

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: February 24-25, 2010

Reference No.: 2.5c.(6)
Action Item

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Subject: **FINANCIAL ALLOCATION AMENDMENT FOR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL
ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION PROGRAM PROJECT
RESOLUTION FP-09-30, AMENDING RESOLUTIONS FP-03-58 AND FP-03-25**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend Resolution FP-03-58, amending Resolution FP-03-25, to modify the description for the Muir Heritage Land Trust's Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) project (EEM 14-12) from McHarry Ranch Easement project to the Franklin Canyon Acquisition project.

ISSUE:

On January 22, 2004, the Commission approved Resolution FP-03-25 allocating \$5,000,000 for 19 EEM projects. The resolution was subsequently amended on June 17, 2004, under Resolution FP-03-58, to delete three projects that were no longer viable or would not be delivered through the EEM Program and to increase funding for one project.

The Muir Heritage Land Trust is requesting that the description for its project (Project 5 under Resolution FP-03-25 and FP-03-58 [EEM Project 14-12]) be revised from the McHarry Ranch Easement project to the Franklin Canyon Acquisition project. The modification is needed because the heirs of the original McHarry property will not agree to the purchase for preservation. The Franklin Canyon property on the opposite side of the wildlife habitat has been identified and will provide the same benefits. The recipient and grant amount will remain the same. It is expected that the Franklin Canyon property will be acquired before the June 30, 2010 deadline.

RESOLUTION:

Be it Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission does hereby amend the project description for the Muir Heritage Land Trust (Project 5 under Resolution FP-03-25 and FP-03-58) from McHarry Ranch Easement to Franklin Canyon Acquisition; and

Be it further Resolved, that it has been determined that the Franklin Canyon property will provide the same benefits as the original proposed property, with no increase in the amount of State funds; and

Be it further Resolved, that Resolution FP-03-58, amending Resolution FP-03-25, is hereby amended.

Attachment

2.5 Highway Financial Matters

Project # Allocation Amount Recipient RTPA/CTC District-County Legislative Districts	Project Title Location Project Description Project Funding	Project ID Program/Year Prog Amount	Budget Year Item # Program Codes	State Total Amount
2.5c.(6) Allocation Amendment - Local Assistance Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Projects			Resolution FP-09-30 Amending Resolutions FP-03-58 and FP-03-25	
5-1 \$250,000 Muir Heritage Land Trust MTC 04-Contra Costa Senate: 7 Assembly: 11	McHarry Ranch Easement Franklin Canyon Acquisition. The property is along the Franklin Ridge on the Martinez/Hercules border in northwest Contra Costa County, west of the Gustin property, north of Briones Regional Park and south of Carquinez Regional Shoreline Park. Acquire an additional 60 acres to expand the Franklin Canyon Acquisition project from 423 acres to 483 acres , conservation easement on 313.7 acres of the McHarry Ranch property to preserve wildlife habitat and agricultural land. (Contributions from other sources: \$437,400 \$2,372,000.)	#14-12 EEM / 03-04 \$250,000	2003-04 101-0183 20.30.207.811 EEM	\$250,000 \$250,000
		No Change to Original Allocation Amount		