

# Memorandum

**To:** CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

**Date:** December 28, 2009

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Executive Director

**File:** Book Item 2.2c (2)  
Action

**Ref:** Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Bowman Road at South Fork Cottonwood Creek Bridge Replacement Project (Resolution E-10-02)

**ISSUE:** Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Bowman Road at South Fork Cottonwood Creek Bridge Replacement Project (project) in Tehama County and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

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

**BACKGROUND:** The County of Tehama (County) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On August 16, 2005 the County Board of Supervisors approved the project and determined that all significant environmental impacts related to the project could be avoided or reduced to a less than significant level after mitigation.

The project will construct a bridge over the South Fork of Cottonwood Creek located approximately 250 feet upstream of the existing bridge. The new bridge will eliminate the existing substandard curves of the old bridge.

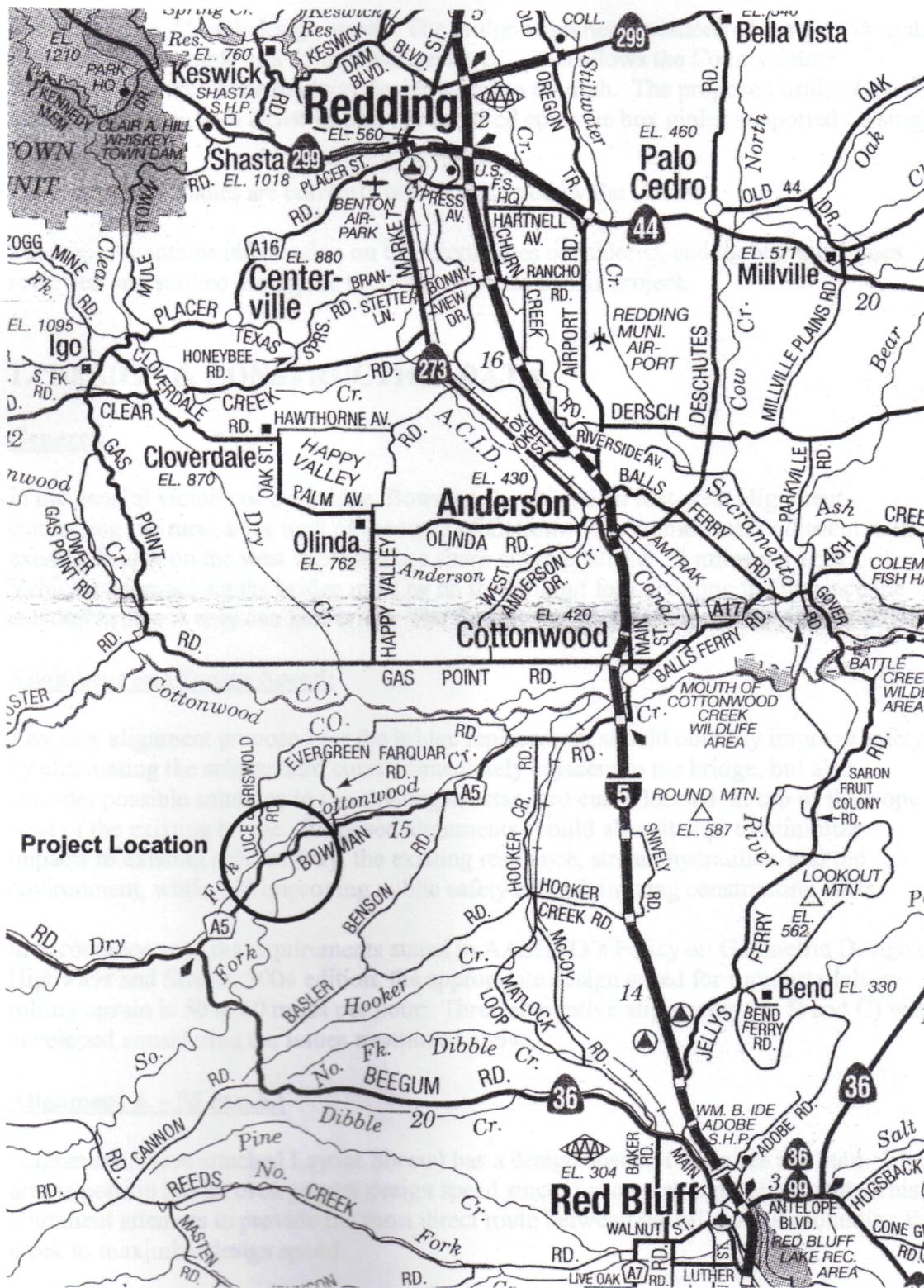
Impacts related to cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, aquatic habitat/water quality, special status species and jurisdictional wetlands were identified as having possible impacts requiring mitigation measures. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, implementation of erosion control measures during construction; erection of exclusionary fencing around elderberry shrubs; consultation with a qualified biologist; and implementation of measures to ensure that no net-loss of wetlands, on an acreage basis, occurs.

The project is estimated to cost \$10,380,000 and is fully funded with Proposition 1B Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit Account (\$803,000), STIP (\$565,000), Federal (\$8,984,000), and Local (\$28,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in FY 2009/10.

On November 18, 2009, the County provided confirmation that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project scope of work programmed by the Commission.

Attachment

- Resolution E-10-02
- Project Location



**Tehama County**  
**South Fork Cottonwood Creek Bridge @ Bowman Road**  
**Bridge No. 8C-0009**