Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 27-28, 2012

Reference No.: 2.2c.(14)
Action

From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE LAS VEGAS-SAN PEDRO CREEKS CAPACITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-12-48)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Las Vegas-San Pedro Creeks Capacity Improvement Project (project) in Santa Barbara 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 Santa Barbara County Flood Control District (County) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On October 4, 2011 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 City of Goleta in Santa Barbara County. The project will upgrade existing drainage culverts and Union Pacific Railroad bridges on Las Vegas Creek and San Pedro Creek in Santa Barbara County on Route 101 near Fairview Avenue.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to aesthetics, biological resources, cultural resources, noise, transportation/circulation, and hazards and hazardous waste. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, implementing a Mitigation Planting Plan prepared by a qualified restoration biologist; using best available erosion and sediment control measures; limiting excavations and grading to the dry season of the year; and limiting construction activities Monday through Friday.

On June 1, 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 $17,169,000 and is programmed with State ($17,169,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2013/14.

Attachment
- Resolution E-12-48
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding
05 – Santa Barbara County
Resolution E-12-48

1.1 **WHEREAS,** the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District (County) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:

- Las Vegas-San Pedro Creeks Capacity Improvement 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 upgrade existing drainage culverts and Union Pacific Railroad bridges in the City of Goleta, Santa Barbara County; and

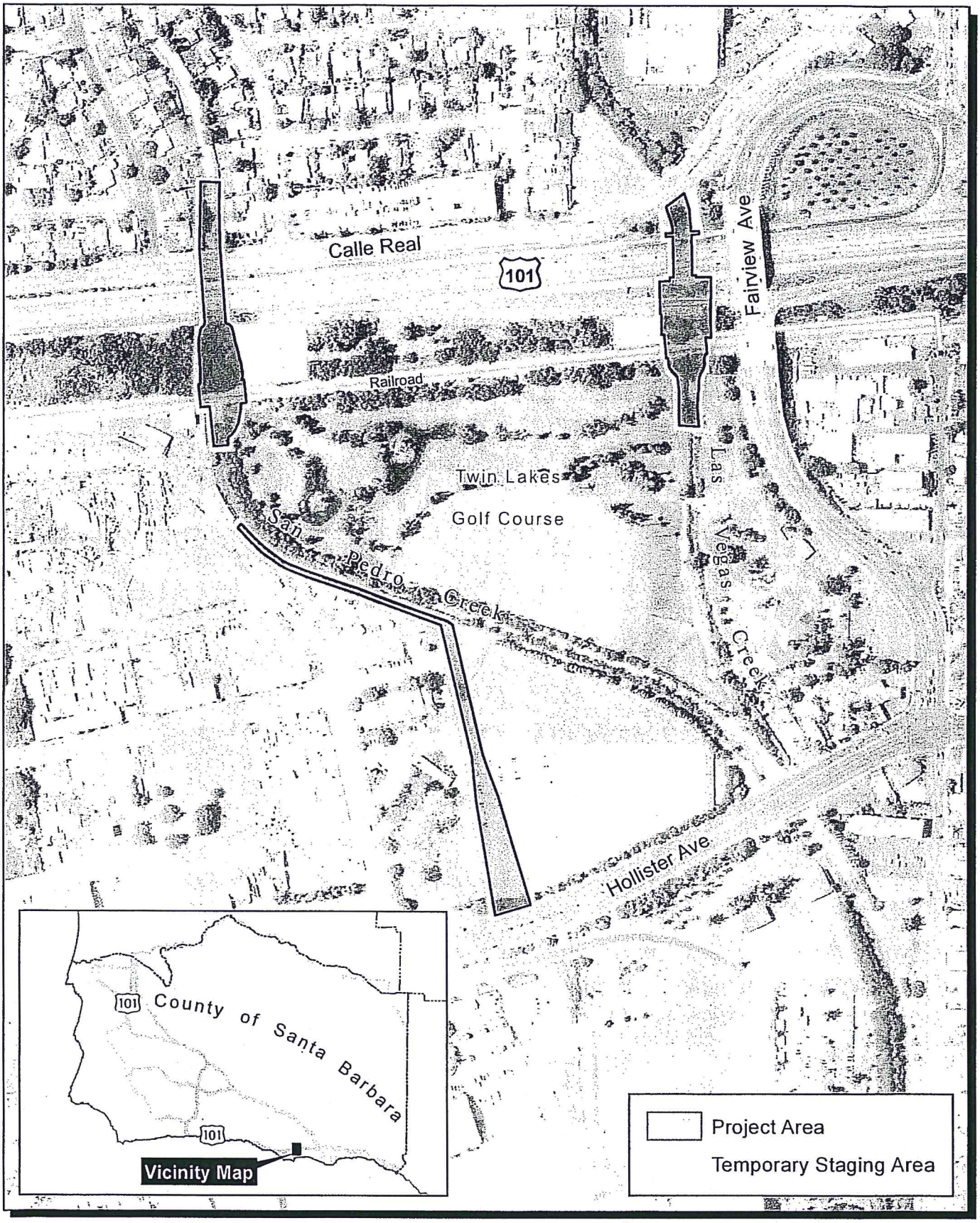
1.4 **WHEREAS,** the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and

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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Las Vegas and San Pedro Creek Capacity Improvement Project

Project Vicinity

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