



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: July 27, 2010

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)						
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CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez PHONE: (559) 624-7010						

SUBJECT: Richgrove Drive Functional Classification

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Request that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) change the function classification of Richgrove Drive between County Line Road (Avenue 0) and Sierra Avenue (Avenue 56) from minor collector to major collector as identified in Exhibit A;
2. Direct Resource Management Agency (RMA) staff to submit to the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) a request for concurrence of the requested change; and
3. Direct RMA staff, upon receipt of concurrence by TCAG, to submit the requested change to Caltrans.

SUMMARY:

The state of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) maintains the California Road System (CRS) maps for the state of California. These maps identify every public road in the state and classifies them within a functional classification system. A road segment can be classified as interstate to local and within an urban area (such as an incorporated city) or a rural area (such as an unincorporated county). An interstate highway provides a high level of mobility moving people and goods quickly from major city to major city; a local road provided access to adjacent property and land use. The intervening

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classifications provide varying degrees of mobility and access: The higher the classification more the mobility and less the access. The functional classification of a road segment is established based on the purpose of the road.

Federal transportation policy only allows the expenditure of federal transportation monies on certain functionally classified roadway; federal transportation monies cannot be spent on local or minor collector roadways the two (2) lowest classifications.

Kern County is in the process of changing the functional classification of Famoso-Porterville Highway between Whisler Road, southeast of McFarland, and County Line Road (see CRS map sheet 11R) from a minor collector to a major collector thus making it eligible to receive federal funding. The Famoso-Porterville Highway becomes Richgrove Drive when it enters into Tulare County. Richgrove Drive extends from County Line Road (Avenue 0) to Sierra Avenue (Avenue 56) passing through the community of Richgrove (see CRS maps sheets 11Q55, 11R14 and 11R15). Caltrans is suggesting that Tulare County consider changing Richgrove Drive to a major collector to provide continuity in functional classification between Whisler Road in Kern County and State Route 65 west of the community of Ducor in Tulare County.

During the preparation of the update to the Tulare County General Plan, the County's road network was modeled to estimate the traffic expected in the year 2030 resulting from growth in the County (including the incorporated cities). The Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) traffic model is indicating that Richgrove Drive between Avenue 56 (and State Route 65) and the community of Richgrove will carry approximately 10,000 vehicles per day in the year 2030. The current annual average daily traffic (AADT) ranges from a low of 2,000 vehicles per day to a high of 5,300 vehicles per day in the community of Richgrove.

Although the federal guidance documents do not provide AADT thresholds to distinguish one functional classification from another (the guidance documents speak more to connectivity issues between communities and land use), the projected AADT for the year 2030 shows the connectivity between the community of Richgrove, and points south and west, to the communities of Ducor, Terra Bella and city of Porterville, and points north. As such there is some logic in raising the functional classification from minor collector to major collector for Richgrove Drive. This will make this segment of roadway in Tulare County consistent with that in Kern County and allow Tulare County to spend federal monies on road maintenance should it be so inclined to do so.

Once the Board has acted on and approved the request, TCAG will be asked to take an action concurring with the County. Once TCAG concurs with the request it will be submitted to Caltrans for processing. Upon approval by Caltrans, the CRS maps will be updated to reflect the change.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no net cost to the County General Fund. By changing the function classification the County will be able to spend federal transportation funding on the maintenance of Richgrove Drive.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

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

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not request that Caltrans consider the County's request to change the functional classification for Richgrove Drive from minor collector to major collector. This would make the roadway segment inconsistent with the function classification being sought by Kern County and would not allow Tulare County to spend federal funding to maintain the roadway segment.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

County of Kern, Tulare County Association of Governments, Caltrans

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Britt L. Fussel, P.E.
Assistant Director—Public Works
County Surveyor

cc: Auditor/Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) Exhibit A
Location Map
CRS Map 11Q55
CRS Map 11R14
CRS Map 11R15
CRS Map 11R

