

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: October 24, 2012

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

From: NORMA ORTEGA  
Chief Financial Officer

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Division Chief  
Environmental Analysis

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-12-64, E-12-65, and E-12-66.

## **ISSUE:**

### **03-SIE-49, PM 48.3/49.2** **RESOLUTION E-12-64**

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 49 (SR-49) in Sierra County. Roadway improvements including culvert replacement at 12 locations along a portion of SR-49 near the town of Sierraville. (PPNO 4E540)

This project in Sierra County will remove and replace twelve culverts along State Route 49, including constructing water diversion systems, realigning longitudinal ditches, and installing rock energy dissipaters at culvert ends. The project is fully funded in the State Highway Operation and Protection Program Minor A Program. The total estimated cost is \$800,000, including capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2013-14. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope in the annual State Highway Operation and Protection Minor Program.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in no significant impacts to the environment. The project area is known to have habitat supporting several special-status plant species and several threatened and endangered animal species. Avoidance and minimization measures would reduce any potential effects on wetlands and biological resources. As a result, a MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 1

**ISSUE:**

**06-TUL-99, PM 39.6/41.3**  
**RESOLUTION E-12-65**

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 99 (SR-99) in Tulare County. Intersection improvements on SR-99 at Betty Drive in the town of Goshen. (PPNO 6423)

This project in Tulare County will reconstruct the Betty Drive/State Route 99 Interchange. Betty Drive will become a through-road connecting to the realigned Riggin Avenue on the east side of the interchange and Avenue 308 on the west side. The project is programmed in the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program. The total estimated project cost is \$66,720 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 in the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will mitigate potential impacts to biological resources, aesthetics, noise, and paleontological resources to a less than significant level. Proposed mitigation measures include replacement of San Joaquin kit fox foraging habitat acreage at a US Fish and Wildlife Service approved mitigation bank. A site-specific Paleontological Mitigation Plan will be developed for the project. Landscaping and aesthetic treatments complimentary to the area will be utilized and sound walls adjacent to the Wooden Shoe RV Park will be incorporated. As a result, a MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 2

**ISSUE:**

**05-MON-68, PM R17.7/R17.9**  
**RESOLUTION E-12-66**

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 68 (SR-68) in Monterey County. Widen existing bridge on SR-68 near the city of Salinas. (PPNO 7000)

This project in Monterey County will bring the Salinas River Bridge up to current geometric and seismic standards by widening shoulders, adding approach and departure slabs, improving acceleration and weaving lane geometry, improving the bridge railing, seismically retrofitting the bridge, and providing maintenance access to the river bottom. The project is programmed in the 2012 State Highway Operation and Protection Program. The total estimated cost is \$22,298,000 including capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2014-15. The scope, as described for the preferred

alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed 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 no significant impacts to the environment. Avoidance and minimization measures would reduce any potential effects to aesthetics and biological resources. These measures include: the use of environmentally sensitive fencing around vegetation adjacent to the construction site; replanting all areas disturbed by construction activities; darkening all new and replaced guardrail, posts, bridge rails, and handrails; and the use of Type 80 bridge rail and texture. As a result, a MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 3

