

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 28-29, 2012

Reference No.: 2.2c. (1)
Action

From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE 99W AT THOMES CREEK BRIDGE
REPLACEMENT PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-12-14)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the 99W at Thomes Creek Bridge Replacement Project (project) in Tehama County and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission accept the MND and approve the project for future consideration of funding.

BACKGROUND:

Tehama County Public Works (County) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On March 20, 2012 the County adopted the MND and found that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology/soils, hazards and hazardous material, hydrology/water quality, noise, and transportation/traffic. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, establishing a buffer zone of 100-feet or greater around elderberry shrubs; refueling equipment at designated construction staging areas; implementing temporary erosion and runoff control measures during construction; and minimizing the extent of construction staging areas to minimize the amount of land disturbed at one time.

On March 20, 2012 the County confirmed that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project scope of work programmed by the Commission.

The project is estimated to cost \$12,624,000 and is programmed with State (\$1,398,000) funds, Federal (\$11,176,000) funds, and Local (\$50,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2013/14.

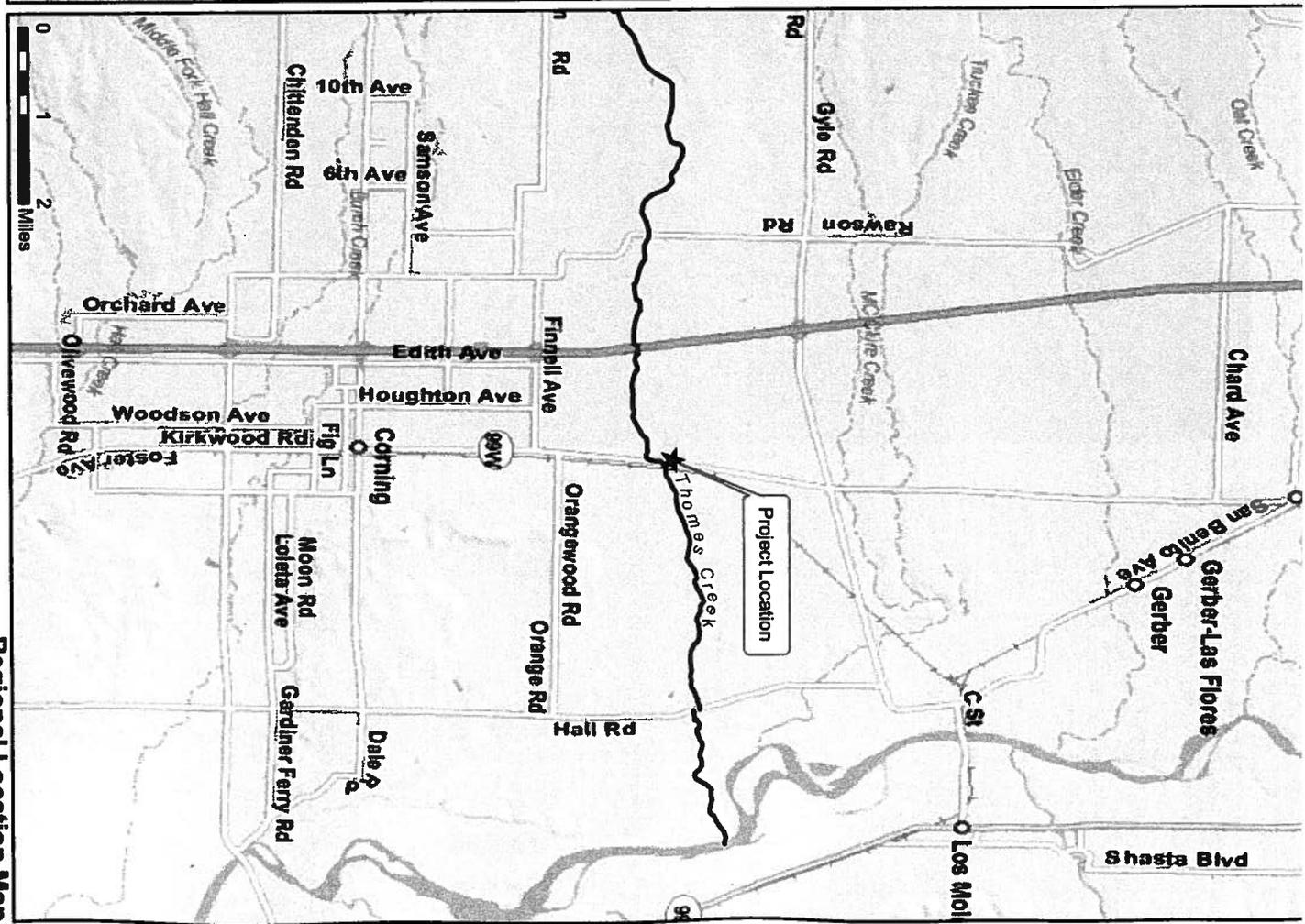
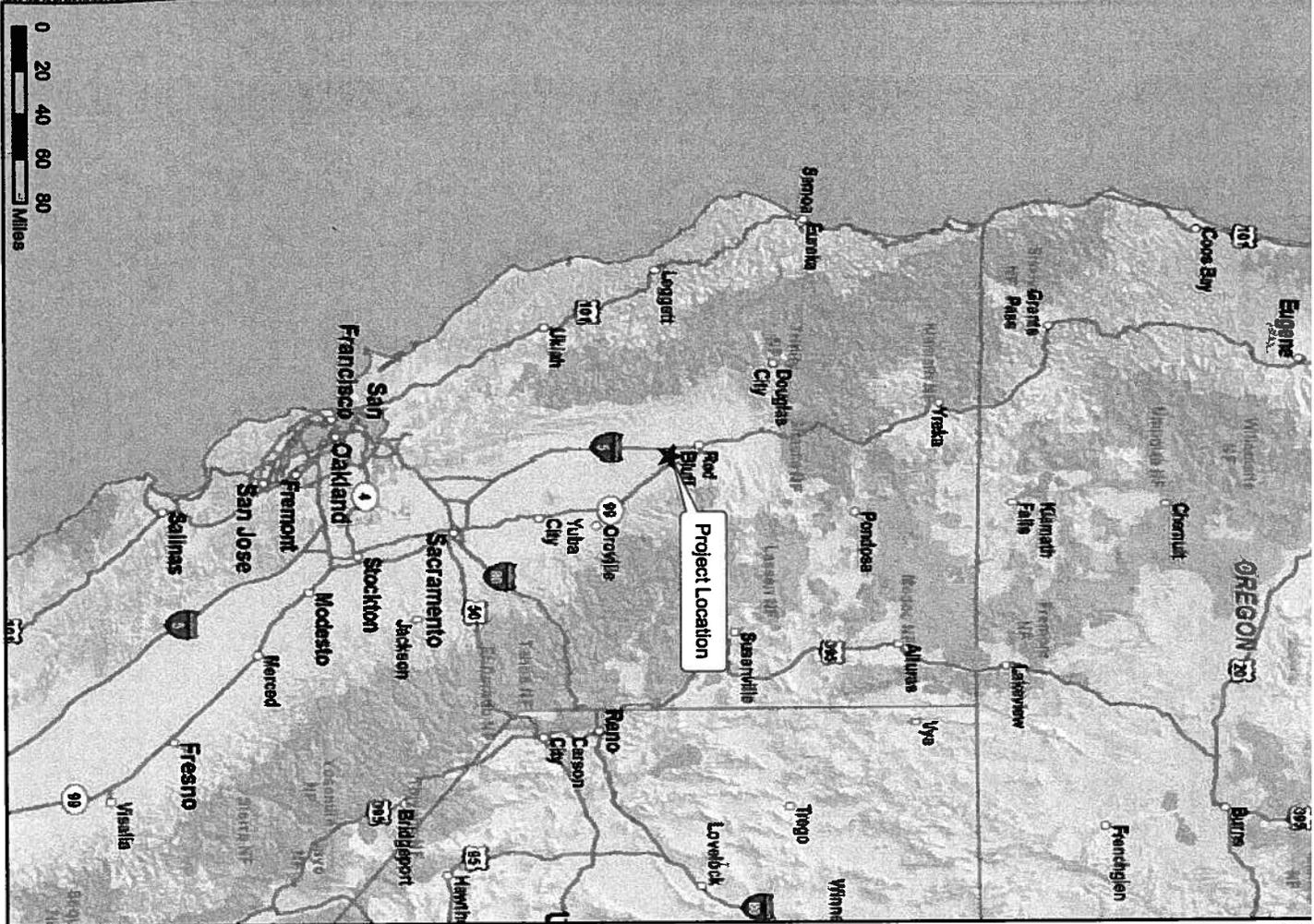
Attachment

- Resolution E-12-14
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 02 – Tehama County Resolution E-12-14

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, Tehama County Public Works (County) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - 99W at Thomes Creek Bridge Replacement Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the County has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project will construct a new bridge over Thomes Creek in Tehama County; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the County found that all significant or potentially significant impacts can be reduced by mitigation measures to a less than significant level; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the County adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.7 **WHEREAS**, the County adopted a Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program for the project.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.



Regional Location Map

Figure 1

99W at Thomas Creek Bridge Project