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

IN THE MATTER OF RICHGROVE DRIVE) RESOLUTION NO. _____
FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD JULY 27, 2010 ,
BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

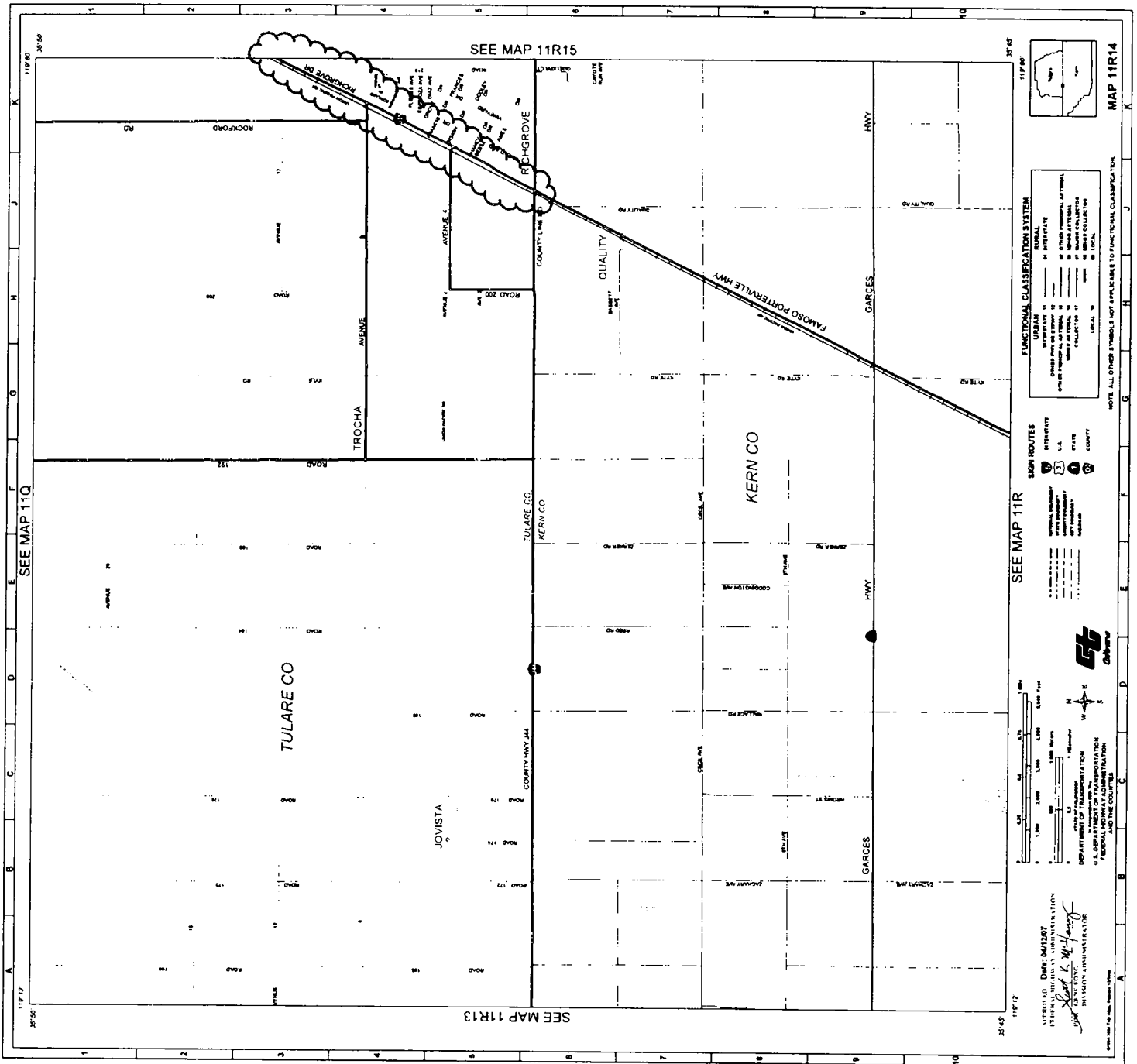
AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
 COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
 CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
 Deputy Clerk

