

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: March 20, 2014

Reference No.: 2.2c.(2)
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolutions E-14-06, E-14-07, and E-14-08.

ISSUE:

01-Men-1, PM 2.34/2.53 **RESOLUTION E-14-06**

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

- State Route 1 (SR 1) in Mendocino County. Repair storm damage and make roadway improvements on a portion of SR 1 near the town of Gualala. (PPNO 4513)

This project in Mendocino County will repair storm damage along State Route 1, including constructing a retaining wall and guardrail, reconstructing the roadway, and improving drainage. The project is programmed in the 2012 State Highway Operation and Protection Program. The total estimated cost is \$2,797,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2015-16. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the 2012 State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

A copy of the ND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in no significant impacts to the environment. As a result, an ND was completed for this project.

Attachment 1

ISSUE:

05-SB-101, PM 45.6/46.4
RESOLUTION E-14-07

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

- United States Route 101 (US 101) in Santa Barbara County. Roadway Improvements on a portion of US 101 near the town of Gaviota. (PPNO 2292)

This project in Santa Barbara County will realign the northbound side of State Route 101, including replacing the existing curve, widening the shoulders, and constructing other modifications. The project is programmed in the 2012 State Highway Operation and Protection Program. The total estimated cost is \$12,644,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2015-16. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the 2012 State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in less than significant impacts to the environment after mitigation. The following resource area may be impacted by the project: paleontology, biological resources. Avoidance and minimization measures will reduce any potential effects on the environment. These measures include, but are not limited to, preparation of a Paleontological Mitigation Plan, conducting preconstruction surveys for the California Red Legged Frog, restricting construction activities to certain timeframes, educating construction personnel, establishing exclusion zones, using ESA fencing, and compensating for loss of habitat. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 2

ISSUE:

12-Ora-74, PM 2.93/5.06
RESOLUTION E-14-08

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

- State Route 74 (SR 74) in Orange County. Roadway improvements on a portion of SR 74 near the city of Laguna Niguel. (PPNO 4124)

This project in Orange County will widen shoulders, install rumble strips, construct turn-outs, and install guard rails at various locations along a portion of State Route 74. The project is programmed in the 2012 State Highway Operation and Protection Program. The total estimated cost is \$18,350,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2015-16. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the 2012 State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in less than significant impacts to the environment after mitigation. The following resource area may be impacted by the project: aesthetics, biological resources, and cultural resources. Avoidance and minimization measures will reduce any potential effects on the environment. These measures include, but are not limited to, replacing native vegetation removed during construction, retaining walls and concrete barriers will be stained to blend in with surrounding areas, protective fencing will be placed around existing oak trees, conducting preconstruction surveys, educating construction personnel, construction activities will be monitored by a qualified biologist, preparation of a habitat restoration plan, and compensating for loss of habitat. As a result, an MND was completed for this project

