

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 26, 2015

Reference No.: 2.2c (4)
Action

From: WILL KEMPTON
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CONVICT LAKE ROAD
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-15-15)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Convict Lake Road Improvement Project (project) in Mono 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 County of Mono (County) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project is located in Inyo National Forest, south of Highway 395, 5 miles west of Crowley Lake and 5 Miles east of the Town of Mammoth Lakes. The project will resurface, rehabilitate and restore 2.75 miles of roadway.

On February 3, 2015, the Mono County Board of Supervisors adopted the final MND for the project and found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to biological resources. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: conducting rare plant surveys prior to starting construction activities; limiting days and hours of construction activities in order to avoid migration movements of mule deer; properly storing trash used during construction; and placing signage warning of wildlife crossings.

On February 9, 2015, 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 \$5,688,000 and is fully funded through construction with Federal Lands Access Program Funds (\$5,025,000) and State Transportation Improvement Funds (\$663,000). Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2014/15.

Attachments

- Resolution E-15-15
- Project Location

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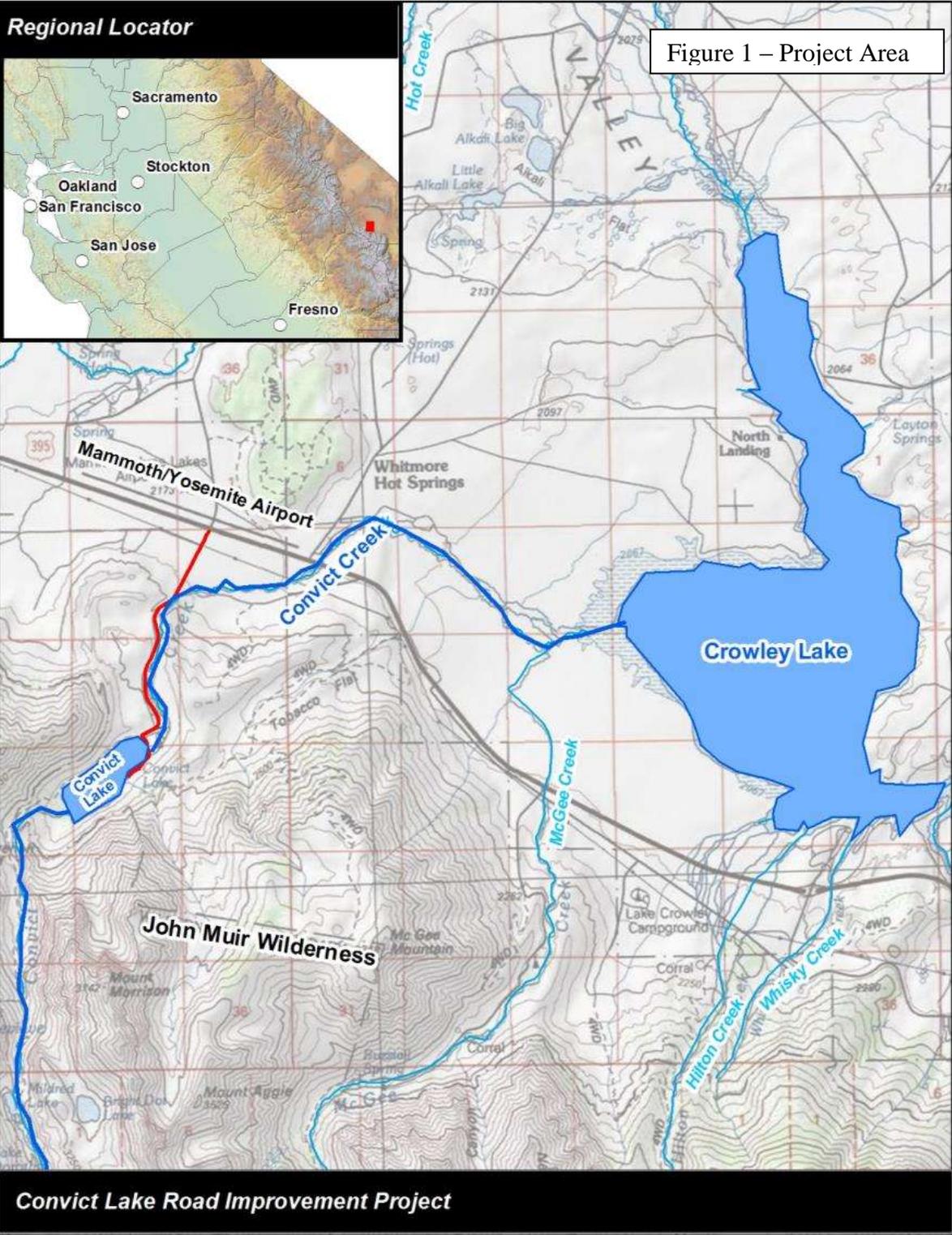
Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 09 – Mono County Resolution E-15-15

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, Mono County has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Convict Lake Road Improvement Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, Mono County has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project will resurface, rehabilitate and restore 2.75 miles of roadway; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, Mono County found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, Mono County approved the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and approves the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

Regional Locator



Figure 1 – Project Area



Convict Lake Road Improvement Project

 Project Area

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Miles

