

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**
RELOCATE EASTBOUND TRUCK SCALES IN CORDELIA

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) review and comment at its May 2009 meeting on the following Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR):

- 04-Sol-80, PM13.8/15.7 and 04-Sol-12, L1.8/L2.0. Relocate the eastbound Interstate 80 truck scale facility in Cordelia in Solano County.

PROGRAMMING:

The project will replace the existing truck scale facility on eastbound Interstate 80 near Cordelia. The project is programmed in the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund and Traffic Congestion Relief Program, and includes regional measure funds and bridge tolls. Total estimated project cost is \$100,900,000. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2012-13.

ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED:

The DEIR identifies two alternatives:

- Build Alternative: Construct eastbound truck scales facility approximately 2500 feet to the east of the existing facility. On- and off-ramps to and from the facility will be constructed to improve traffic flow, reduce truck and auto weaving in the vicinity of the facility, and relieve congestion.
- No Build Alternative

POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:

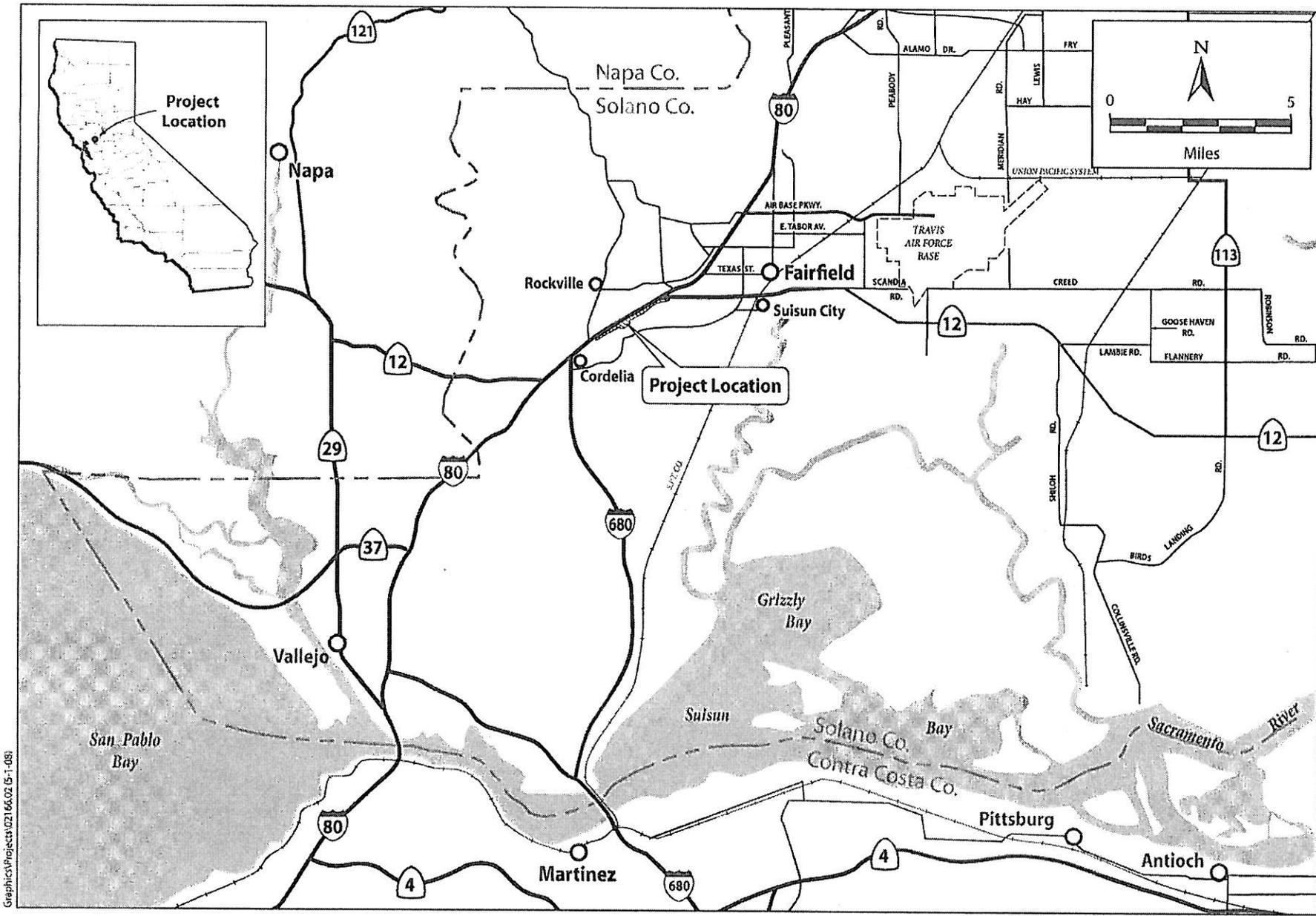
- Cumulative impact to agricultural lands.
- Cumulative impacts to aquatic resources.
- Cumulative impacts to special status species and habitats.
- Air quality and noise impacts during construction.

After concluding the indepth analysis of the above impacts, it was determined that all the potentially significant environmental impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act will be mitigated to less than significant levels. Therefore, no Statement of Overriding Considerations will be adopted.

PROPOSED MEASURES TO MINIMIZE HARM:

- Avoid and minimize impacts to special status species and habitats.
- Compensate for any permanent loss of habitats.
- Compensate for any permanent and temporary loss of aquatic resources.
- Compensate for any permanent loss of agricultural lands and conservation easements.
- Control dust emissions through application of water and palliatives.
- Restrict construction activities to a daytime hours or minimize equipment noise levels during non-daytime hours.
- Minimize traffic disruptions during construction through implementation of a Transportation Management Plan.

Attachment - Map



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**Figure 1-1
Project Location**