Attachment 3

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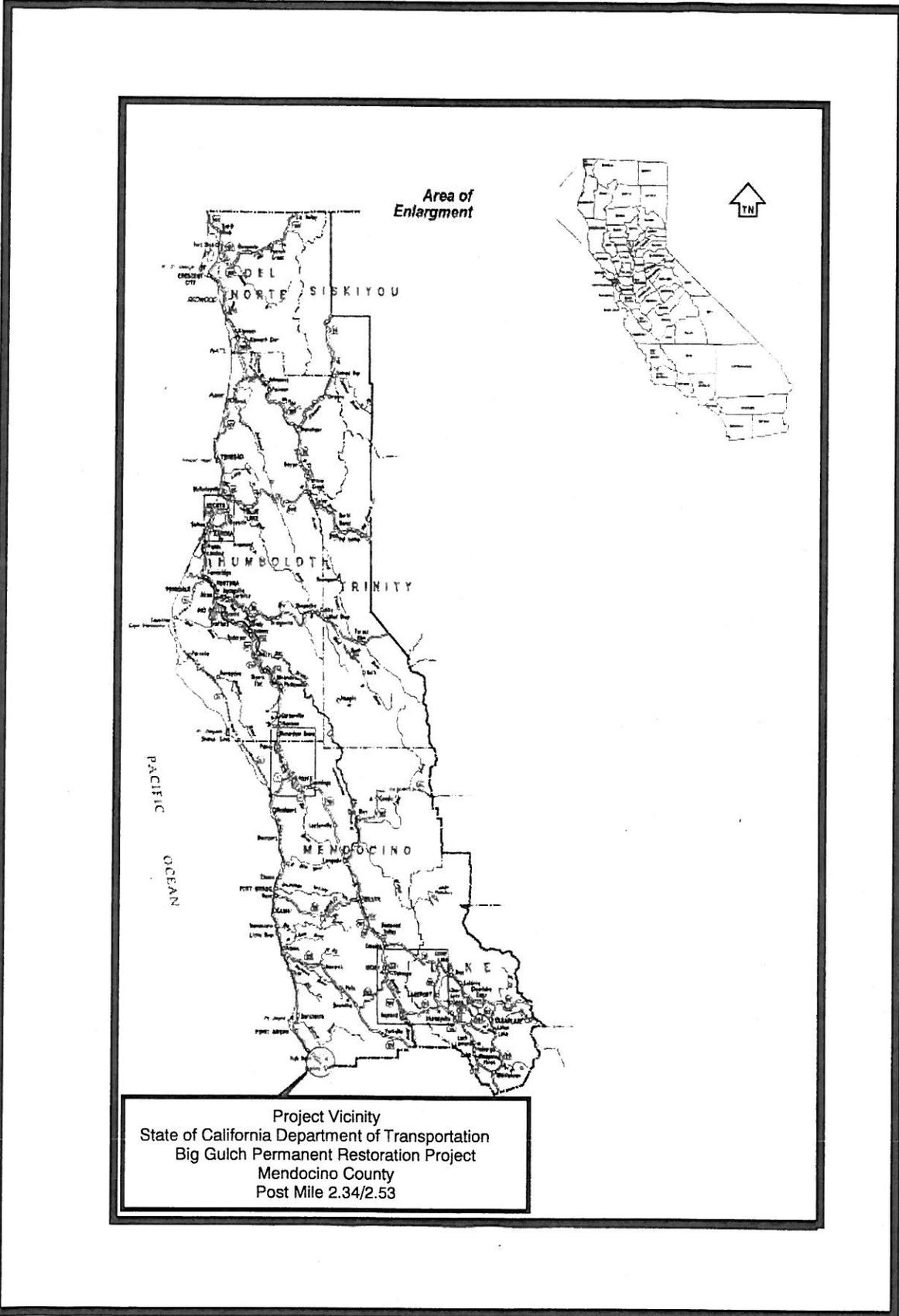
Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

01-Men-1, PM 2.34/2.53

Resolution E-14-06

- 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:
- State Route 1 (SR 1) in Mendocino County. Repair storm damage and make roadway improvements on a portion of SR 1 near the town of Gualala. (PPNO 4513)
- 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.

Project Vicinity



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Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

05-SB-101, PM 45.6/46.4

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- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated 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.

