

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

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZATION TO )  
BID BEAR CREEK ROAD OVER ) Resolution No. 2018-0673  
RANCHERIA CREEK BRIDGE PROJECT )

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR VANDER POEL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ENNIS, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD AUGUST 14, 2018, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: SUPERVISORS CROCKER, VANDER POEL, SHUKLIAN, WORTHLEY,  
AND ENNIS  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE



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

BY: Mary Ronello  
Deputy Clerk

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1. Approved the Plans, Special Provisions, Proposal and Contract ("Bid Documents") for the Construction of the Bear Creek Road over Rancheria Creek Bridge Project;
2. Authorized the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Plans;
3. Approved the Advertisement for Bids of the Bear Creek Road over Rancheria Creek Bridge Project.



**Resource Management  
Agency  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

KUYLER CROCKER  
District One

PETE VANDER POEL  
District Two

AMY SHUKLIAN  
District Three

J. STEVEN WORTHLEY  
District Four

MIKE ENNIS  
District Five

**AGENDA DATE:** August 14, 2018

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 Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
County Counsel Sign-Off	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input 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 type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez    PHONE: (559) 624-7010		

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**REQUEST(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Plans, Special Provisions, Proposal and Contract ("Bid Documents") for the Construction of the Bear Creek Road over Rancheria Creek Bridge Project; and
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Plans; and
3. Approve the Advertisement for Bids of the Bear Creek Road over Rancheria Creek Bridge Project.

**SUMMARY:**

The County, in cooperation with Caltrans, is proposing to replace the existing Bear Creek Road (M220) Bridge with a new clear-span post-tensioned voided concrete flat slab bridge over Rancheria Creek. The bridge is located approximately 3.5 miles east of Balch Park Road, northeast of the community of Springville. The existing structure was constructed in 1954, and qualifies to receive federal funding for replacement because the existing single lane bridge is fracture critical and too narrow, thus not meeting current standards for bridge width.

The existing bridge will be replaced with an approximately 72-foot long by 30-foot wide, two lane bridge on an alignment located about 12 feet north of the existing

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bridge alignment. The new structure, designed to meet current engineering standards, will accommodate two 10-ft lanes with 3-ft shoulders. To accommodate the slight shift in roadway alignment, Bear Creek Road will be repaved approximately 150 feet to the west and 210 feet to the east of the bridge limits. The replacement bridge will be assembled in multiple stages to eliminate the need for a lengthy detour and limit impacts to local residents and businesses.

Construction is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2018, and should take approximately 15 months to complete all work.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) was satisfied with a previous filing of the Notice of Determination (NOD) on October 13, 2016.

Due to lack of available Highway Bridge Program (HBP) construction funds, combined with the need to start this project as soon as possible and minimize multi-year construction season impacts to residents and tourists, the County will be using Advance Construction (AC) funding. AC is one of the programming tools established by the HBP to allow local agencies to expedite project construction in advance of federal funding appropriations. Although AC funding guidelines require that Tulare County may need to front all construction costs prior to federal funding appropriation, staff anticipates receiving funds around November 2018. Once the funds are available, the County may begin seeking federal reimbursement. It should be noted that AC procedures have been successfully used on previous bridge projects (M319 South Fork Kaweah River and Road 182 Deep Creek).

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

No Net County Cost.

The total cost for the construction phase is estimated to be \$1,452,000, which consists of approximately \$1,147,826 in construction costs, \$114,783 in contingencies and \$189,391 in construction engineering costs.

County Road Funds will be used to fund the construction and construction engineering phase of the project, which will be fully reimbursed by Federal Highway Bridge Program funds.

**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.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**



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Reed Schenke, P.E.  
Director

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Attachment A – Vicinity Map  
Attachment B – Notice of Determination  
Attachment C – Bid Documents (On file with the Clerk of the Board)

