

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

Date: September 18, 2009

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Executive Director

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Action

Ref: Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Shasta River Bridge Replacement Project (Resolution E-09-86)

ISSUE: Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Shasta River Bridge Replacement Project (project) in the City of Weed and approve the project for consideration of funding?

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Commission accept the MND and approve the project for consideration of funding.

BACKGROUND: The County of Siskiyou (County) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project will replace the Shasta River Bridge. The existing bridge is a two span concrete bridge built in 1922. The new bridge will be placed in the same location as the existing bridge and will be a single span concrete structure on piles with two traffic lanes.

On November 7, 2007 the County adopted a MND for the project. The County determined that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation. Impacts identified as potentially significant related to biological resources; hazards and hazardous materials; utilities/service systems; cultural resources; hydrology/water quality; air quality and transportation/traffic. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, implementation of dust control measures during construction; preconstruction surveys to determine presence of wildlife; replacement of riparian trees at a ratio of 3:1; timing of grading and construction to coincide with the dry season and to avoid impacts to migration and nesting patterns; implementation of a spill prevention plan for potentially hazardous materials; and implementation of erosion control measures.

The project is estimated to cost \$1,542,000. The project is programmed for funding with STIP (\$177,000) and Highway Bridge Program (\$1,365,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2009/10. On September 23, 2009 the County provided confirmation that the scope addressed in the MND is consistent with the scope of work that is programmed in the STIP.

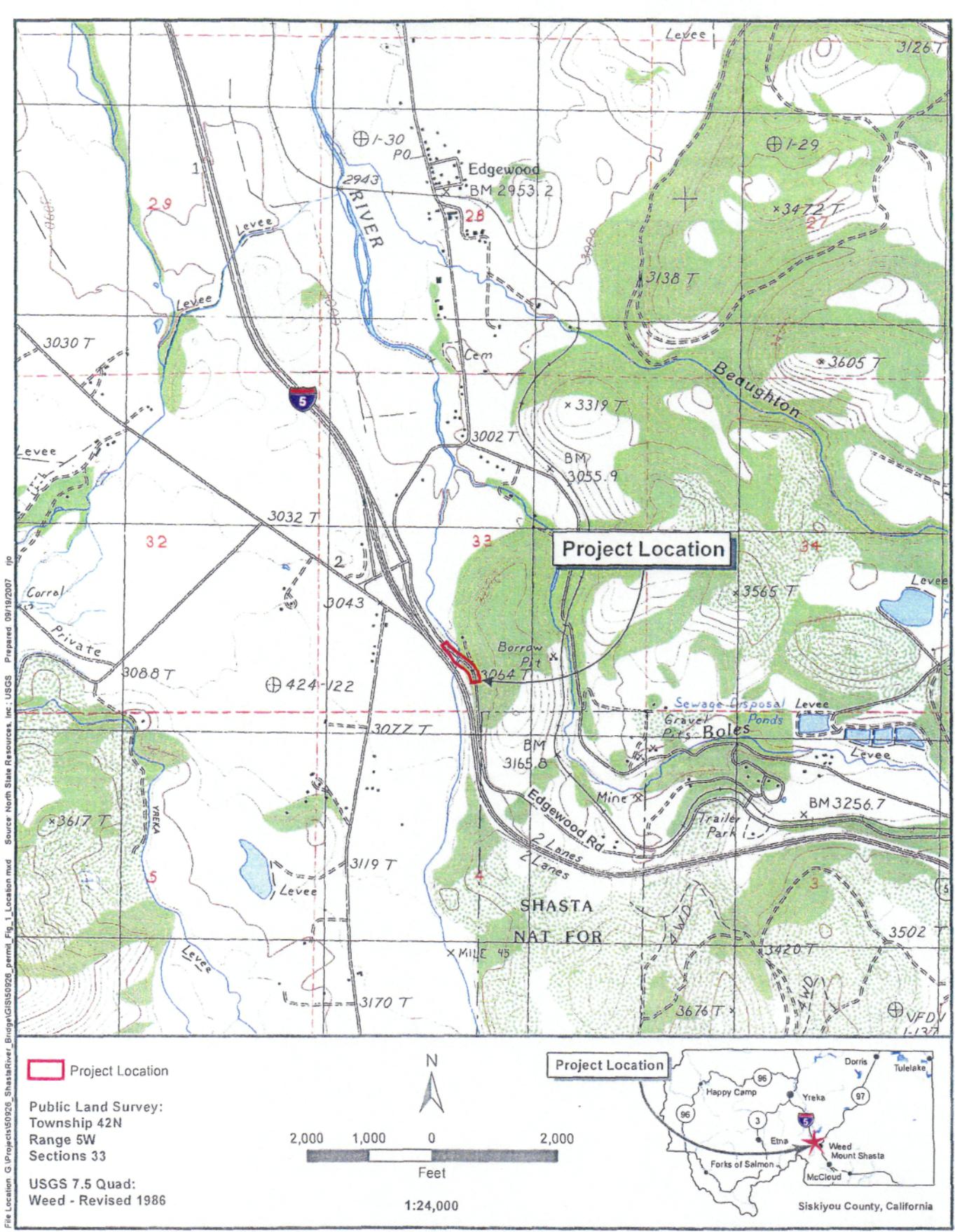
Attachments

- Resolution E-09-86
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Consideration of Funding 02-Siskiyou Resolution E-09-86

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the County of Siskiyou (County) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Shasta River Bridge Replacement Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the County Board of Supervisors has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project would replace Shasta River Bridge, bridge approaches and guard rail; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the County found that all significant or potentially significant impacts can be reduced by mitigation measures to a less than significant level; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the County Board of Supervisors approved the Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the above referenced project to allow for consideration of funding.



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Figure 1
Project Location and Vicinity