

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: December 10, 2014

Reference No.: 2.2c.(1)
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolutions E-14-50, E-14-51, E-14-52, E-14-53, E-14-54, E-14-55, E-14-56, E-14-57, E-14-58, E-14-59, E-14-60, E-14-61, and E-14-62.

ISSUE:

04-CC-680, PM R11.2/16.6 **RESOLUTION E-14-50**

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Negative Declaration (ND) has been completed:

- Interstate 680 (I-680) in Contra Costa County. Add a 5.4 mile long HOV Lane on a portion of I-680 in the city of Walnut Creek. (PPNO 0222E)

This project in Contra Costa County will construct a high occupancy vehicle lane on a portion of I-680. The project is programmed in the 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program. The total estimated cost is \$84,657,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2016-17. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program.

A copy of the ND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in no significant impacts to the environment. As a result, an ND was completed for this project.

Attachment 1

ISSUE:

04-Ala-580, PM R3.9/R4.2
RESOLUTION E-14-51

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been completed:

- Interstate 580 (I-580) in Alameda County. Construct drainage improvements and repair erosion damage on a portion I-580 near the city of Livermore. (PPNO 0102R)

This project in Alameda County will repair the storm-damaged embankment, pavement, and drainage system along a portion of I-580 near Livermore. The project is programmed in the 2014 State Highway Operation and Protection Program. The total estimated cost is \$8,900,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2014-15. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the 2014 State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in less than significant impacts to the environment after mitigation. The following resource area may be impacted by the project: biological resources. Avoidance and minimization measures will reduce any potential effects on the environment. These measures include, but are not limited to, the purchasing of habitat credits at an approved conservation bank. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 2

ISSUE:

04-Ala-580, PM R4.9/R5.6
RESOLUTION E-14-52

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which an MND has been completed:

- I-580 in Alameda County. Repair storm damage and construct roadway improvements on I-580 near the city of Livermore. (PPNO 0105A)

This project in Alameda County will repair the storm-damaged embankment, pavement, and drainage system along a portion of I-580 near the city of Livermore. The project is programmed in the 2014 State Highway Operation and Protection Program. The total estimated cost is \$13,715,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2014-15. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project

scope programmed by the Commission in the 2014 State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in less than significant impacts to the environment after mitigation. The following resource area may be impacted by the project: biological resources. Avoidance and minimization measures will reduce any potential effects on the environment. These measures include, but are not limited to, the purchasing of habitat credits at an approved conservation bank. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 3

ISSUE:

04-Ala-580, PM 0.0/8.0, 04-Ala-205, PM 0.0/1.0
RESOLUTION E-14-53

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which an MND has been completed:

- Interstate 580 (I-580) in Alameda County. Construct roadway improvements on a portion of I-580 near the city of Livermore. (PPNO 8315V)

This project in Alameda County will rehabilitate the roadway along portions of I-580 and Interstate 205 (I-205) near the city of Livermore. The project is programmed in the 2014 State Highway Operation and Protection Program. The total estimated cost is \$74,463,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2015-16. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the 2014 State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in less than significant impacts to the environment after mitigation. The following resource area may be impacted by the project: biological resources. Avoidance and minimization measures will reduce any potential effects on the environment. These measures include, but are not limited to, conducting pre-construction surveys of biological resources, species monitoring during construction, and construction windows will be implemented. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 4

ISSUE:

04-Ala-580, PM 0.0/8.1, 22.0/30.3, 10-SJ-580, PM 13.5/15.4
RESOLUTION E-14-54

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which an MND has been completed:

- I-580 in Alameda and San Joaquin Counties. Install traffic control equipment on I-580 in and near the town of Livermore. (EA 4G1900)

This project in Alameda and San Joaquin Counties will install and implement a ramp metering system and traffic operations system along I-,580. The project is not fully funded. The project is currently fully funded for the environmental phase only. The project is programmed in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Federal Transportation Improvement Program. The total estimated cost is \$15,800,000 for capital and support. Depending on the availability of funding, construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2015-16.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in less than significant impacts to the environment after mitigation. The following resource area may be impacted by the project: biological resources. Avoidance and minimization measures will reduce any potential effects on the environment. These measures include, but are not limited to, conducting pre-construction surveys of biological resources, species monitoring during construction, and construction windows will be implemented. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 5

ISSUE:

04-Son-116, PM 13.7
RESOLUTION E-14-55

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which an MND has been completed:

- State Route 116 (SR 116) in Sonoma County. Install retaining wall on SR 116 near the town of Guerneville. (PPNO 0488H)

This project in Sonoma County will remove and replace the existing retaining wall and repair roadway damage on SR 116 along Pocket Canyon Creek. The project is programmed in the 2014 State Highway Operation and Protection Program. The total estimated cost is \$2,224,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2015-16. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope

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programmed by the Commission in the 2014 State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in less than significant impacts to the environment after mitigation. The following resource area may be impacted by the project: biological resources. Avoidance and minimization measures will reduce any potential effects on the environment. These measures include, but are not limited to, on-site replacement plantings and the enhancement of off-site riparian habitats. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 6

ISSUE:

05-SCr-17, PM 0.7/2.2
RESOLUTION E-14-56

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which an MND has been completed:

- State Route 17 (SR 17) in Santa Cruz County. Install erosion control devices on SR 17 near the city of Santa Cruz. (PPNO 1989)

This project in Santa Cruz County will stabilize the slope adjacent and above the southbound lanes of SR 17. The project is programmed in the 2014 State Highway Operation and Protection Program. The total estimated cost is \$14,585,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2015-16. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the 2014 State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in less than significant impacts to the environment after mitigation. The following resource area may be impacted by the project: aesthetics. Avoidance and minimization measures will reduce any potential effects on the environment. These measures include, but are not limited to, placed rocks will be colored to blend with the surrounding area, the slope face will be planted with a variety of native shrubs, and the anchored wire mesh will be colored to blend with the surrounding area. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 7

ISSUE:

06-Tul-190, PM 4.0/5.0
RESOLUTION E-14-57

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which an ND has been completed:

- State Route 190 (SR 190) in Tulare County. Intersection improvements on SR 190 at Bliss Lane near the city of Tipton. (PPNO 6624)

This project in Tulare County will construct a roundabout at the intersection of SR 190 and Bliss Lane. The project is programmed in the 2014 State Highway Operation and Protection Program. The total estimated cost is \$6,333,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2016-17. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the 2014 State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

A copy of the ND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in no significant impacts to the environment. As a result, an ND was completed for this project.

