

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, STATE ROUTE 70 IN PLUMAS COUNTY –  
REPLACE EXISTING SPANISH CREEK BRIDGE NEAR KEDDIE**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Transportation recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) review and comment at the March 2007 Commission meeting on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the following project:

- 02-Plu-70 PM 35.1/35.5 - Replace existing bridge near Keddie in Plumas County.

## **PROGRAMMING:**

This project in Plumas County is to replace an existing bridge near Keddie. This project is fully funded in the 2006 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). The total estimated project cost is \$42,040,000. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2009-10.

## **ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED:**

Alternatives considered for the proposed project include:

- Alternative A: This alternative would build a new bridge alongside the existing Spanish Creek bridge. The existing bridge would be seismically retrofitted and remain in active use.
- Alternative B: This alternative would build a new bridge alongside the existing Spanish Creek bridge. The existing bridge would be removed.
- No Build Alternative.

**POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:**

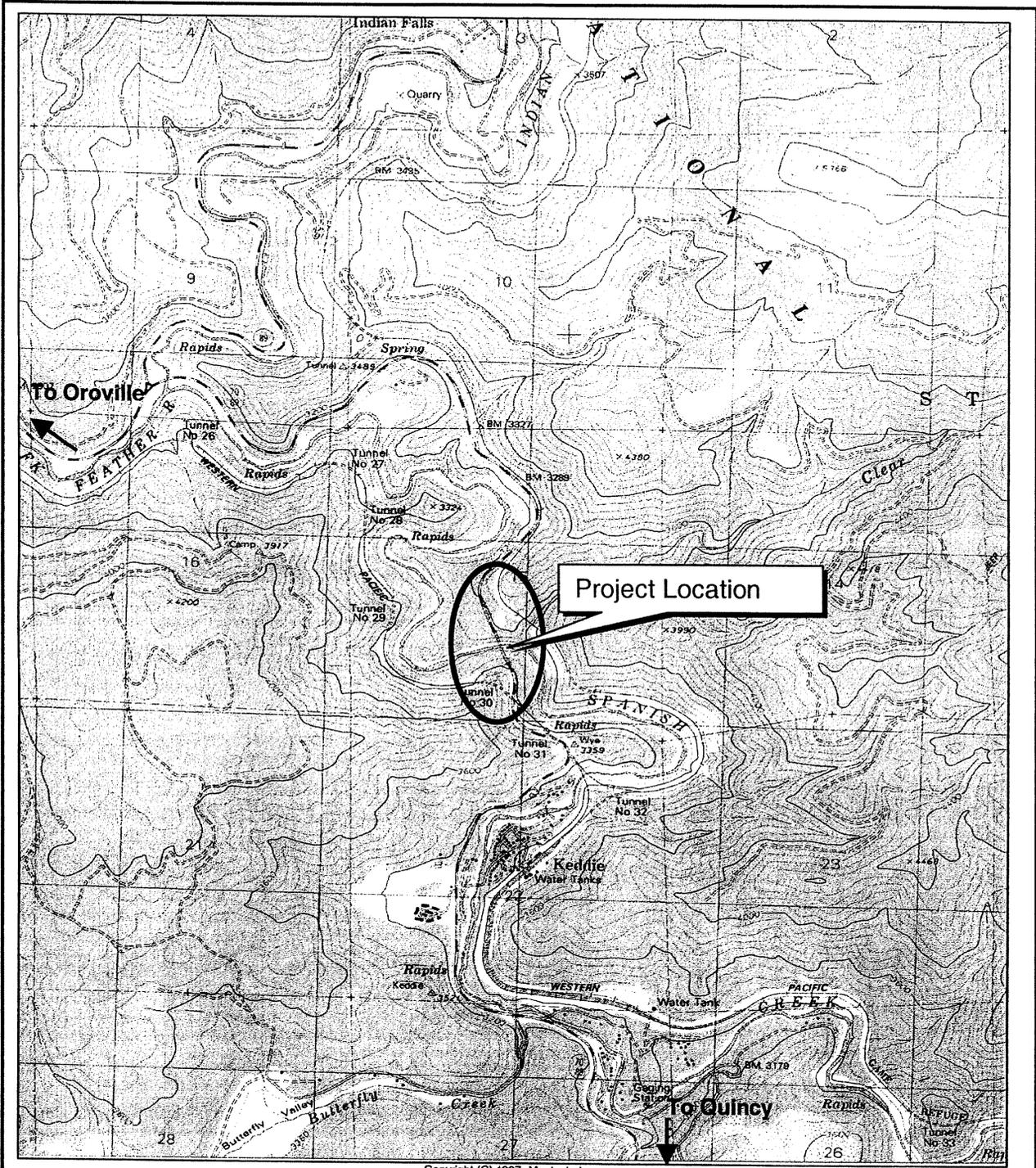
- Impacts to a historic structure.

Because there will be potentially significant impacts to a historic structure associated with the project, an Environmental Impact Report is being prepared.

**PROPOSED MEASURES TO MINIMIZE HARM:**

- Program to brief construction workers regarding environmental commitments.
- Employ Best Management Practices (BMPs) for erosion control.
- Control visible emissions from off-road diesel powered equipment.
- Employ noise-reducing construction practices.
- Incorporate design characteristics and aesthetic treatments to minimize visual impacts.

Attachment



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**Exhibit 2 Project Location Map**

	State of California Department of Transportation	Base map: Crescent Mills Quad, Township 25N, Range 9E, Section 15
	PLU-70-PM35.1/35.5 02-373100	