

State of California
Business, Transportation and Housing Agency
Department of Transportation

PROGRAM AMENDMENTS
EEM Amendment

Amending Resolution G-98-16

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EEM PROGRAM AMENDMENT – ACTION

**Resolution _____
Amending Resolutions G-98-16 and FP-98-46**

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Transportation recommends the California Transportation Commission approve the following resolution, amending Resolution G-98-16 (FY 1998-99 EEM Program adoption resolution) and Resolution FP-98-46 (project allocation resolution).

Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission revises the 1998-99 Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Program as shown below:

<u>PROJECT NO.</u>	<u>APPLICANT & PROJECT</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
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Old:

35	San Joaquin Council of Governments San Joaquin Kit Fox & Associated Species Habitat Acquisition Project Acquire a 300-acre conservation easement of habitat for the San Joaquin kit fox and associated species.	98-99	\$250,000
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New:

35	SJCOG, Inc. San Joaquin Kit Fox & Associated Species Habitat Acquisition Project Acquire a 300-acre conservation easement of habitat for the San Joaquin kit fox and associated species.	98-99	\$250,000
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BACKGROUND

The state-funded EEM Program was reauthorized by the Legislature in 1999 as an ongoing program, which is allocated \$10 million annually. State, federal, local agencies, and non-profit entities may apply for EEM grant funds to undertake environmental enhancement and mitigation projects that are related to the impacts of new or modified transportation facilities. Projects must be above and beyond the required mitigation for the transportation project and are generally limited to grants of \$250,000.

SUMMARY

This amendment transfers the applicant status of the project from the San Joaquin Council of Governments, created as a JPA, to the SJCOG, Inc, a non-profit entity created under the San Joaquin Council of Governments. The non-profit entity was created specifically to take title to the Conservation Easement as the San Joaquin Council of Governments was not an eligible agency to take title. The project received preliminary funding with the adoption of the 1998-99 EEM Program, Resolution G-98-16, and the allocation of \$250,000 in EEM funds (with \$60,000 in local contributions) at the January 14-15, 1999, CTC meeting, Resolution FP-98-46.