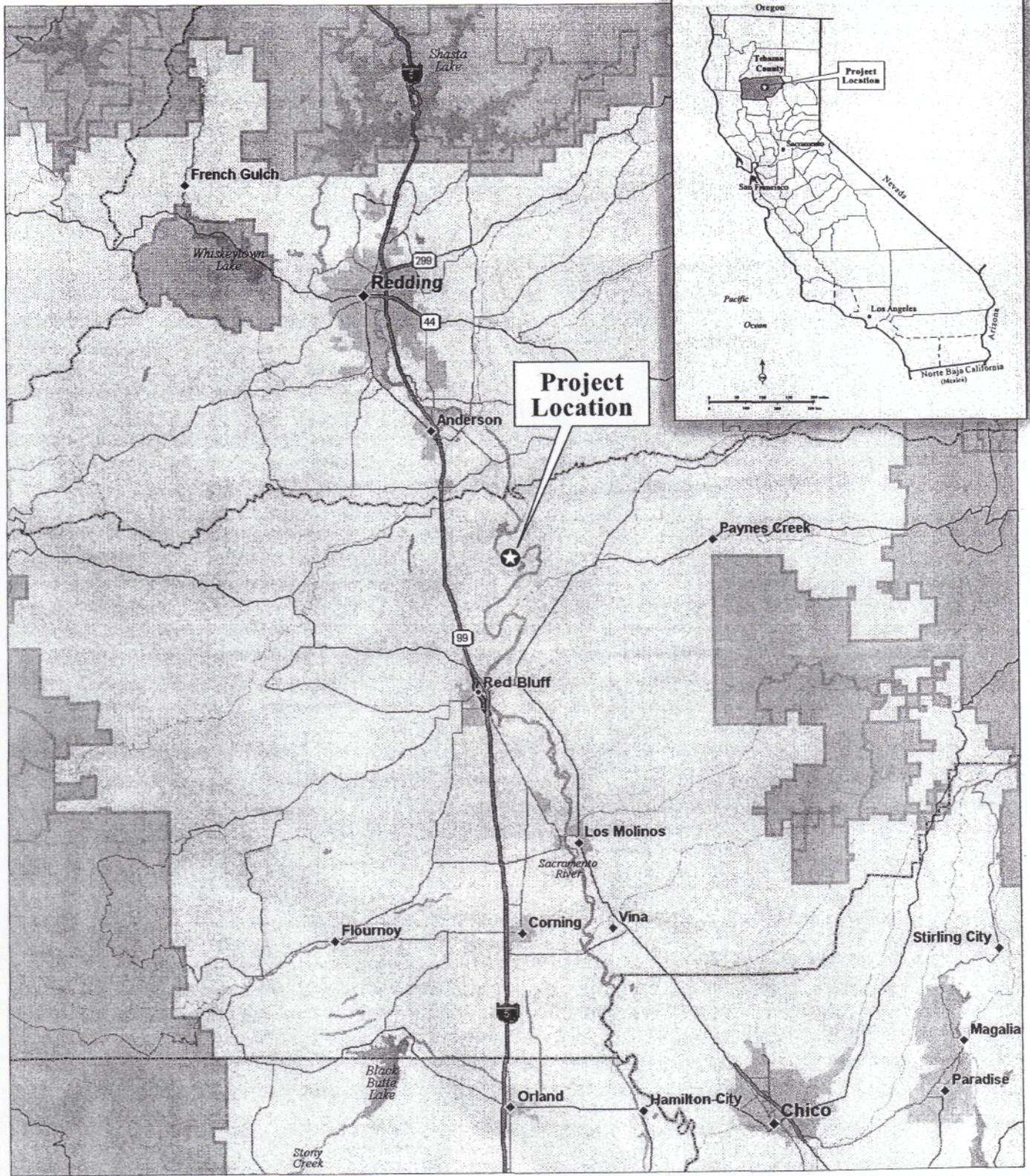
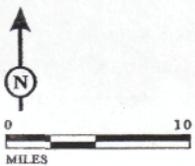


FIGURE 1

*Jelly's Ferry Bridge Replacement Project
Near Bend, Tehama County, California*
Regional Location

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