

RESOLUTION NO. 20-132

RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPTING AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING REPORTING PROGRAM IN COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NUMBER 10C-0111, ON HILL ROAD, COUNTY ROAD 327B, MILEPOST 2.05, OVER MILL CREEK (COVELO AREA)

WHEREAS, the existing bridge on Hill Road, County Road (CR) 327B, over Mill Creek at Milepost (MP) 2.05, in Round Valley, was built in 1925 and is a Structurally Deficient Structure; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation (DOT) has obtained Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funding to replace the Hill Road bridge over Mill Creek (Project), augmented by Toll Credits Program funding; and

WHEREAS, DOT performed an Initial Study (IS) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 *et seq.*; CEQA) and the Guidelines implementing CEQA (Title 14, California Code of Regulations Section 15000 *et seq.*; CEQA Guidelines) and the County's CEQA Guidelines for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the IS concluded that although the Project could result in a significant effect on the environment, identified mitigation measures would reduce those environmental effects to a less-than-significant level and stated that a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) would be prepared; and

WHEREAS, DOT issued a Notice of Intent to Adopt a MND and the draft IS/MND was circulated for public review between August 12, 2020, and September 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, DOT received no comments on the IS/MND for the Project during the public review period; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the IS/MND for the Project in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines and the County's CEQA Guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, based on the evidence in the record before it, that the Board of Supervisors makes the following determinations and findings:

1. Recitals. The recitals to this resolution are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

2. Findings. The Board of Supervisors hereby makes the following findings: (a) the IS/MND has been prepared, completed, reviewed and considered, together with the comments received during the public review process, in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines and the County's CEQA Guidelines, (b) the Board has independently reviewed and analyzed the IS/MND and other information in the record and has considered the information contained therein, and (c) the IS/MND represents the independent judgment and analysis of the County as the lead agency for the Project.

3. Adoption. The Board of Supervisors hereby finds, based on the whole record before it, that there is no substantial evidence that the Project, with the proposed

mitigation measures, will have a significant effect on the environment and hereby adopts the IS/MND and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (Appendix C of the IS/MND) for the Project, in the form attached to this resolution as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference. The Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Department of Transportation to file a notice of determination in accordance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines.

4. Location of Documents. The Board of Supervisors designates the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors as the custodian of the documents and other materials which constitutes the record of proceedings upon which the Board of Supervisors' decision herein is based. These documents may be found at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010, Ukiah, CA 95482.

The foregoing Resolution introduced by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Supervisor Williams, and carried this 6th day of October, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Brown, McCowen, Haschak, Gjerde, and Williams
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Resolution adopted and SO ORDERED.

ATTEST: CARMEL J. ANGELO
Clerk of the Board

JOHN HASCHAK, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

Deputy

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CHRISTIAN M. CURTIS
County Counsel

BY: CARMEL J. ANGELO
Clerk of the Board

Deputy