

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: February 26-27, 2003

Reference No.: 2.2c.(1)
Action Item

From: ROBERT L. GARCIA
Chief Financial Officer

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Ref: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING, TO REPLACE A BRIDGE NEAR ELK, RESOLUTION NUMBER E-03-06**

ISSUE:

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

- Route 1 near Elk in Mendocino County – Replace existing bridge.

The project is fully funded in the 2002 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) for construction in Fiscal Year (FY) 2003/04. The total estimated project cost is \$7,236,000.

The Negative Declaration and supporting Initial Study have been transmitted to California Transportation Commission staff.

The Department of Transportation has approved the project for construction. This approval and the resulting filing of the Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research will satisfy the environmental requirements for this stage of the project planning process.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends that the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-03-06.

Attachment(s)

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 01-Men-1, KP 53.1/54.7 (PM 33.0/34.0)

Resolution E-03-06

- 1.1** WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Negative Declaration in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:

 - Route 1 near Elk in Mendocino County – Replace existing bridge.
- 1.2** WHEREAS, the Department has certified that the Negative Declaration has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (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.

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(P.M. 33.0/34.0)
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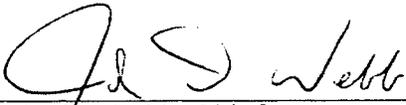
Greenwood Creek Bridge Replacement on Route 1
From Post Mile 33.0 to Postmile 34.0
In Mendocino County, California

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT/
INITIAL STUDY**

Submitted Pursuant to: (State) Division 13, Public Resources Code
(Federal) 42 USC 4332(2)(C)

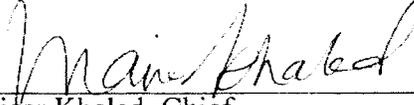
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Highway Administration, and
THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Department of Transportation

5-10-02
Date of Approval



John D. Webb, Chief
North Region Environmental Services

5/15/02
Date of Approval



Maizer Khaled, Chief
District Operations North
Federal Highway Administration

Negative Declaration

Pursuant to: Division 13, Public Resources Code

Project Description

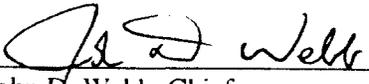
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to replace the existing Greenwood Creek Bridge with a new, two-lane bridge with 3.6 meters (12 foot) lanes, 2.4 meter (8 foot) shoulders and an overall length of 169 meters (554 feet). Route 1 will be realigned to connect the new bridge at both the north and south approaches. The existing Greenwood Creek Bridge is located on Route 1 in Mendocino County, approximately half a mile south of the town of Elk.

Determination

Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study, and determines from this study that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment for the following reasons:

- The project will have no effect on educational facilities, ~~wetlands~~, recreation, parkland, open space, scenic resources, heritage resources, community growth, housing, neighborhoods, air quality, agriculture, and timber resources.
- The project will have no significant effect on use of natural resources, land use, floodplain, noise, water quality, fish and wildlife, endangered species and habitat, vegetation, energy, traffic patterns, topography, ~~wetlands~~ and biological resources.
- Potential impacts to vegetation will be mitigated on site. An Erosion Control and Revegetation mitigation and monitoring plan has been ~~will be~~ developed to restore and monitor the impacted areas. With mitigation, vegetation impacts will be reduced to a non-significant level.
- Potential impacts to Northern California steelhead, ~~and tidewater goby~~ will be mitigated through compliance with the terms and conditions of the National Marine Fisheries Service ~~Biological Opinion or~~ letter of concurrence.
- Potential impacts to northern spotted owl, marbled murrelet, ~~and tidewater goby~~ will be mitigated through compliance with the mitigation measures listed in the attached Environmental Assessment/Initial Study and letter of concurrence from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Mitigation monitoring will be in accordance with CEQA regulations. ~~procedures outlined in Sections 1.2.7 of Volume 1 of Caltrans Environmental Handbook.~~


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North Region Environmental Services
California Department of Transportation
*Greenwood Creek Bridge Replacement
Environmental Assessment/Initial Study*

