



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

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**AGENDA DATE:** November 13, 2012

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 type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" 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"/>
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**SUBJECT:** Presentation by Public Works Branch on Road Operations Overview

**REQUEST(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:  
Receive a presentation regarding an update to the overview of the Resource Management Agency's Road Operations Division.

**SUMMARY:**  
The Resource Management Agency's Public Works Branch is responsible for the maintenance of 398 bridges and 3,004 miles of roads within the County of Tulare's jurisdiction. The Road Operations Division is involved in the engineering, transportation planning, construction and maintenance of these facilities.

On April 17, 2012, the Public Works Branch made a presentation to your Board discussing road work completed in the prior year, completed and road work remaining during the present year and roadwork to be completed during the 2012/13 fiscal year. The presentation also discussed the challenges of maintaining the County's Road System. This presentation will provide your Board with an update to the progress of the work completed to date.

Beginning in January 2013 there may be a dramatic change in the way road maintenance operations are undertaken in Tulare County. Assembly Bill 720 (Hall) amended Public Contract Code Section 22031 to limit the amount of new road construction and road reconstruction that may be performed by County forces (force account) pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 20395(c). Public Contract Code

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Section 22031(b)(2) states: “New road construction and road reconstruction as long as the total annual value of the new road construction and the road reconstruction performed under the procedures set forth in subdivision (c) of Section 20395 does not exceed 30 percent of the total value of all work performed by force account other than maintenance as reported in the Controller’s Street and Roads Annual Report as of January 1 of each year”. Assembly Bill 720 is only applicable to counties that have elected to participate in the Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Act (Public Contract Code Sections 22000 – 22045). Tulare County elected to become subject to the Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Act in February 1995.

For Measure R maintained roads, which are primarily in the communities, the County uses a grind, remix, and overlay strategy; the final riding course is a 0.1 foot overlay. Pursuant to the *Instructions for Preparing the Annual Road Report* the placement of an overlay to a thickness greater than one inch is considered reconstruction. Therefore, the strategy we currently use in communities on Measure R funded projects would treat the projects as reconstruction and the County would be limited by the 30 percent force account rule in Public Contract Code Section 22031.

Assembly Bill 720 also requires that any county acting pursuant Public Contract Code Section 22031(b)(2) shall declare its intention prior to commencing work. Staff will return to the Board at a subsequent meeting to declare its intent should that be necessary.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

There is no net County cost to the General Fund.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County’s Five-Year Strategic Plan includes the Safety and Security Initiative which addresses improving and maintaining an adequate transportation infrastructure.