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1. Requested that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) change the function classification of Richgrove Drive between County Line Road (Avenue 0) and Sierra Avenue (Avenue 56) from minor collector to major collector as identified in Exhibit A;
2. Directed Resource Management Agency (RMA) staff to submit to the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) a request for concurrence of the requested change; and
3. Directed RMA staff, upon receipt of concurrence by TCAG, to submit the requested change to Caltrans.



SEE MAP 110

SEE MAP 11R15

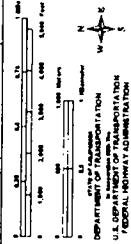
SEE MAP 11R13

FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

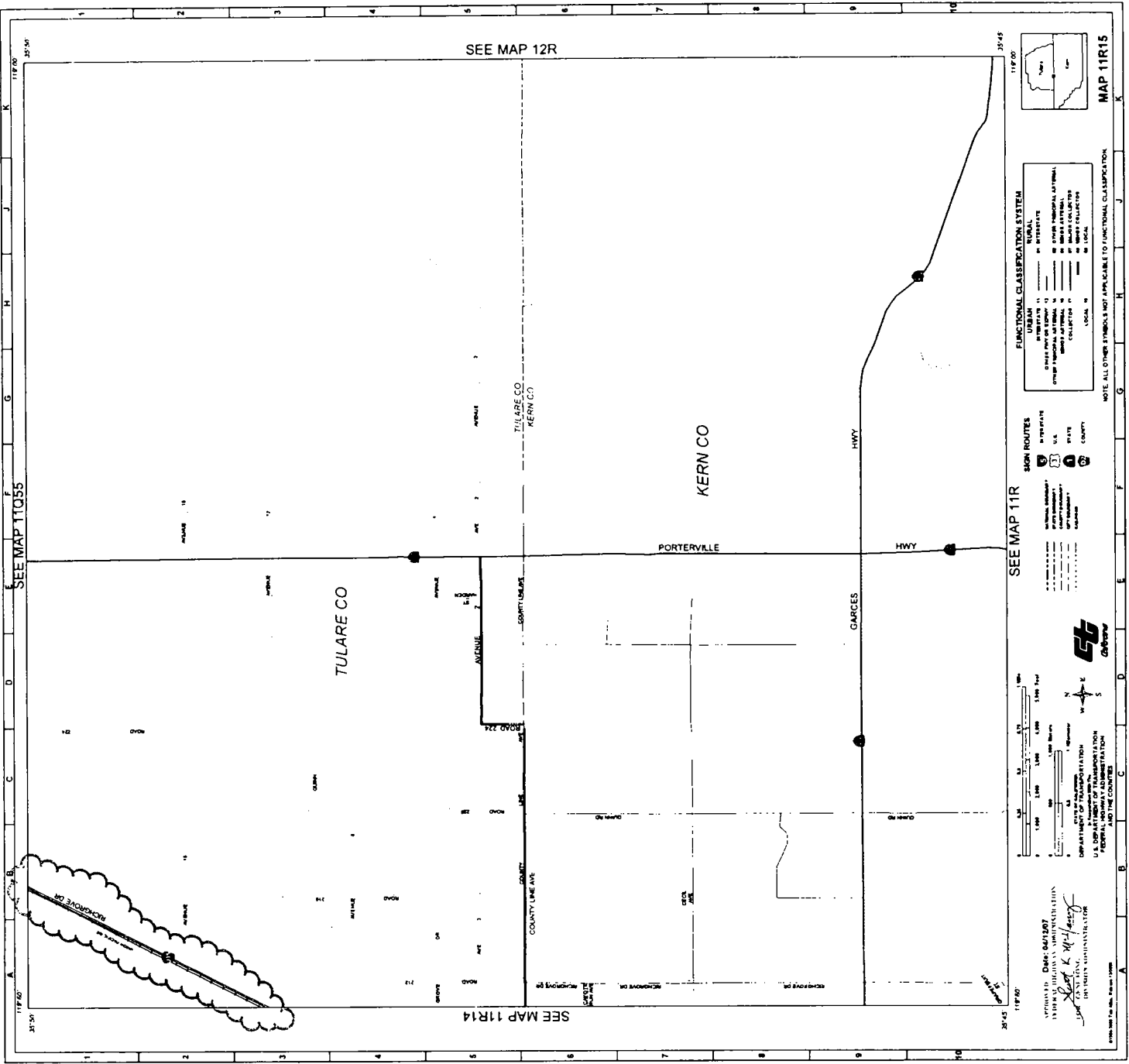
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INTERSTATE 11	INTERSTATE
STATE HIGHWAY	STATE HIGHWAY
COUNTY HIGHWAY	COUNTY HIGHWAY
MUNICIPAL HIGHWAY	MUNICIPAL HIGHWAY
LOCAL	LOCAL

