

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action

Ref: Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Tauhindauli Park and Trails Project (Resolution E-10- 86)

ISSUE: Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Tauhindauli Park and Trails Project (project) in Siskiyou 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 City of Dunsmuir (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. In 2001, the City of Dunsmuir adopted a MND for the Tauhindauli Park and Trails Project. This MND addressed a community park and trails system, including a fishing platform adjacent to the Sacramento River and a paved handicap-access trail to the platform. The City of Dunsmuir has completed construction of most of the original, proposed project; however, the platform and access trail have not been constructed and are the subject of the addendum.

On July 19, 2010, the City prepared an addendum to the MND to consider minor revisions to the proposed project due to relocation of the proposed platform and access trail. The platform and access trail were originally proposed to be located just outside the eastern edge of the Park; the current proposal calls for the proposed platform and access trail to be located in the central area of the Park. The 2001 MND identified potential project-related impacts to cultural resources, geologic resources, noise, public services, recreation, and transportation and traffic. The City found the proposed changes would have the same impacts for either trail location. Mitigation measures included in the 2001 MND remain applicable. On August 19, 2010 the City approved the addendum.

According to the City, the estimated project cost for the platform and access trail is \$170,000. The project is fully funded in the STIP. Construction is estimated to begin FY 2010/11.

Attachments

- Resolution E-10-86
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 02 – Siskiyou County Resolution E-10-86

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Dunsmuir (City) has completed an Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Tauhindauli Park and Trails Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City 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 will construct a viewing platform and paved trail within the community park and trails system located in the City of Dunsmuir; 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 City 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 City adopted a Mitigation Monitoring program for the project; and
- 1.7 **WHEREAS**, the City approved the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.8 **WHEREAS**, the City subsequently approved an addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 15164 of the State CEQA Guidelines.
- 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 future consideration of funding.