Attachment 8

ISSUE:

06-Mad-41, PM 11.7/13.6
RESOLUTION E-14-58

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which an MND has been completed:

- State Route 41 (SR 41) in Madera County. Construct passing lanes on a portion of SR 41 near the city of Madera. (PPNO 6606)

This project in Madera County will construct passing lanes, outside shoulders, a median barrier, and rumble strips on a portion of SR 41. The project is not fully funded. The project is programmed in the 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program. The total estimated cost is \$22,148,000 for capital and support. Depending on the availability of funds, construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2014-15. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in less than significant impacts to the environment after mitigation. The following resource area may be

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impacted by the project: biological resources. Avoidance and minimization measures will reduce any potential effects on the environment. These measures include, but are not limited to, the purchasing of habitat credits at an approved conservation bank, compliance with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinion, the placement of fencing around Environmentally Sensitive Areas, and the planting of new blue oak trees in appropriate habitat near the project site. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 9

ISSUE:

09-Iny-395, PM 20.3/22.3
RESOLUTION E-14-59

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which an MND has been completed:

- United States Route 395 (U.S. 395) in Inyo County. Construct roadway improvements on a portion of U.S. 395 near Coso Junction. (PPNO 0605)

This project in Inyo County will construct a recovery zone with widened shoulders and corrected roadside slope on a portion of U.S. 395. The project is programmed in the 2014 State Highway Operation and Protection Program. The total estimated cost is \$4,249,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2014-15. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the 2014 State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in less than significant impacts to the environment after mitigation. The following resource area may be impacted by the project: biological resources. Avoidance and minimization measures will reduce any potential effects on the environment. These measures include, but are not limited to, the purchasing of habitat credits at an approved mitigation bank and the enhancing or restoring of nearby aquatic resources, or paying an “in-lieu fee”. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 10

ISSUE:

10-Mer-99, PM R28.8/R37.3
RESOLUTION E-14-60

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which an MND has been completed:

- State Route 99 (SR 99) in Merced County. Construct additional lanes on a portion of SR 99 near the town of Livingston. (PPNOs 0161A and 0161B)

This project in Merced County will widen an 8.5-mile portion of SR 99 from four lanes to six lanes within the median. The project is not fully funded. The project is programmed in the 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program. The total estimated cost is \$81,820,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2017-18. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in less than significant impacts to the environment after mitigation. The following resource areas may be impacted by the project: biological resources and water quality. Avoidance and minimization measures will reduce any potential effects on the environment. These measures include, but are not limited to, the purchasing of habitat credits at an approved mitigation bank, transplanting effected elderberry shrubs, replacing riparian trees at a ratio of 3:1, and the implementation of best management practices. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

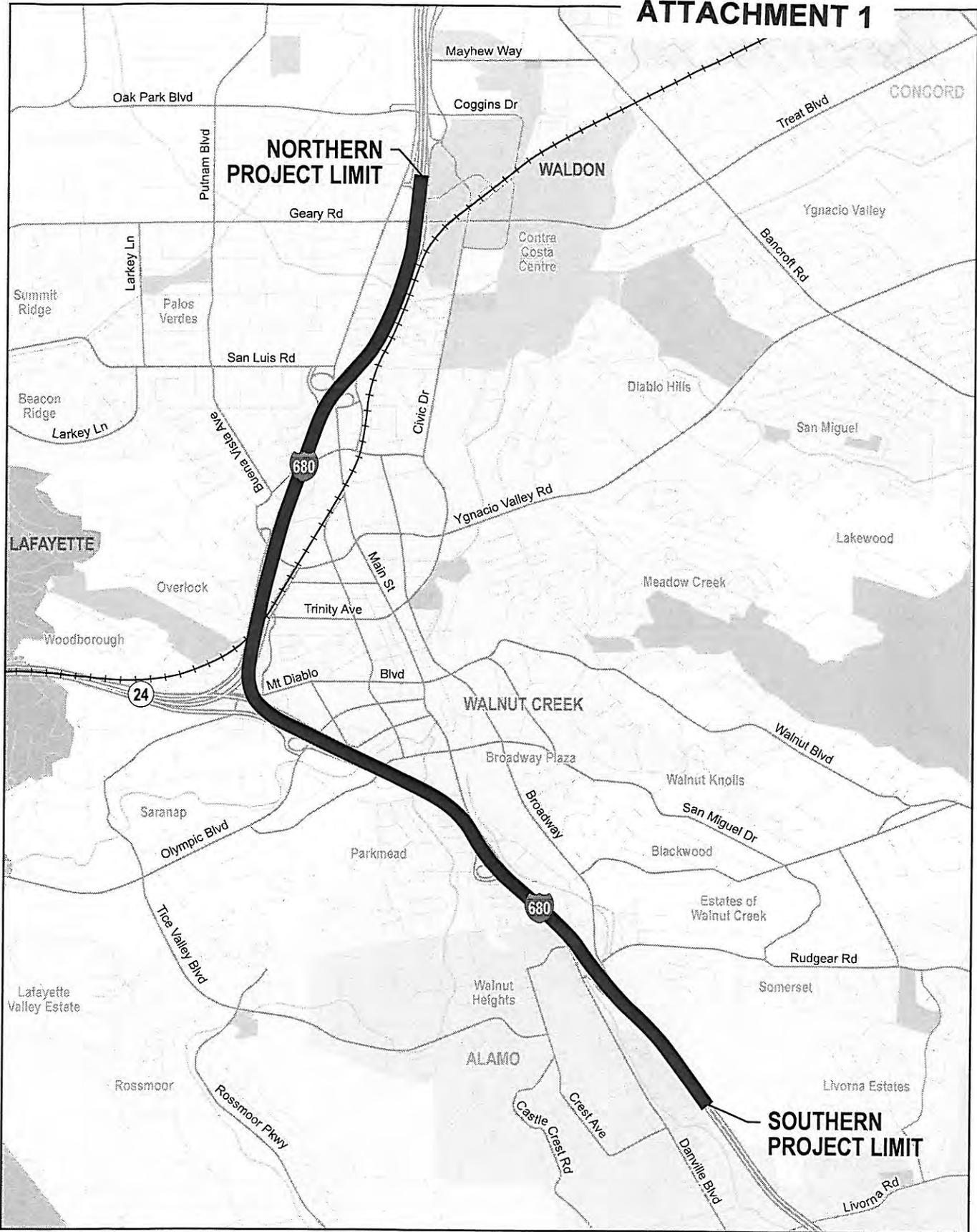
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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding
04-CC-680, PM R11.2/16.6
Resolution E-14-50**

