



Resource Management Agency COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: November 19, 2019

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"/>
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

SUBJECT: Authorization to Bid M348 over South Fork Kaweah River Bridge Project

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Plans, Special Provisions, Proposal and Contract ("Bid Documents") for the Construction of the M348 over South Fork Kaweah River Bridge Project (Three Rivers); and
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Plans; and
3. Approve the Advertisement for Bids of the M348 over South Fork Kaweah River Bridge Project.

SUMMARY:

The County, in cooperation with Caltrans, proposes to replace the existing functionally obsolete (narrow) and fracture critical bridge on Mountain Road 348 (M348) over the South Fork Kaweah River. The project is located approximately 10 miles southeast of the community of Three Rivers. The existing structure (constructed in 1952) will be replaced with a wider one-lane, clear-span, steel girder bridge with precast or cast-in-place concrete deck panels. Also located approximately 0.42 miles from Sequoia National Park, this bridge primarily serves recreational and forestry vehicles traveling to South Fork Campground at the terminus of South Fork Drive.

The existing bridge will be replaced with an approximately 94-foot long by 18.5-foot wide, one lane bridge. Due to the lack of an available detour and to accommodate

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traffic during construction, the new bridge will be located about 30 feet north of the existing bridge alignment. M348 will be realigned approximately 200 feet west and 180 feet east of the bridge limits to account for the slight shift in bridge alignment. The new structure, designed to meet current engineering standards, will accommodate one 15-ft lane.

Construction is anticipated to begin in February of 2020, and should take approximately 9 months to complete all work.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) was satisfied with a previous filing of the Notice of Determination (NOD) on April 4, 2019.

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 park users, 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 December 2019. Once the funds are available, the County may begin seeking federal reimbursement. It should be noted that AC procedures have been successfully used on several past bridge projects (M319 South Fork Kaweah River, Road 182 Deep Creek and most recently, Bear Creek Road over Rancheria Creek).

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is No Net County Cost to the General Fund.

The total cost for the construction phase is estimated to be \$2,750,000, which consists of approximately \$2,173,000 in construction costs, \$217,000 in contingencies and \$360,000 in construction engineering costs.

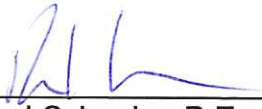
County Road Funds will be used to fund the construction and construction engineering phases of the project, which will be fully reimbursed by Federal Highway Bridge Program funds.

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:



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)

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

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZATION TO) Resolution No. _____
BID M348 OVER SOUTH FORK KAWEAH) Agreement No. _____
RIVER BRIDGE PROJECT)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 19, 2019,
BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