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding**

**03-SIE-49, PM 48.3/49.2**

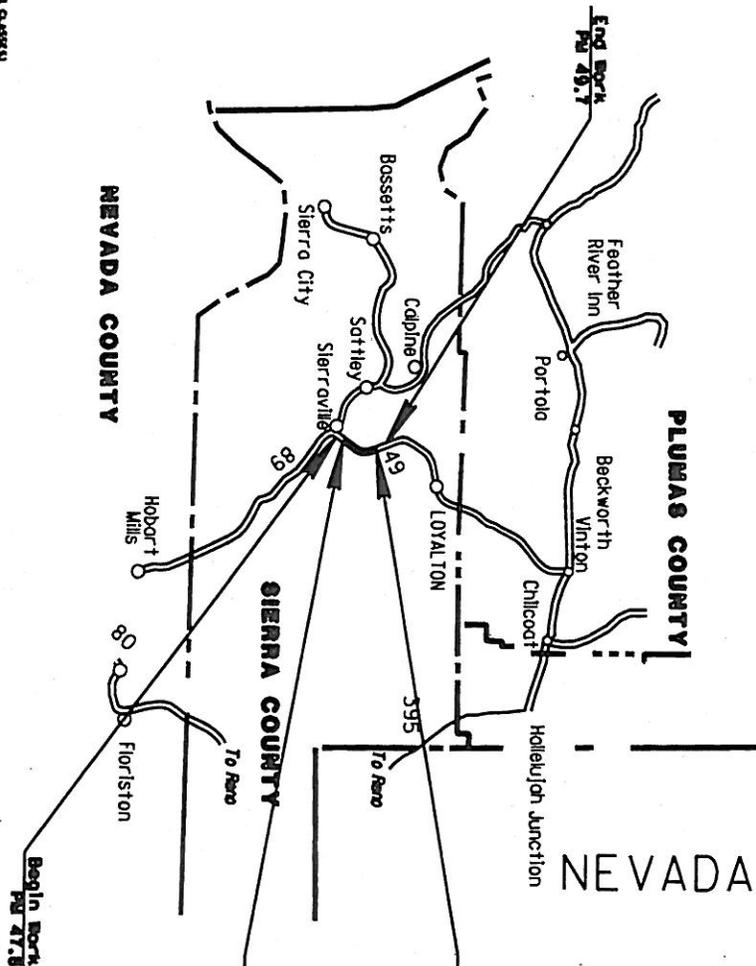
**RESOLUTION E-12-64**

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
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- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the Department 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 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.

INDEX OF PLANS

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
**PROJECT PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION ON  
 STATE HIGHWAY**  
 IN SIERRA COUNTY  
 ON ROUTE 49  
 NEAR SIERRAVILLE

TO BE SUPPLEMENTED BY STANDARD PLANS DATED MAY 2004

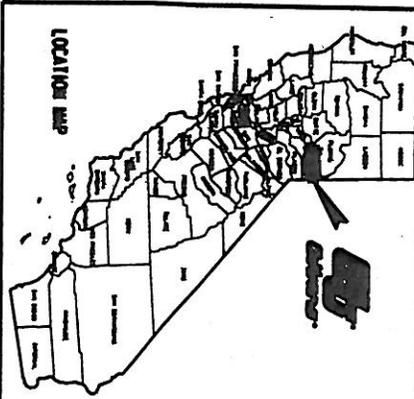
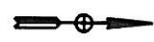


NO SCALE

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE THE OWNER AND CALTRANS  
 OF LICENSE NO. 930304070901 IN THE TOPIC TO BE SUBMITTED.

DESIGN ENGINEER	PROJECT MANAGER
KEVIN ESPINOZA	DAVID BAKER

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Sheet	County	Route	Project No.	Scale
03	Sierra	49	48.3/49.2	1" = 100'

**CONTRACT NO. 09-4E8404**  
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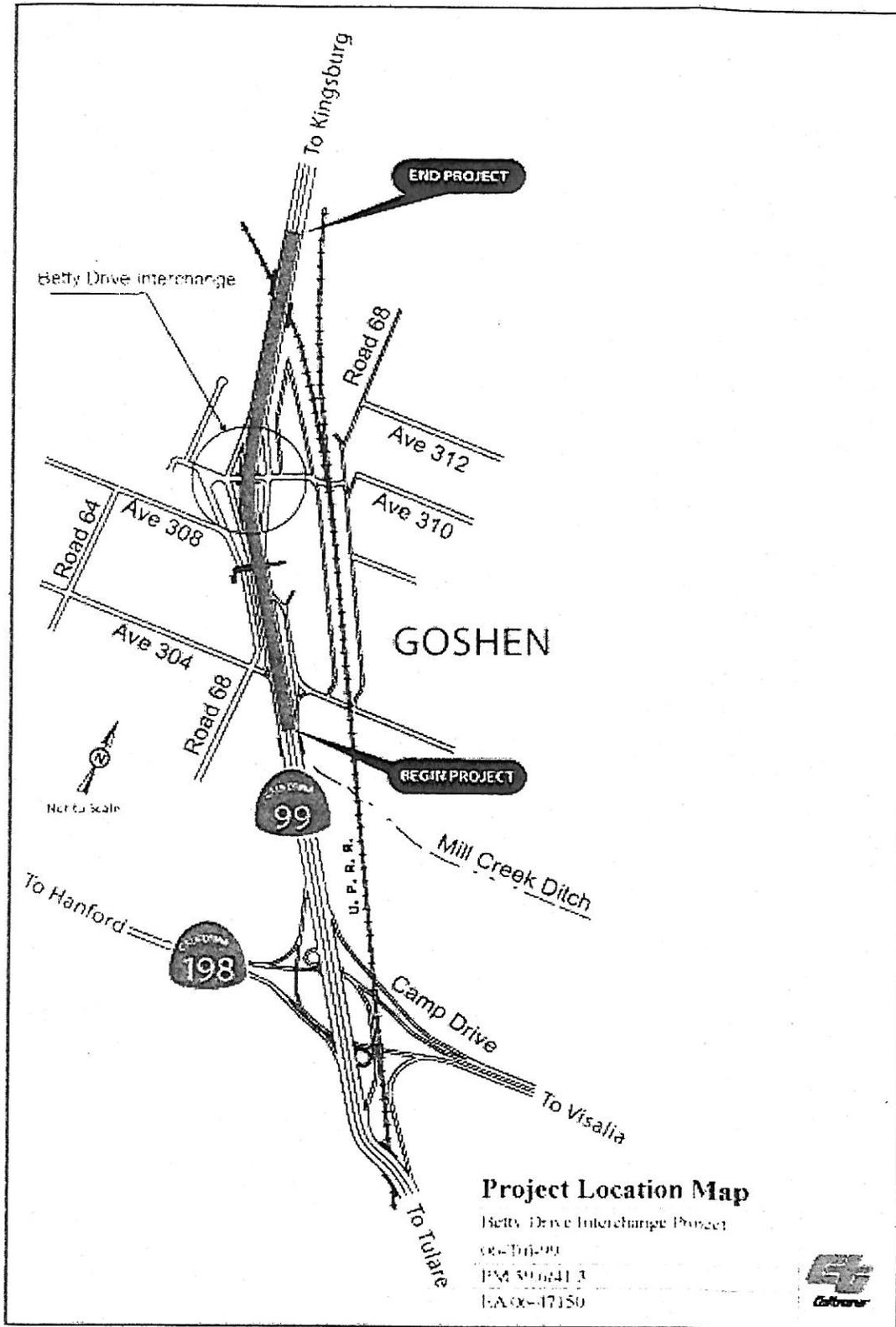