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- Interstate 680 (I-680) in Contra Costa County. Add a 5.4 mile long HOV Lane on a portion of I-680 in the city of Walnut Creek. (PPNO 222E)
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3** **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Negative Declaration; and
- 1.4** **WHEREAS**, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2.1** **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

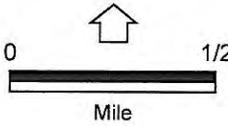
ATTACHMENT 1



LEGEND

-  Interstate Roads
-  Major Roads
-  Railroad
-  Project Limits
-  Parks

I-680 Southbound HOV Gap Closure Project



CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding
04-Ala-580, PM R3.9/R4.2
Resolution E-14-51**

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- I- 580 in Alameda County. Construct drainage improvements and repair erosion damage on a portion I-580 near the city of Livermore. (PPNO 0102R)
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the Department 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 California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.4** **WHEREAS**, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2.1** **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

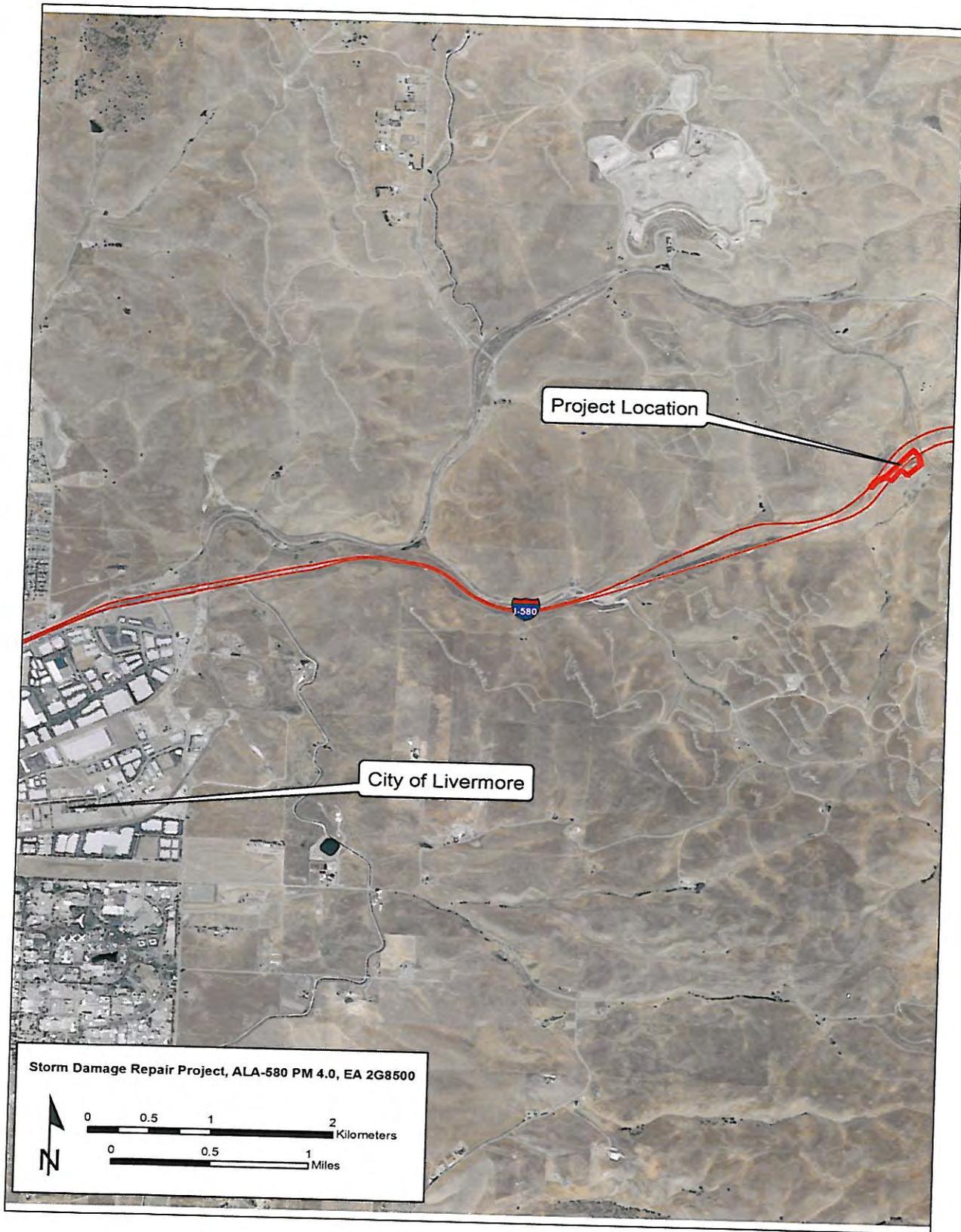


Figure 1 Project Location Map

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding
04-Ala-580, PM R4.9/R5.6
Resolution E-14-52**

