

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 27-28, 2012

Reference No.: 2.2c. (3)
Action



From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE NEW YORK CREEK TRAIL EAST
PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-12-36)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the New York Creek Trail East Project (project) in El Dorado 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:

The El Dorado County Department of Transportation (County) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On January 24, 2012 the County adopted the MND and found that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

The project is located in the El Dorado Hills community in El Dorado County. The project will construct a multi-use trail between Silva Valley Parkway and Tam O'Shanter Drive.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to biological resources. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, avoiding sensitive biological areas during construction; conducting pre-construction surveys for special-status species and implementing construction measures to reduce impacts; and conducting pre-construction surveys for nesting birds and establishing construction-free buffer zones around active nest sites.

On May 22, 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 will be constructed in two phases. Phase I is fully funded. Phase one is estimated to cost \$245,894 and is programmed with State (\$170,000) funds and Local (\$75,894) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2012/13.

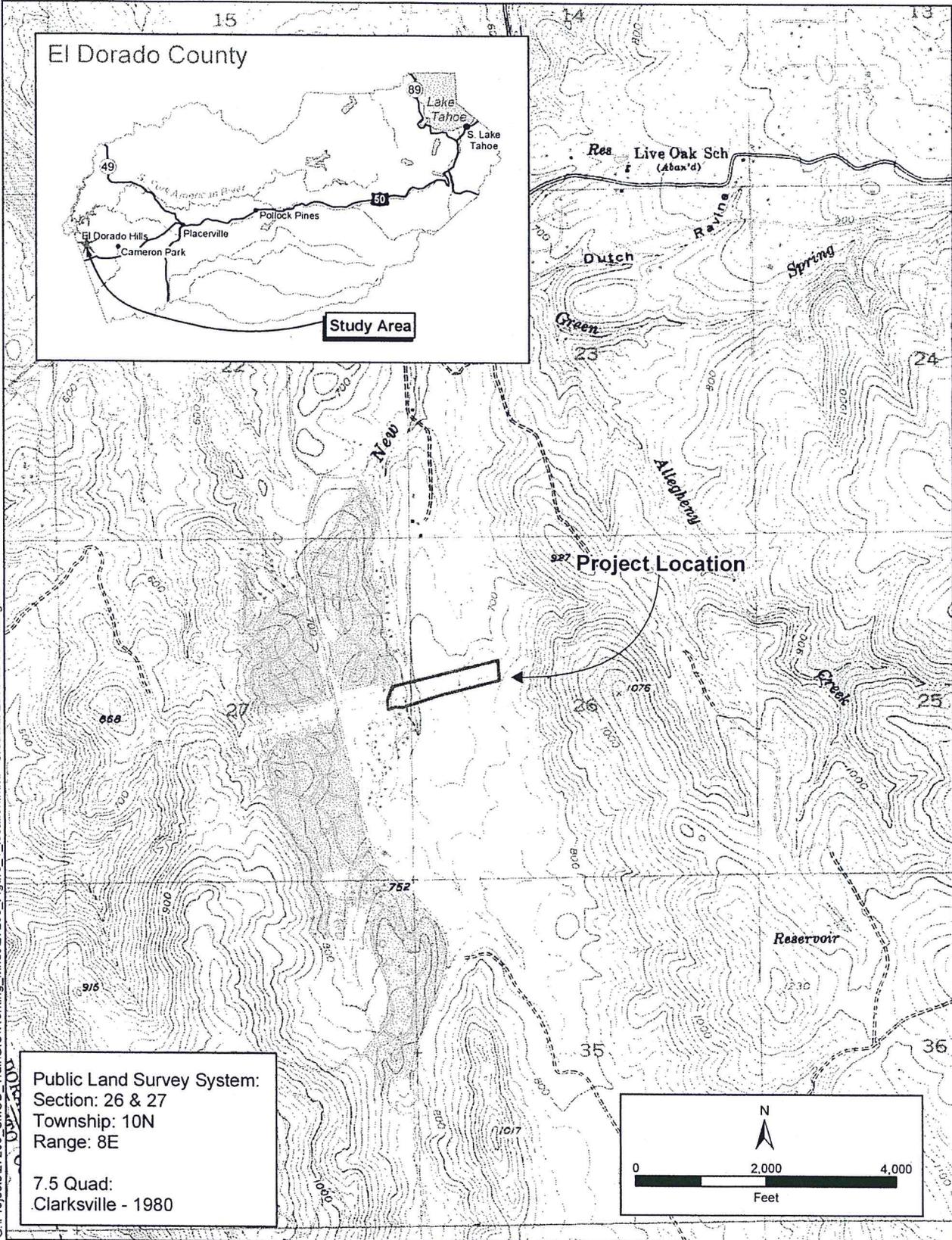
Attachment

- Resolution E-12-36
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 03 – El Dorado County Resolution E-12-36

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the El Dorado County Department of Transportation (County) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - New York Creek Trail East 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 multi-use trail between Silva Valley Parkway and Tam O'Shanter Drive, in the El Dorado Hills Community, El Dorado 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.



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Project Location and Vicinity