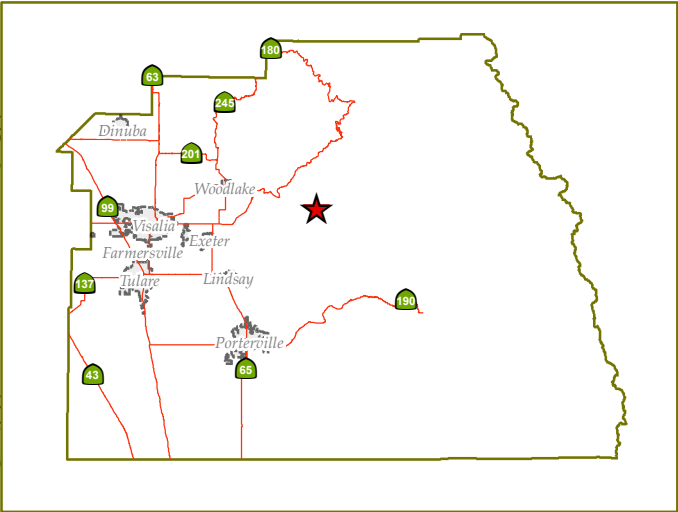
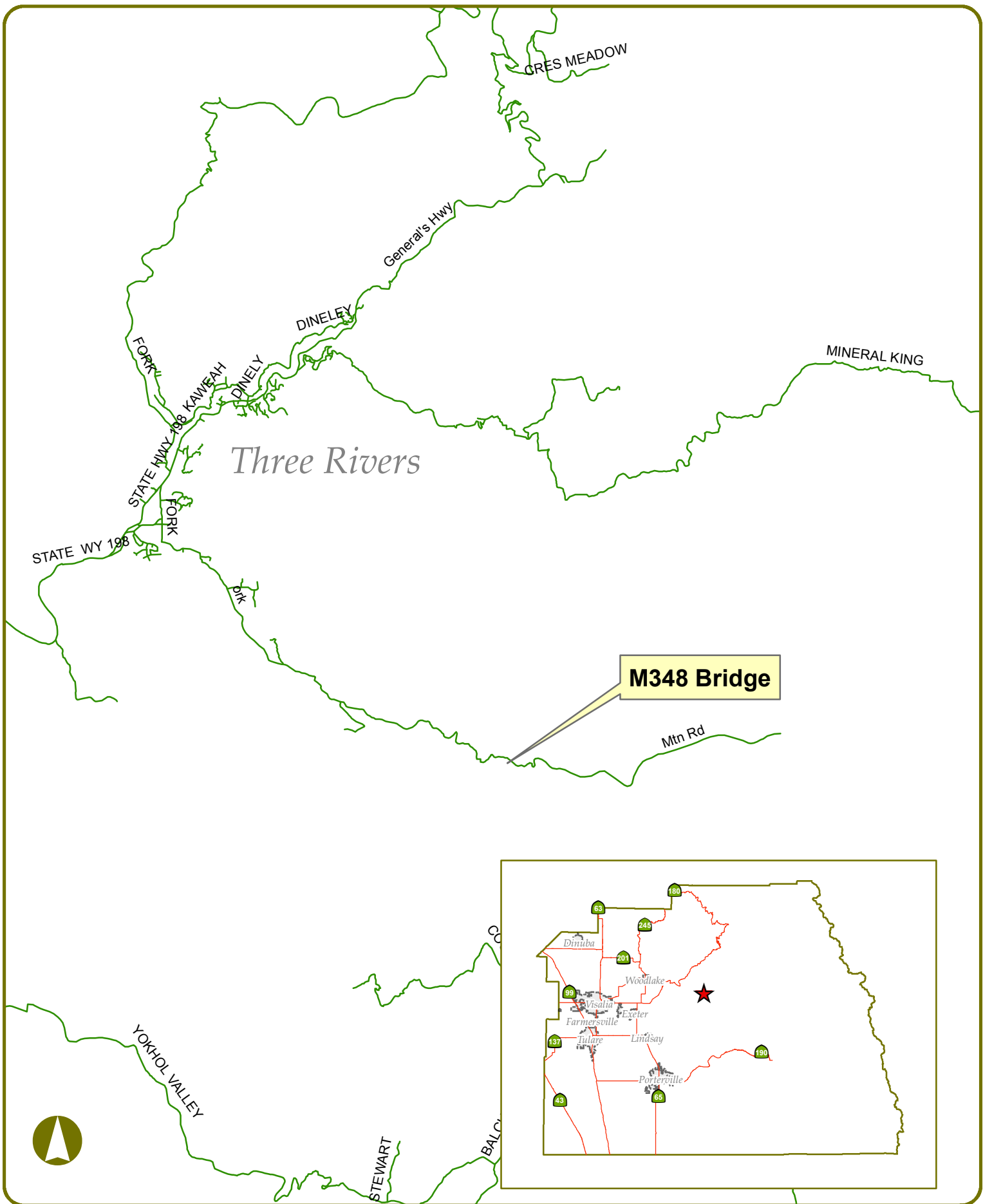
BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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Attachment A

Vicinity Map



Attachment B

Notice of Determination

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: ☒ Tulare County Clerk
Room 105, Courthouse
221 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93291

☐ Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 624-7000
Attn: hguerra@co.tulare.ca.us

<p>FILED TULARE COUNTY</p> <p>APR 04 2019</p> <p>ROLAND P. HILL ASSESSOR/CLERK RECORDER BY:</p>
<p>DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING AT TULARE COUNTY CLERK</p>

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

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

Project Title: M348 South Fork Kaweah River Bridge (No. 46C0195) Replacement Project

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019011029

Contact Person: Hector Guerra **Telephone Number:** 559-624-7121

Project Location: The Project is located on County of Tulare mountain road M348 over the South Fork Kaweah River, approximately 10 miles southeast of the unincorporated community of Three Rivers and SR 198, in Tulare County within Sections 23 & 24 of Township 18 South, Range 29 East, MDBM.

Project Description: The Project consists of the replacement of an existing, paved bridge on M348 crossing South Fork Kaweah River. The purpose of the project is to provide continuous access at M348 where it crosses the South Fork Kaweah River and to replace a functionally obsolete facility while reducing the maintenance and repair costs. The Project will provide a permanent, durable structure designed to accommodate a 100-year design storm within the South Fork of the Kaweah River.

This is to advise that the **TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**, as ☒ Lead Agency ☐ Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on **April 2, 2019**, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:


1. The project [☐ will ☒ will not] have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
2. [☐ A Final Environmental Impact Report, ☒ Mitigated Negative Declaration, ☐ Negative Declaration] was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation Measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of approval of this project.

4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provision of CEQA.

This is to certify that the environmental document and record of project approval is available to the General Public and may be examined at: Tulare County Resource Management Agency, 5961 S Mooney Blvd., Visalia CA 93277.

By: 
Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner

Date: 4/2/19

By: 
Reed Schenke, P.E., Director and Environmental Assessment Officer

Date: 4.2.19

- ☒ Signed by Lead Agency
☐ Signed by Applicant

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.