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- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
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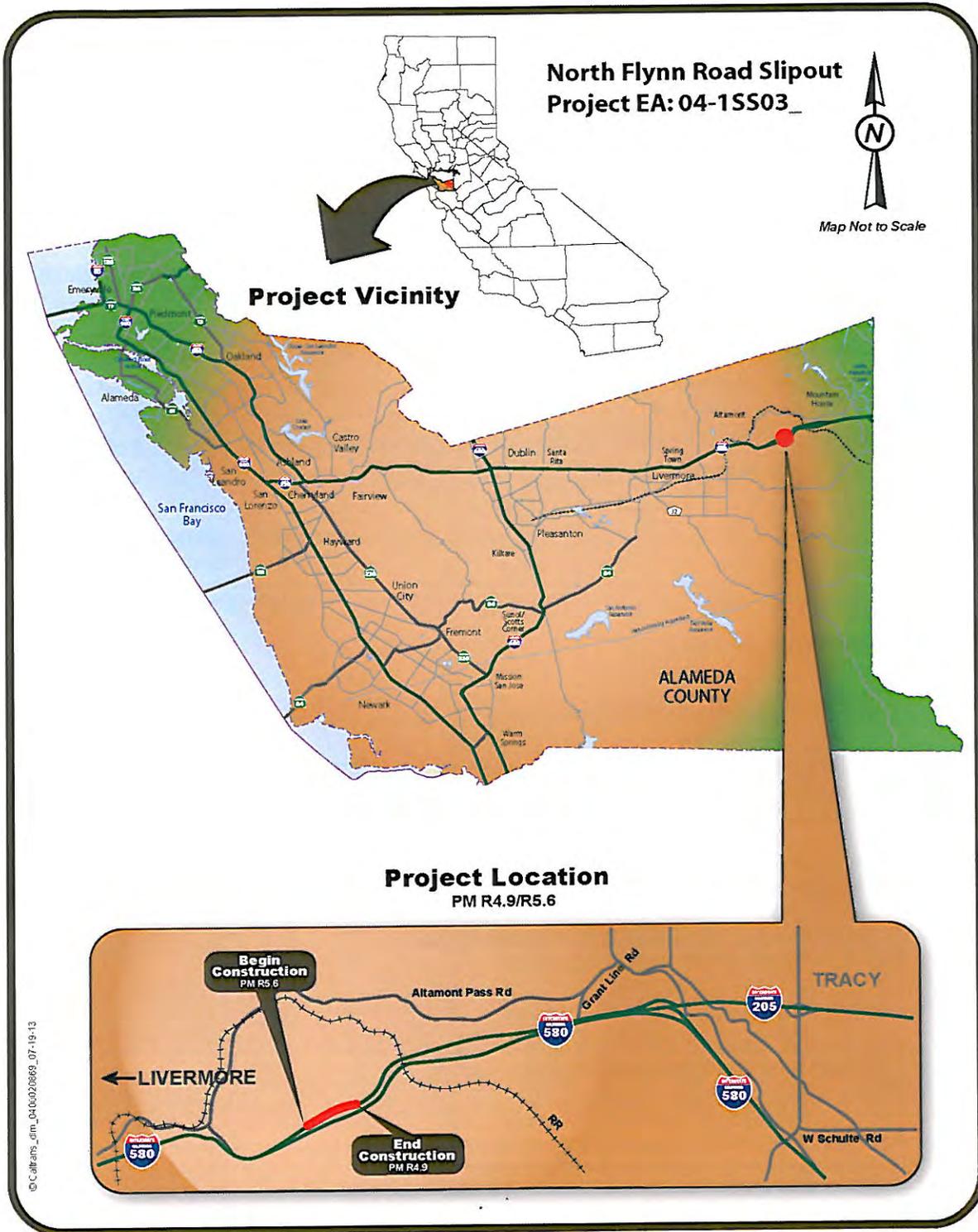


