

Memorandum

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Ref: **STATUS REPORT ON FUNDING ASSIGNED TO CONSERVATION LANDS (CL) AND STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS (STE) PROGRAMS**

SUMMARY:

Resolution G-00-18 provided for federal Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) funds to be programmed in two separate shares, the Regional share and the State share. The State share was further divided into three separate sub-shares: Conservation Lands (CL) share, Statewide Transportation Enhancements (STE) share, and the Department of Transportation (Department) Safety Highway Operation Protection Program (SHOPP) managed share. This report is a status of the programming and delivery for the CL and STE shares. Delivery of most of these projects is well underway. Currently, an estimated \$6,789,640 is available from project savings and delivery failures (see page two for a detailed accounting). These funds may be available for redirection.

BACKGROUND:

On July 20, 2000, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) adopted program procedures and criteria to govern the programming of the CL share and the STE share of the TEA program. Resolution G-00-18 specified the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Program procedures be applied to both the CL and STE programs.

Projects must receive a Commission allocation within the same fiscal year they are programmed. The applicants are allowed to determine the fiscal year of delivery. The Department staff, with Commission staff concurrence, defined program year as the applicant's designated fiscal year of delivery. The project then has two additional years to encumber the funds (award a contract or close escrow in the case of scenic land acquisitions).

Conservation Lands Program – The Commission approved 26 CL projects totaling \$52,012,000 in three programming rounds adopted in December 1998, July 1999 and May 2000. Of the 26 CL projects, 22 projects were completed and four were cancelled. Funds totaling \$2,003,000 from two of the four cancelled projects were redirected to STE projects (via Resolution G-02-21). A total of \$5,339,640 from cancelled projects and/or project savings remains available for redirection.

The following projects were either not allocated, obligated, or only partially obligated and generated the savings shown below:

<u>Projects Cancelled</u>	<u>Programmed</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Obligated</u>	<u>Available</u>
• Trout Creek Project	\$2,000,000	0	0	\$2,000,000
• Tuolumne River Scenic Acquisition (Hatch Park)	\$ 500,000	0	0	\$ 500,000
• Harley Property Acquisition	\$ 562,000	\$ 562,000	0	\$ 562,000
• Violich Property Acquisition	\$ 443,000	\$ 443,000	0	\$ 443,000

Project with savings identified

• Baldwin Hills-Southern Viewshed	\$4,900,000	\$4,900,000	\$1,062,360	<u>\$3,837,640</u>
Sub Total – CL Cancelled or Savings:				\$7,342,640

New STE projects allocated using redirected CL funds per Resolution G-02-21:

<u>Projects</u>	<u>Programmed</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Obligated</u>	<u>Available</u>
• Buena Vista Viewshed Acquisition	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$ -0-
• Red Oak Victory Ship Restoration	\$1,003,000	\$1,003,000	\$1,003,000	\$ -0-

Less - CL Previously Redirected: \$2,003,000

Total CL Funds Available for Redirection: \$5,339,640

Statewide Transportation Enhancements (STE) Program - The Commission approved 34 STE projects totaling \$40,000,000 in two programming rounds adopted in May 2000 and April 2002. Resolution G-02-21 programmed two additional STE projects for \$2,003,000 from the redirected CL funds identified above. Of the 36 STE projects programmed, 26 projects totaling \$24,317,000 have already received an allocation, while four agencies will request allocations totaling \$4,251,000 this fiscal year. Three projects totaling \$10,779,000 are scheduled for an allocation in future fiscal years. The remaining three projects identified below will not be delivered or has project savings, leaving a balance of \$1,450,000 available for redirection.

<u>Projects</u>	<u>Programmed</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Obligated</u>	<u>Available</u>
• Bodie Gateway Property Acquisition	\$800,000*	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$ 300,000
• Ojai Scenic Easement	\$650,000	0	0	\$ 650,000
• Route 101 Bike Bridge (Goleta)	\$500,000	0	0	\$ 500,000

Total STE Funds Available for Redirection: \$1,450,000

*Note: \$500,000 in project savings from the Bodie Acquisition was previously reprogrammed under Resolution G-02-21.

Total CL and STE Funds Available for Redirection	\$6,789,640
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