



**RESOLUTION NO 181-2024**

**OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO**

**RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE BUCKS BAR ROAD AT THE NORTH FORK COSUMNES RIVER - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT, ADOPTING A MITIGATION MONITORING PLAN, ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS, CONCLUDING AB 52 CONSULTATION, AND APPROVING THE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, The Department of Transportation has received federal funds from the Federal Highway Association Highway Bridge Program to replace the existing Bucks Bar Road at North Fork Cosumnes River Bridge located in south El Dorado County (Proposed Project); and

**WHEREAS**, The County distributed a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Proposed Project on June 21, 2018. The NOP was distributed for a public comment period from June 25, 2018, through July 25, 2018. During that time, a public meeting was held at Pioneer Park in Somerset, California on July 9, 2018, to gather public input on the scope of the Draft EIR presented in the NOP. Transportation staff also presented the Proposed Project to the Fairplay Winery Association on August 22, 2022, and to the El Dorado Winery Association on October 12, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to the public outreach, The Department of Transportation spent nine years consulting with Native American tribes as prescribed by Assembly Bill 52 (AB 52). The primary tribe that participated in AB 52 consultation was United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC). Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians also participated in consultation, as did Wilton Rancheria. Transportation consulted with UAIC on all aspects of the Draft EIR for which UAIC requested consultation, including but not limited to project alternatives, impacts from the Proposed Project on tribal cultural resources, and mitigation measures for the Proposed Project; and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15123, the Draft and Final EIR were prepared by El Dorado County Department of Transportation for the proposed replacement of the Bucks Bar Road Bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, The Draft EIR was circulated for public comment from July 17, 2024, through September 6, 2024. The Notice of Availability was published July 17, 2024. The Draft EIR was circulated to state agencies through the State Clearinghouse; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) and the whole of the administrative record in its determination of adopting the Proposed Project.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado have received, reviewed, and considered the entire record relating to the Proposed Project, adoption of the FEIR, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and associated documents and finds as follows:

1. **Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.
2. **CEQA Certification.**  
Contents of FEIR. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15132, the FEIR, Attachment B to the agenda

item of this same date and incorporated herein by this reference, includes the FEIR, comprised of the Draft EIR (SCH No: 2015072043) and all related appendices, dated July 2024, to which notated edits have been made, thus resulting in the FEIR dated October 2024, including all its related appendices and attachments, comments received on the Draft EIR, and responses thereto.

EIR Certification. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15090 The Board of Supervisors certifies:

- The FEIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA;
  - The FEIR was presented to the Board, and the Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in the FEIR prior to approval of the Proposed Project, and all information contained therein has substantially influenced all aspects of the decision by the Board; and
  - The FEIR reflects the Board's independent judgement and analysis.
3. **Project Approval.** As set forth in Section 15043 of the CEQA Guidelines, a public agency may approve a project even though the project would cause a significant effect on the environment if the agency makes a fully informed and publicly disclosed decision that: (a) There is no feasible way to lessen or avoid the significant effect (see Section 15091) and (b) Specifically identified expected benefits from the project outweigh the policy of reducing or avoiding significant environmental impacts of the project (see Section 15093). The Board of Supervisors hereby makes the decision to approve the Project as described in the Final Environmental Impact Report with the findings and considerations as set forth in Finding 4 of this Resolution (CEQA Findings of Fact) and Finding 6 of this Resolution (CEQA Statement of Overriding Considerations) and all associated documents.
4. **CEQA Findings of Fact.** The Board, in its independent judgement, based on the whole of the administrative record, adopts all FEIR findings set forth in Attachment C to the agenda item of this same date (*CEQA Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations*), which are added hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. In adopting the FEIR Findings, the Board ratifies, adopts, and incorporates the analysis and explanation in the FEIR, and ratifies, adopts and incorporates in these findings the determinations and conclusions in the FEIR relating to environmental impacts and mitigation measures.
5. **Mitigation Monitoring.** The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) set forth in Appendix A to Attachment C (*CEQA Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations*) to the agenda item of this same date, is adopted to ensure that all mitigation measures described in the MMRP are fully implemented; and
6. **CEQA Statement of Overriding Considerations.** The Board of Supervisors adopts the Statement of Overriding Considerations set forth in Attachment C (*CEQA Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations*) to the agenda item of this same date. The Board finds that each listed Proposed Project benefit identified in the Statement of Overriding Considerations provides a separate and independent ground for its approval of the Proposed Project and overrides all identified significant and unavoidable impacts of the Proposed Project.
7. **AB 52 Consultation.** The County, having acted in good faith and after reasonable effort, has concluded mutual agreement cannot be reached on all issues, and AB 52 (Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.2) consultation with the involved Native American tribes is hereby concluded.

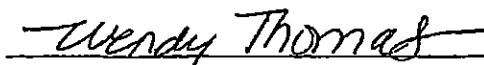
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 22nd day of October 2024, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:  
Kim Dawson  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Ayes: Thomas, Hidahl, Turnboo, Parlin, Laine  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

By:

  
Deputy Clerk

  
Chair, Board of Supervisors  
Wendy Thomas