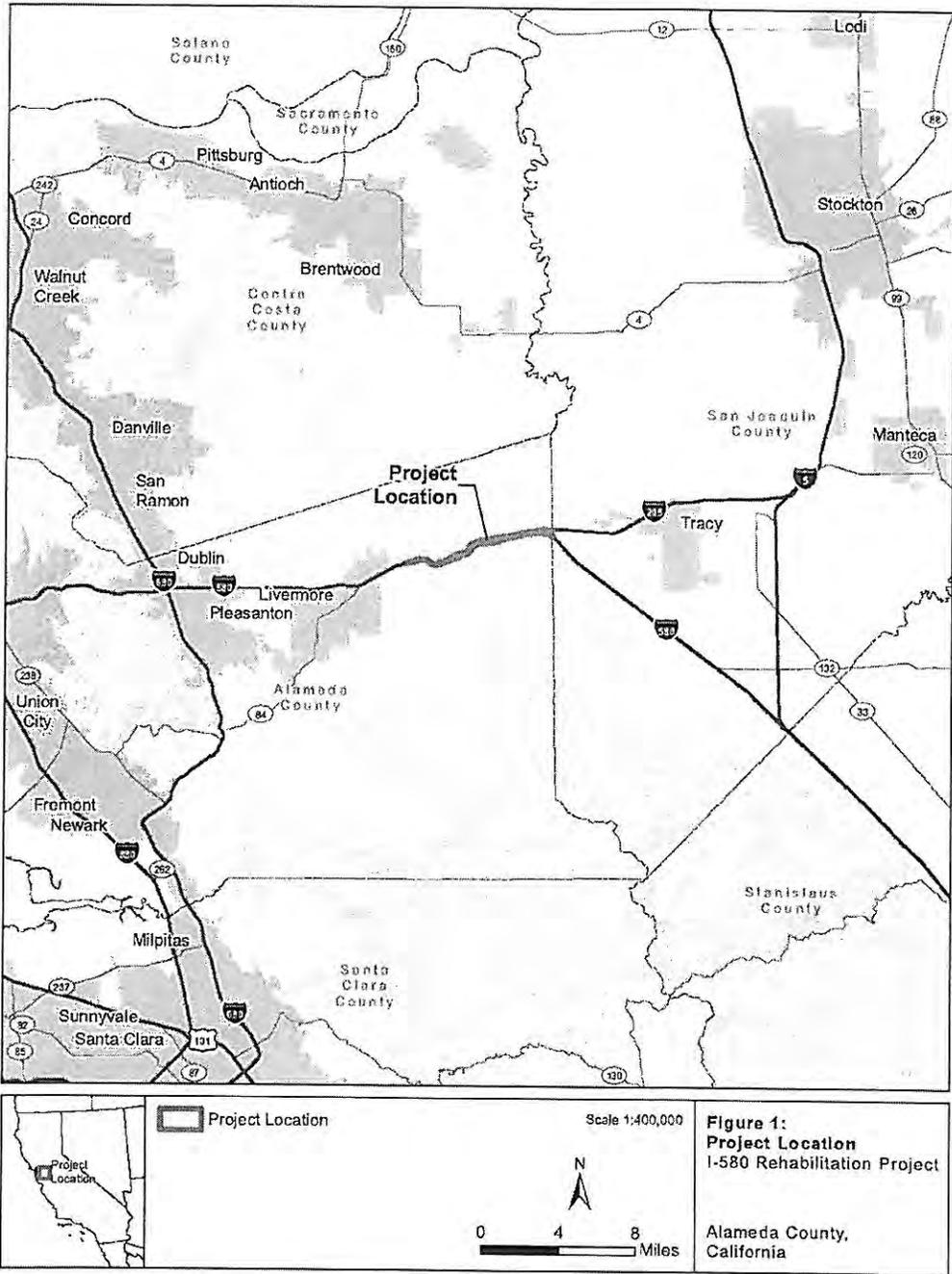
Figure 1 Project Vicinity and Location Map

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding
04-Ala-580, PM 0.0/8.0, 04-Ala-205, PM 0.0/1.0
Resolution E-14-53**

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 - I-580 in Alameda County. Construct roadway improvements on a portion of I-580 near the city of Livermore. (PPNO 8315V)
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the Department 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 California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
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ATTACHMENT 4



CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding
04-Ala-580, PM 0.0/8.1, 22.0/30.3, 10-SJ-580, PM 13.5/15.4
Resolution E-14-54**

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- I-580 in Alameda and San Joaquin Counties. Install traffic control equipment on I-580 in the city of Livermore. (EA 4G1900)
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
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Project Location

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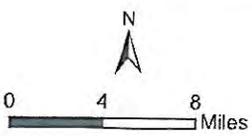


Figure 1:
Project Location
I-580 FPI Project

Alameda and San Joaquin
Counties, California

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding
04-Son-116, PM 13.7
Resolution E-14-55**

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- State Route 116 (SR 116) in Sonoma County. Install retaining wall on SR 116 near the town of Guerneville. (PPNO 0488H)
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the Department 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 California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.4** **WHEREAS**, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2.1** **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