12-9-02
Date

December 2002

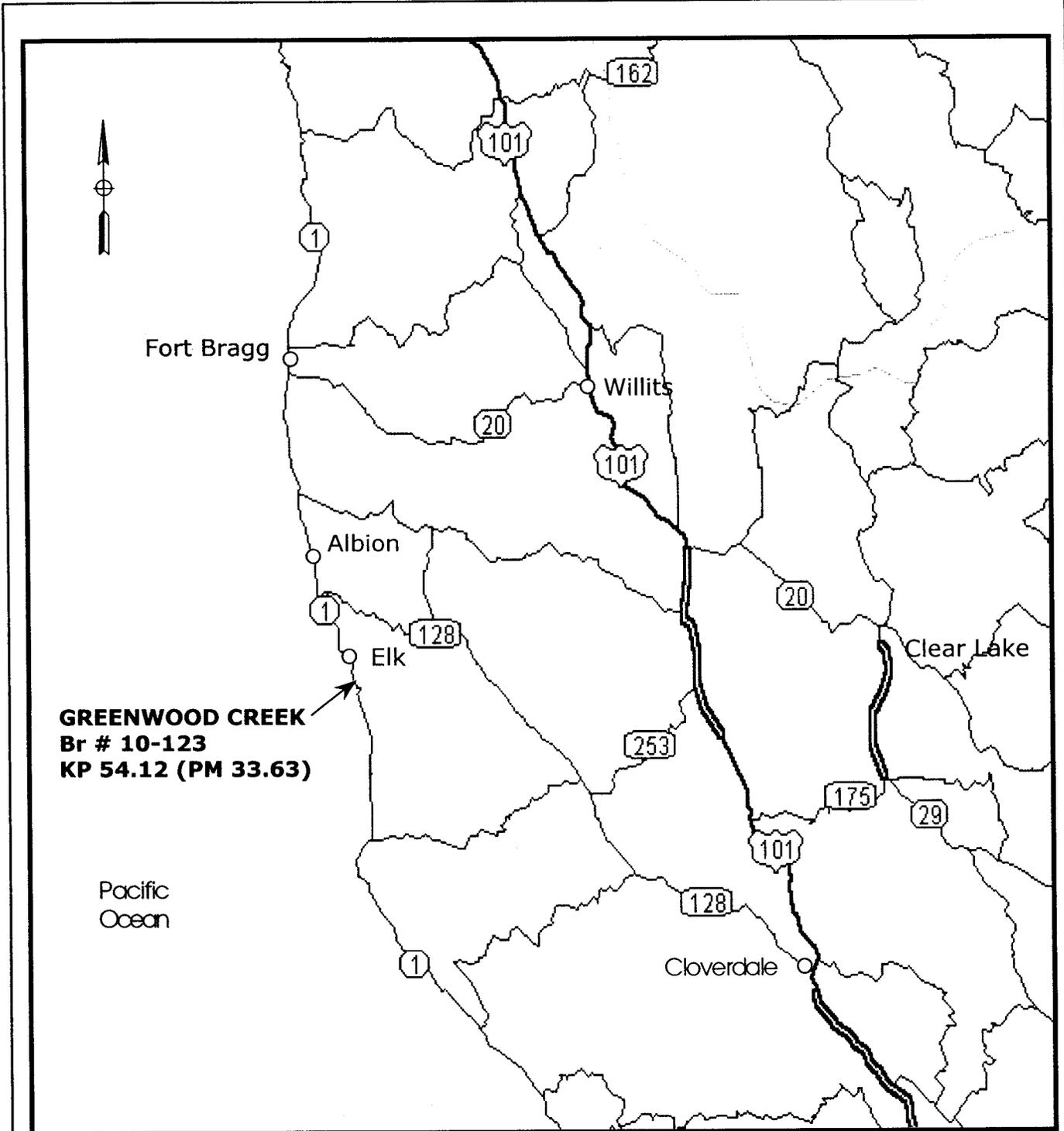


FIGURE A
PROJECT LOCATION
<i>Greenwood Creek Bridge Replacement</i>