King City

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Monterey County

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Paso Robles

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Morro Bay

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San Luis Obispo

58

San Luis Obispo County

101

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166

Santa Maria

Santa Barbara County

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135

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Lompoc

246

154

101

1

101

Santa Barbara

217

101

192

Pacific Ocean

Project Location

Project Vicinity Map
Gaviota Curve Realignment
SB-101-PM45.6/46.4
EA#05-0T630



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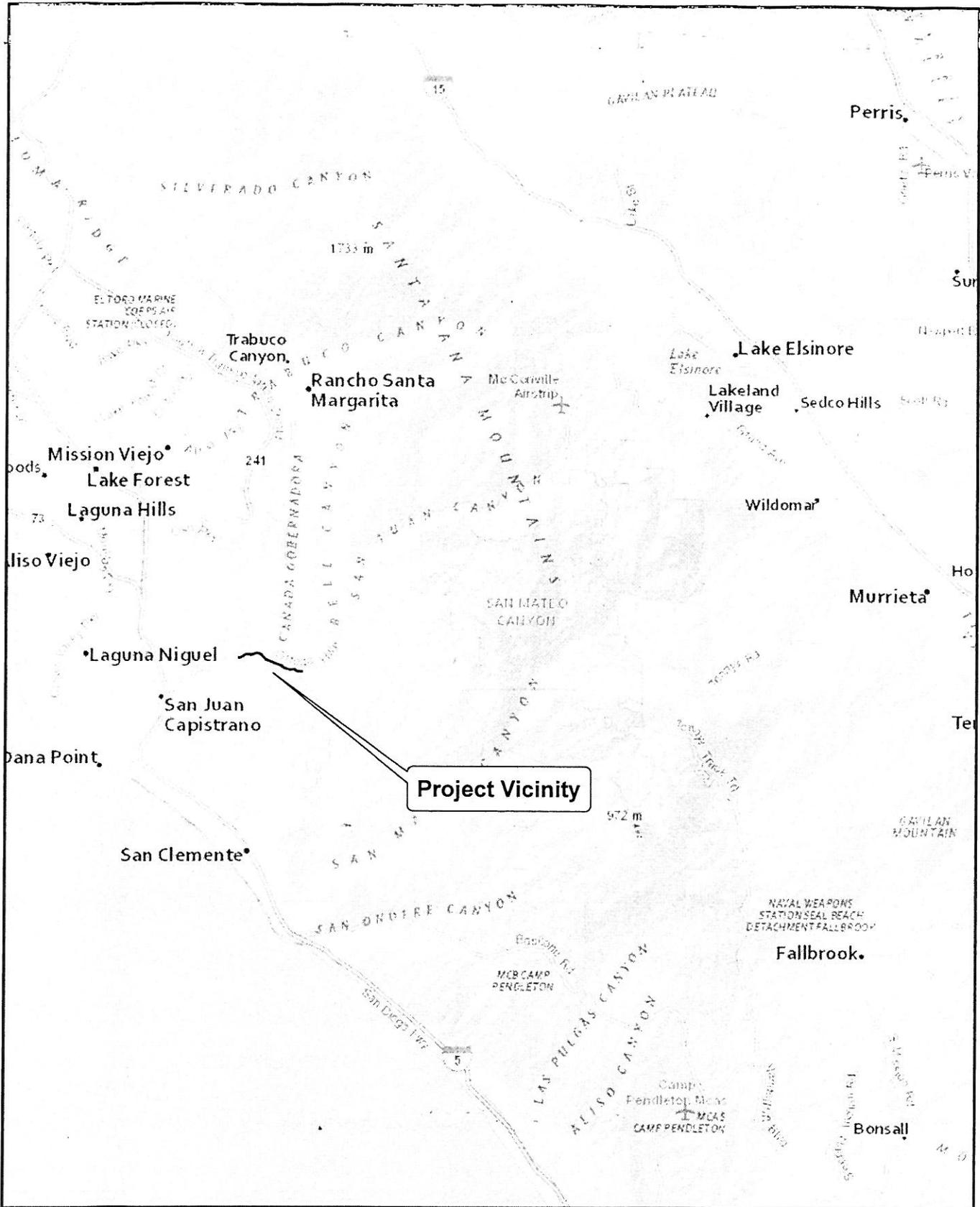
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ATTACHMENT 3



SOURCE: ESRI NatGeo_World_Map

Figure 1

<p>Legend</p> <p> Project Area</p>	<p>SR-74 Safety Project EA 0L720/ EFIS 1200020180 PM 2.93/5.06 Orange County, California</p>	<p>0 0.5 1 2 3 4 Miles</p> <p>Albers Projection Central Meridian: -96 1st Std Parallel: 20 2nd Std Parallel: 60 Latitude of Origin: 40</p> <p></p> <p></p>
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