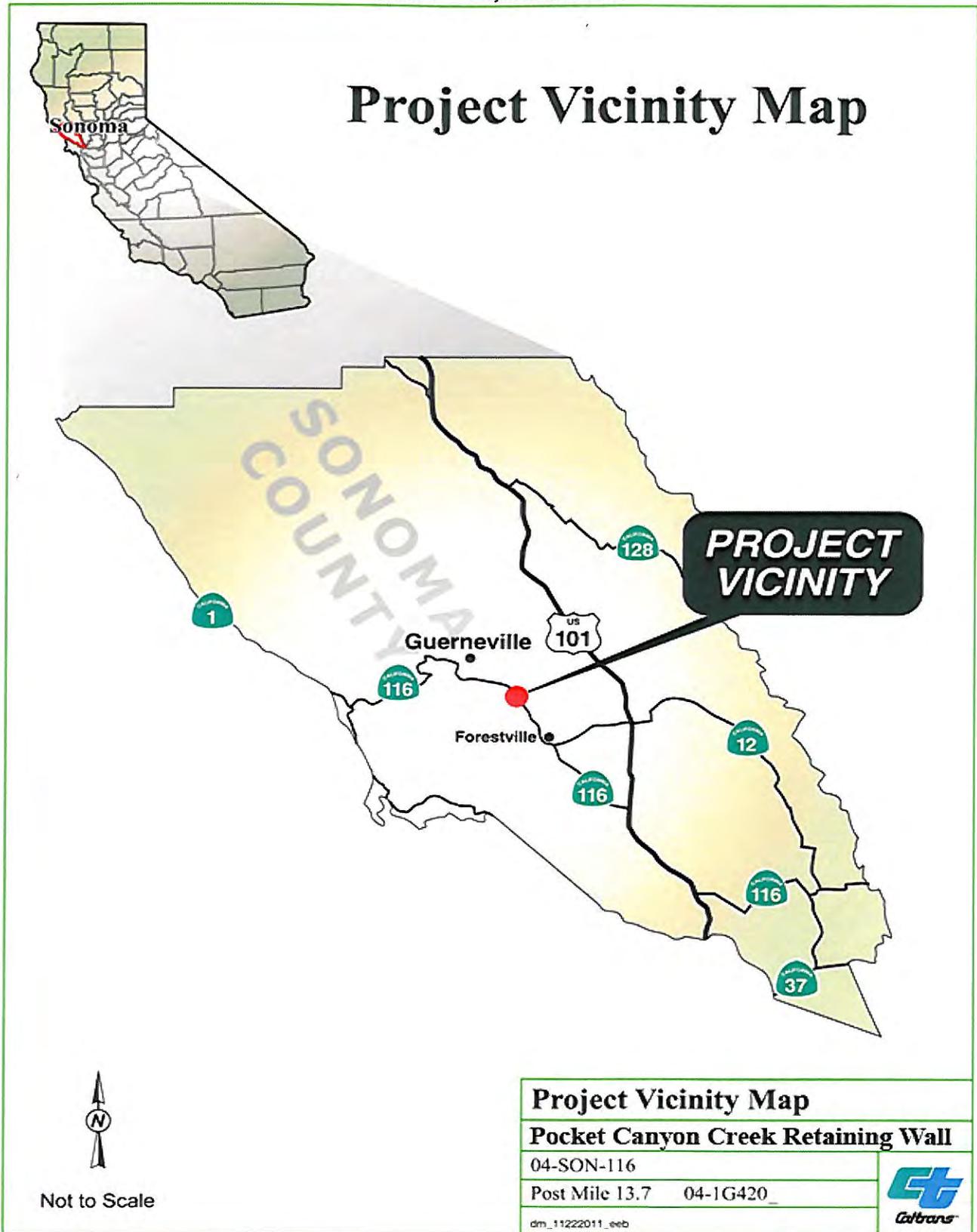


Figure 1 Project Vicinity Map

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

05-SCr-17, PM 0.7/2.2

Resolution E-14-56

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- SR 17 in Santa Cruz County. Install erosion control devices on SR 17 near the city of Santa Cruz. (PPNO 1989)
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the Department 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 California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.4** **WHEREAS**, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2.1** **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

Project Vicinity Map

Storm Water Mitigation
05-SCR-017-PM 0.7/2.2
EA-05-0Q600

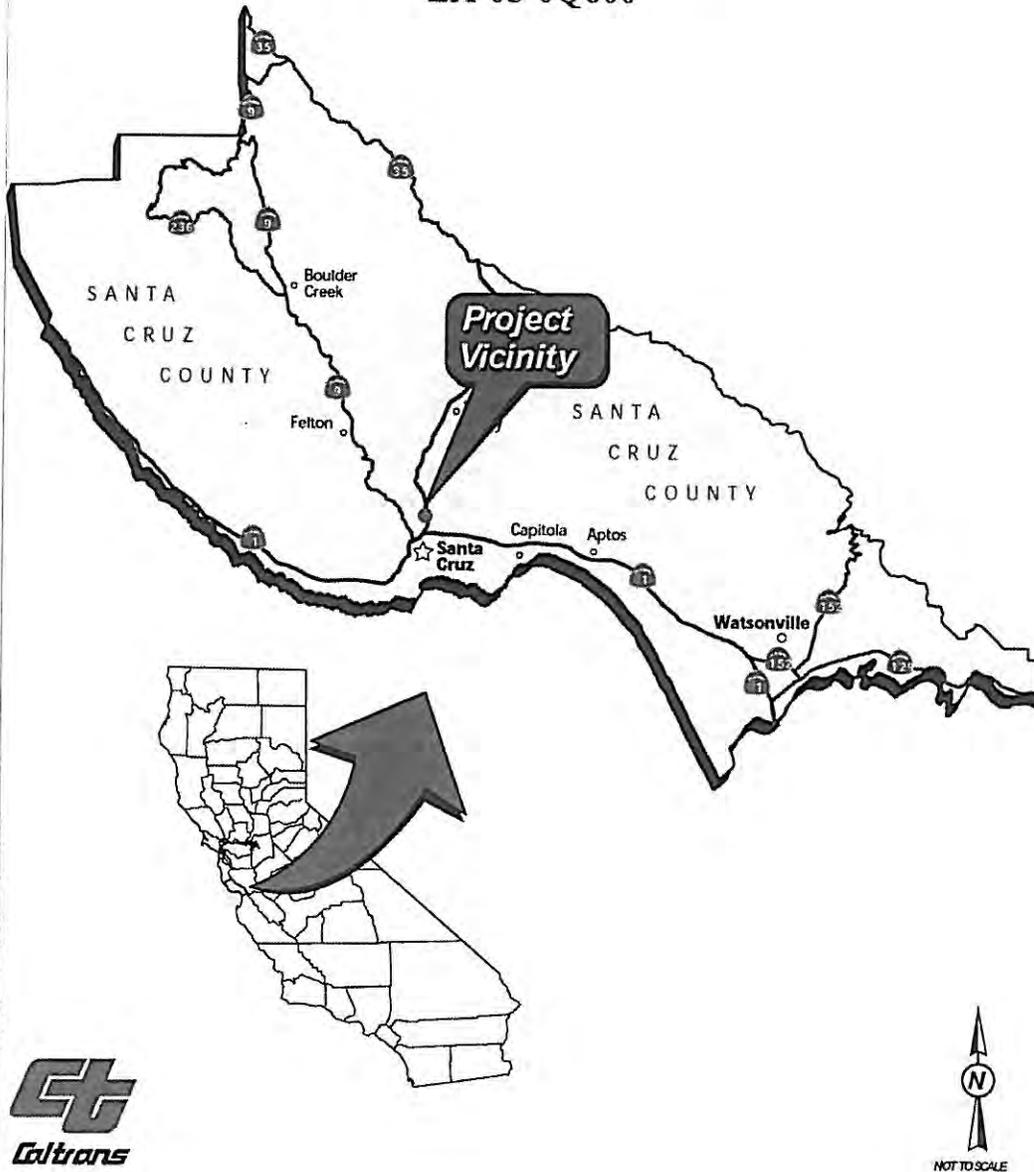


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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding
06-Tul-190, PM 4.0/5.0
Resolution E-14-57**

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - SR 190 in Tulare County. Intersection improvements on SR 190 at Bliss Lane near the city of Tipton. (PPNO 6624)
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Negative Declaration; and
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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

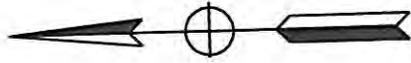
Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