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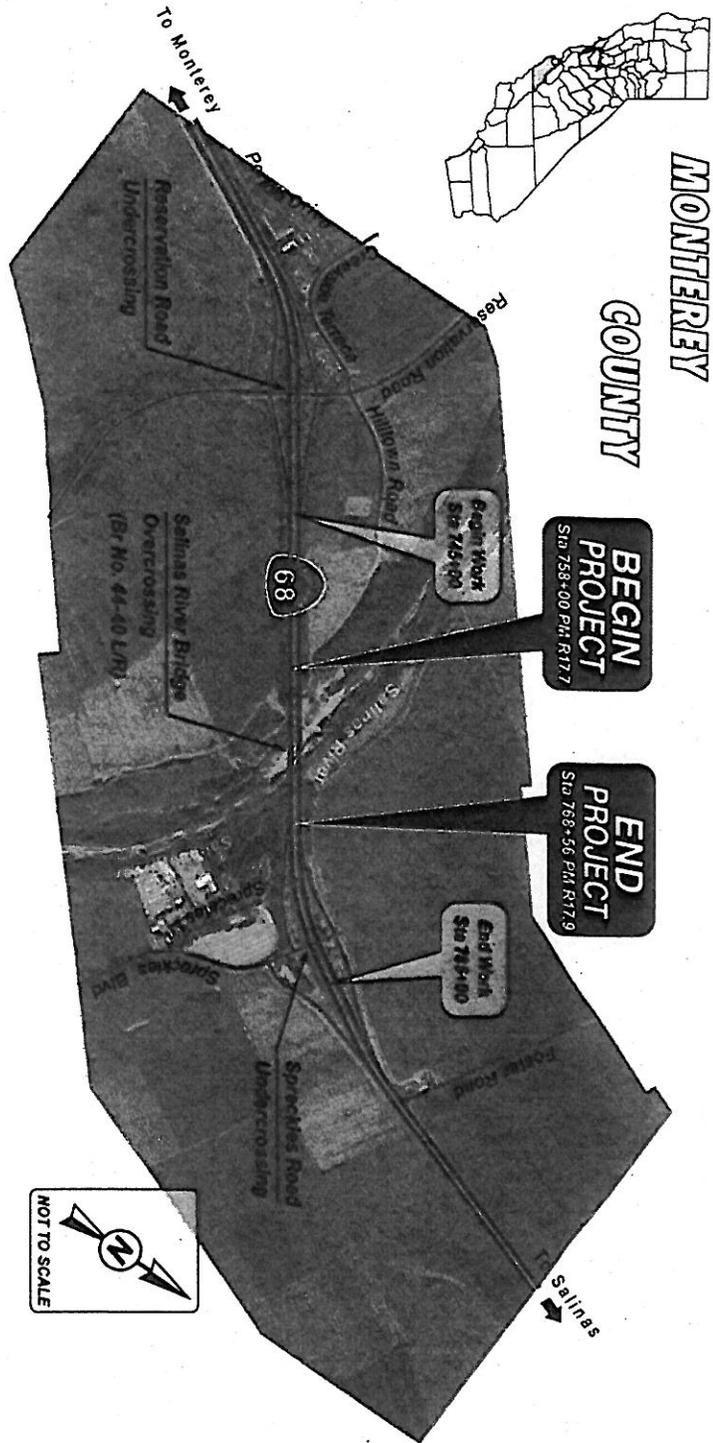


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