SIGN ROUTES

STATE HIGHWAY	COUNTY HIGHWAY
MUNICIPAL HIGHWAY	LOCAL
INTERSTATE	STATE HIGHWAY
COUNTY HIGHWAY	MUNICIPAL HIGHWAY
LOCAL	LOCAL



APPROVED: **DAVID GARDNER**
 COUNTY ENGINEER
 TULARE COUNTY
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 FEDERAL AID DISTRICT OFFICE
 TULARE AND KERN COUNTIES

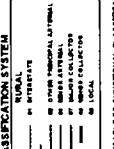


SEE MAP 12R

SEE MAP 11R14

118° 00' 30" W

118° 00' 30" W



FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

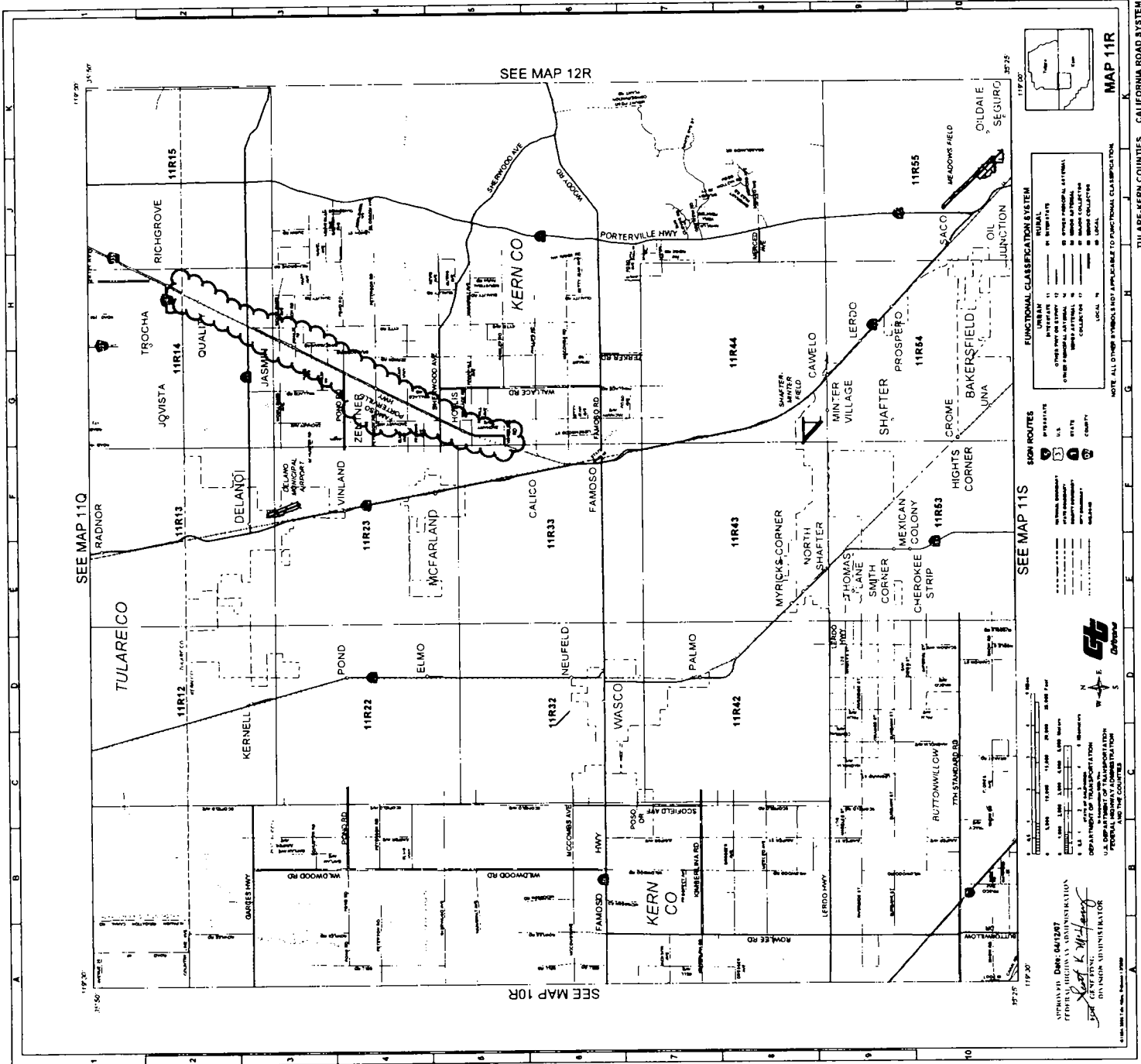
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2. STATE HIGHWAY	2. STATE HIGHWAY
3. COUNTY HIGHWAY	3. COUNTY HIGHWAY
4. LOCAL HIGHWAY	4. LOCAL HIGHWAY
5. OTHER HIGHWAY	5. OTHER HIGHWAY
6. COLLECTOR	6. COLLECTOR
7. LOCAL	7. LOCAL

SHOW ROUTES

1. INTERSTATE	2. STATE HIGHWAY	3. COUNTY HIGHWAY	4. LOCAL HIGHWAY
5. OTHER HIGHWAY	6. COLLECTOR	7. LOCAL	8. LOCAL



APPROVED: 0466 04/19/07
 TULARE-KERN COUNTIES
 CALIFORNIA
 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
 FOR THE COUNTY



119° 20'

SEE MAP 11Q

119° 30'

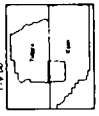
SEE MAP 12R

SEE MAP 10R

119° 00'

SEE MAP 11S

119° 20'



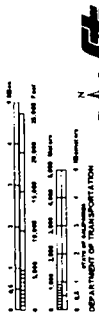
FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

ROUTE TYPE	STATE	COUNTY	LOCAL
INTERSTATE	1	2	3
STATE HIGHWAY	4	5	6
COUNTY HIGHWAY	7	8	9
LOCAL ROAD	10	11	12

NOTE: ALL OTHER SYMBOLS ARE SUBJECT TO FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION.

ROAD ROUTES

ROUTE TYPE	STATE	COUNTY	LOCAL
INTERSTATE	1	2	3
STATE HIGHWAY	4	5	6
COUNTY HIGHWAY	7	8	9
LOCAL ROAD	10	11	12



APPROVED: DATE: 04/12/87
 FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 FEDERAL ROAD ADMINISTRATION
 TULARE AND KERN COUNTIES

John K. McHenry
 DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR