



**RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT AGENCY
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: November 17, 2015

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Publiished Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez PHONE: (559) 624-7010

SUBJECT: Streambed Alteration Agreement for the Avenue 416 Roadway Widening Project

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Streambed Alteration Agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Avenue 416 Roadway Widening Project; and
2. Authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement, after review and approval as to form by County Counsel.

SUMMARY:

The Avenue 416 Road Widening Project will widen an approximately 3-mile stretch of the existing two lane roadway to a four lane divided roadway, from the Tulare/Fresno County line (just east of the Road 32 alignment) to Road 56, just west of Dinuba. The 3-mile segment from the County line to Road 56 is only a part of the overall project to widen approximately 12-miles of the corridor, with Fresno County to the west and the City of Dinuba to the east, acting as the lead agencies for the other 9 miles.

Avenue 416 provides a direct connection for residents and industry in northern Tulare County to State Route 99, the region's main north-south transportation link. Avenue 416 carries a substantial amount of truck traffic that serves the area's agricultural activities, food processing plants, produce packing houses, container manufacturing plants, warehousing and distribution centers. Traffic volume projections to the year 2030 indicate that increased traffic volumes along the Avenue 416 corridor will result in unacceptable levels of service along the corridor.

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The purpose of the project is to improve traffic operations and reduce congestion along the Avenue 416 corridor and improve the regional transportation and circulation system in the northern portion of Tulare County.

On October 21, 2008 the Board of Supervisors approved (Resolution Number 2008-0803) a final environmental impact report (FEIR) pursuant to the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA) for the project. On April 28, 2009 the California Department of Transportation approved the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). There is no new information or modifications to the project that would require further environmental review.

The Streambed Alteration Agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Agreement) contains provisions to protect fish and wildlife resources including regulating potential impacts to listed and sensitive species, wildlife, birds, and vegetation. The Agreement also contains provisions that must be complied with during construction, including restrictions on vehicles and equipment within the live stream, provisions to minimize erosion and pollution, requirements for water diversions (if necessary) and channel restoration upon project completion. The Agreement requires the County to report to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) describing the work in the channel(s) and affirming compliance with the terms of the Agreement. The Agreement requires the County to perform pre-construction biological surveys and report the results of the survey to the CDFW. The County and any contractors hired by the County must comply with the terms of this Agreement for all activities in the channel.

This agreement must be executed prior to any construction activities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no net cost to the County General Fund for this project.

A one-time fee of \$4,912.25 was paid in advance to the CDFW as part of the application process to obtain this Agreement. That fee was paid by the Roads Fund, but will be fully reimbursed by Measure R Funds (Tulare County Agreement No. 24962)

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

This Project will enhance the safety and security of the public by improving the transportation infrastructure for both the general population in the region and the motorists using this facility.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF STREAMBED)
ALTERATION AGREEMENT FOR THE) Resolution No. _____
AVENUE 416 ROADWAY WIDENING) Agreement No. _____
PROJECT)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 17, 2015, BY
THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA, INTERIM
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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Attachment A – Vicinity Map