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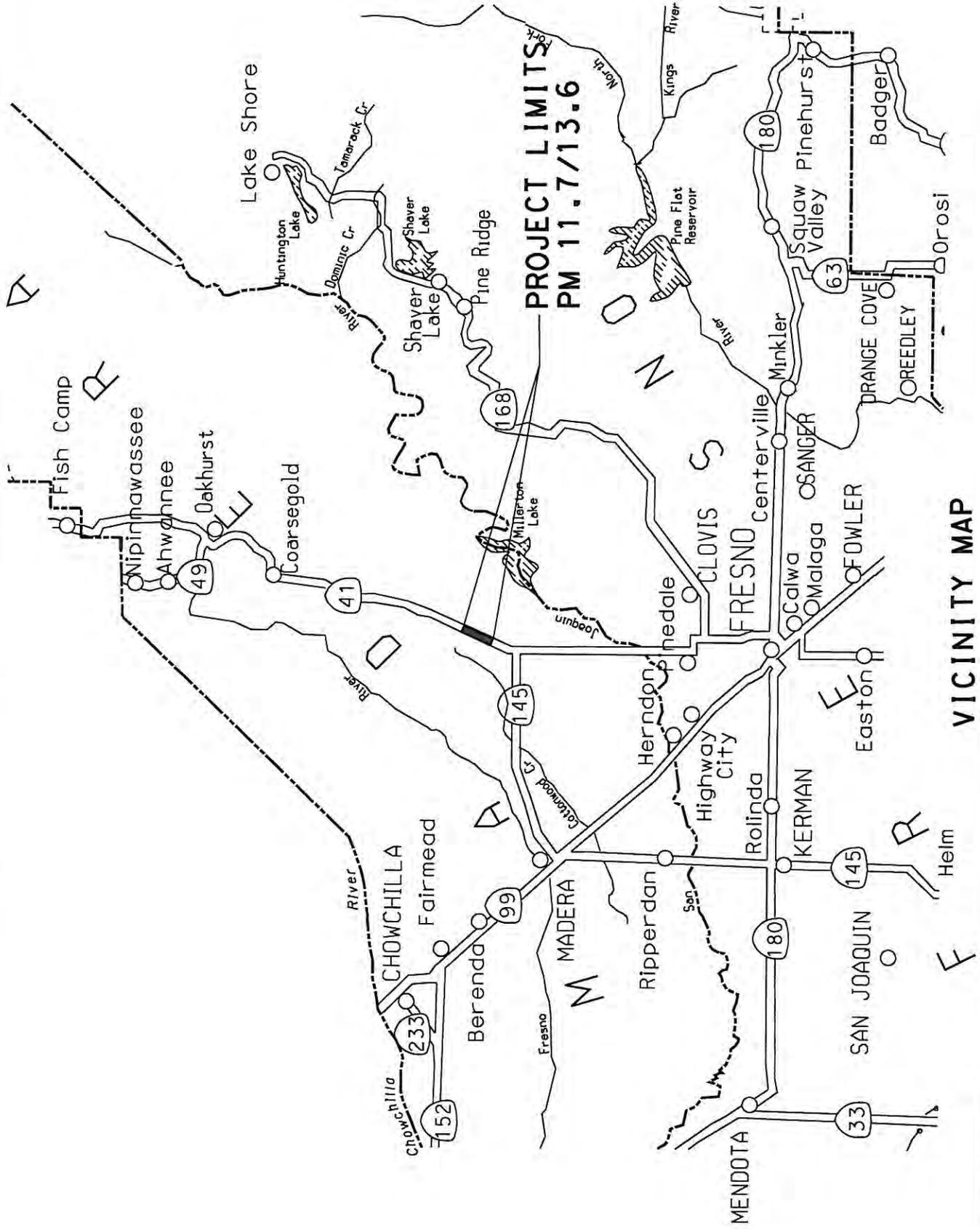
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ATTACHMENT 9



**PROJECT LIMITS
PM 11.7/13.6**



VICINITY MAP

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding
09-Iny-395, PM 20.3/22.3
Resolution E-14-59**

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
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- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
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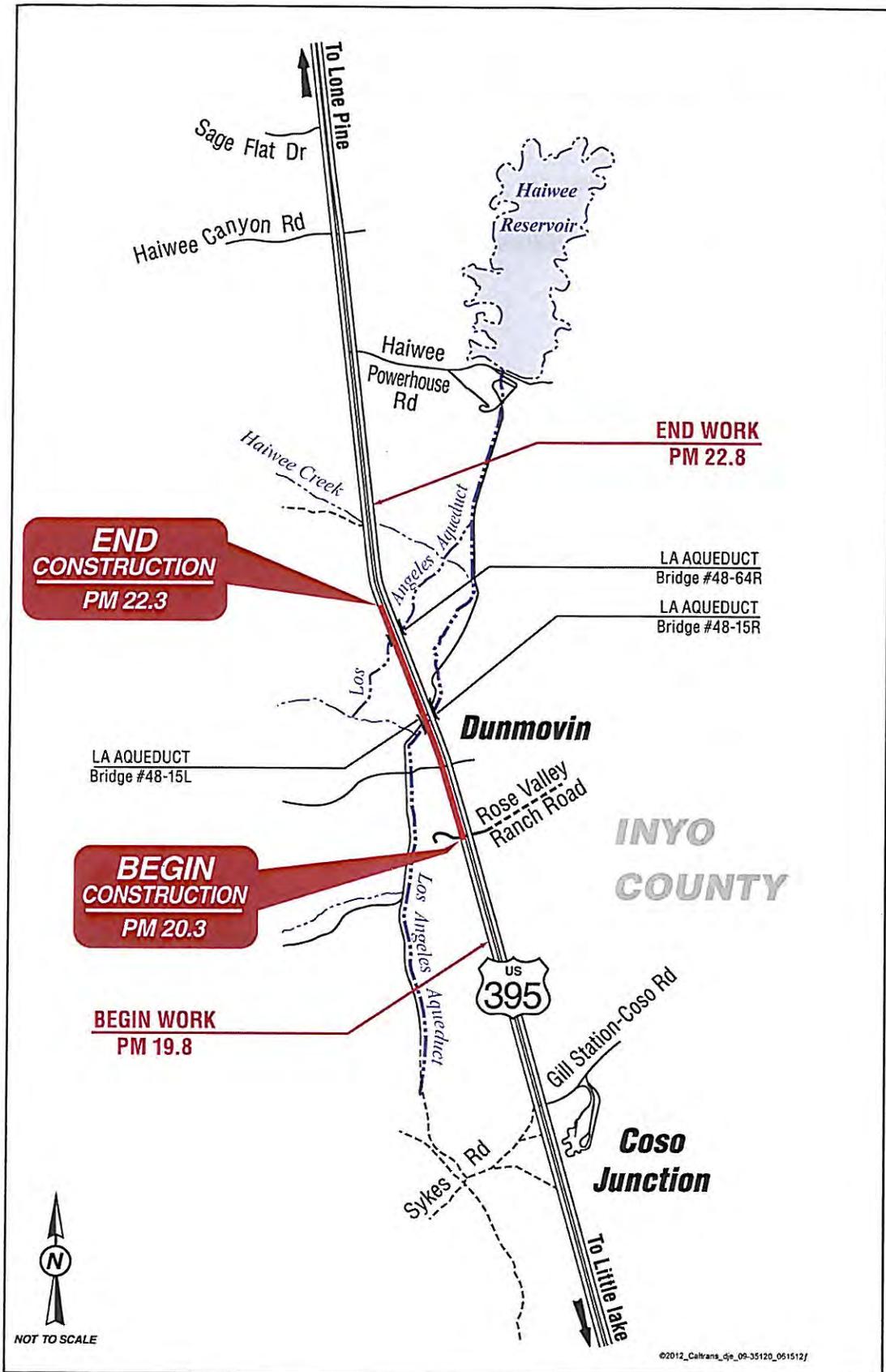