## **Attachment A - Vicinity Map**

FRITZ

YOKHOL VALLEY

**Bear Creek Road at Rancheria Creek Bridge**

COUNTY RTE 276

STEWART

Blue Oak

HARRIS  
BALCH PARK

RIO VISTA

ALCH PARK

WISHON

ALDER

Springville

WADDELL

AVENUE 196

ROAD 276

AVENUE 176

ROAD 320

SUCCESS VALLEY

GLOBE  
MUSTANG

INDIAN RESERVATION

Porterville

HOLWORTHY

ROAD 248  
FOURTH  
ROAD 256

LIME  
LYNCH

ROAD 276

ROAD 284

ROAD 298

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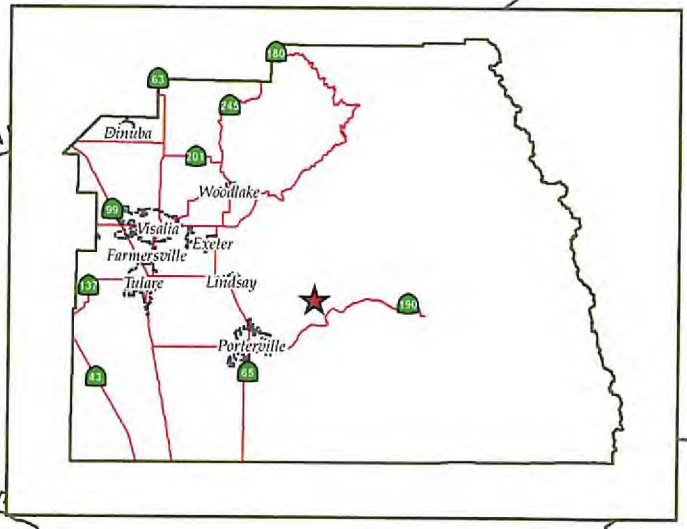
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## **Attachment B - Notice of Determination**

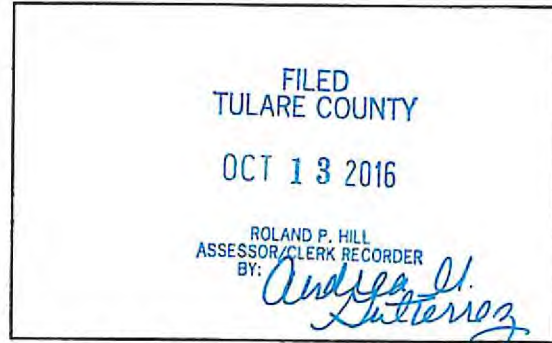
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Fee Exempt Per Government Code Section 1603

To: Tulare County Clerk
Room 105, Courthouse
221 South Mooney Blvd.

Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 624-7000

Applicant(s): County of Tulare; Public Works, (559) 624-7000
5961 S. Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277



Date filed at Tulare County Clerk's Office

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

Project Title: Bear Creek Road over Rancheria Creek Bridge Project [Bridge Number 46C-0162, BRLO-5946(117)]

State Clearinghouse Number: 2016031049

Contact Person: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner Telephone Number: 559-624-7121

Project Location: Bear Creek Road over Rancheria Creek, approximately 3.4 miles east of Balch Park Road northeast of the Town of Springville, CA.

Project Description/Case File No: The proposed project will replace the existing narrow, one-lane functionally obsolete bridge along Bear Creek Road crossing Rancheria Creek with a new bridge structure. The approximate limits of the Project are 430 total feet in length. The new bridge will clear-span approximately 68-ft from east-to-west banks of Rancheria Creek while the roadway approaches will be approximately 150-ft west and 210-ft east of the bridge (creek) limits. The new bridge is approximately 30-ft wide which includes two 10-ft lanes, two 3-ft shoulders, and "open-style" concrete barrier rails. The 26-ft wide roadway (at the bridge) will narrow to taper to the existing roadway width. The bridge will consist of a cast-in-place pre-stressed concrete voided slab and will have an approximately 21-ft clear height when measured from the bottom of Rancheria Creek. Bridge construction will require drilled pile shafts at the abutments and no bridge supports will be located within the limits of the creek. Construction will be staged and no traffic detours or road closures will be required.

This is to advise that the TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS has approved the above-described project on October 11, 2016, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

- 1. The project ( ) will (X) will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
2. ( ) A Final Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
(X) A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
The environmental document and record of project approval may be examined at:
5961 S Mooney Blvd., Visalia CA 93277
3. Mitigation Measures (X) were ( ) were not made a condition of approval of the project.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations ( ) was (X) was not adopted for the project.

By: [Signature] Date 10/13/16
Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner

- (X) Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Fees Req'd.
( ) E.I.R.
(X) MND
( ) N.D.

By: [Signature] Date: 10/13/16
Benjamin Ruiz, Jr.; Director and Environmental Assessment Officer

Cc: California, Dept. of Fish & Game, 1416 Ninth St., 12th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814

Note: Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resource Code; Reference: Sections 21108, 21152 and 21167, Public Resource Code.