

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING: July 27, 2010 – 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA NO.: 5-6

SUBJECT:

- a. Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider Modifications to Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the State Route 68 at San Benancio Road Intersection Improvements by Substituting Equivalent or More Effective Mitigation Measures;
- b. Consider adopting a Resolution making Appropriate Findings and adopting the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the State Route 68 at San Benancio Road Intersection Improvements;
- c. Consider approving Plans and Special Provisions for the State Route 68 at San Benancio Road Intersection Improvements, State Project No. EA 05-0H8220, Contract No. 10-111065;
- d. Consider authorizing the Director of Public Works to sign the approved Plans and Specifications; and
- e. Consider authorizing the Director of Public Works to advertise the “Notice to Bidders” in *The Californian* on January 17, 2011 and January 24, 2011, contingent upon passage of the State Budget.

DEPARTMENT: RMA – Public Works

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY:

The State Route 68 at San Benancio Road Intersection Improvements project (State Project No. EA 05-0H8220, Contract No. 10-111065) consists of adding a left-turn land and widening the northbound approach on San Benancio Road. The Project was the subject of an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) prepared and certified by Caltrans in June, 2009. As a Responsible Agency for the Project, the County needs to adopt a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), ensuring that measures to mitigate environmental impacts will occur. The County’s MMRP substitutes one mitigation measure with respect to the design of bridge rails on San Benancio Road, and adds three mitigation measures related to protection of the California Tiger Salamander. In order to adopt this MMRP, the County needs to hold a public hearing and make findings that the changes to the MMRP are “equivalent or more effective” than the related measures described in the IS/MND, and that they do not themselves cause environmental impacts.

DISCUSSION:

See attached Discussion.

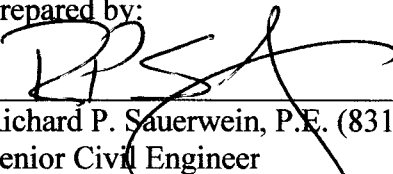
OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel and Risk Management have reviewed and approved the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and the Special Provisions as to form, and insurance provisions, respectively. The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) and Caltrans have also actively participated in the development of the project.


FINANCING:

Project costs do not impact the General Fund or Road Fund. Total project cost, including engineering, environmental, right-of-way and construction, is estimated at \$4.8 million. The project is funded by County Traffic Impact fees collected from developments in the Highway 68 corridor, TAMC Traffic Impact fees, State Transportation Improvement Program funds and State Minor A funds.

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Dated: July 20, 2010

Attachments: Board Order; Board Resolution; Discussion; Project Budget; Proof of Publication; Notice to Bidders; Exhibit A: Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; Plans and Special Provisions (on file with the Clerk of the Board); Location Map