Figure 1 Project Location Map

Haiwee Clear Recovery Zone

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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10-Mer-99, PM R28.8/R37.3
Resolution E-14-60**

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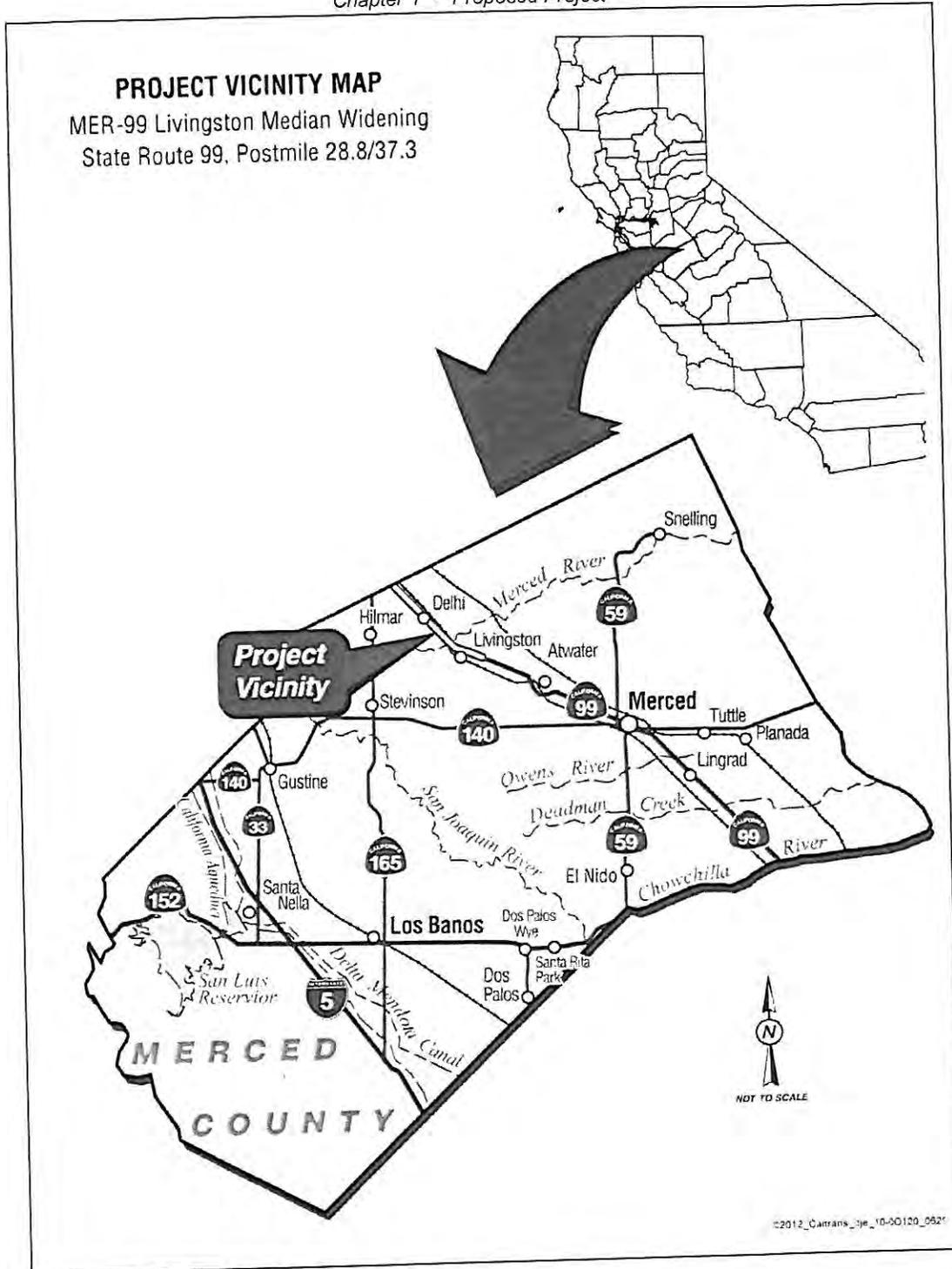


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