



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration
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Finding of No Significant Impact

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PROJECT FILE

SUBJECT: Environmental Impact Determination and Necessary Environmental Findings for
Cohasset Road Widening Project, Chico, California
Project Number 07-79-07584

An environmental assessment has been prepared for the subject project and is attached. After reviewing the assessment and supporting materials, I find that for the following reasons the project will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

- The project is a Class II Action as defined by EDA Directive 17.02-2.
- Both the individual and cumulative impacts will not be significant.
- No unique or unusual environmental conditions exist which would be adversely affected by the project.
- The project will not exceed two or more indicators of significance.
- The project is compatible with local land use plans, zoning restrictions, and the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).
- The Agency policy with respect to Executive Orders 11988, Floodplain Management, and 11990, Wetlands Protection, has been met because the project will not impact either the values or functions of a floodplain or wetland.
- No known cultural resources will be impacted by the project.
- Project design will mitigate identified construction impacts.
- The pre-approval requirements of EDA Directive 17.02-7 are met.
- No negative comments have been received through the state or regional clearinghouse processes, and federal public notice process.

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Kerstin Millius
Acting Regional Director

Date

Special Conditions:

- **ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES:** If during construction of the project, historical and archaeological resources, including burial grounds and artifacts are discovered, the Recipient shall immediately stop construction in the area, contact the applicable State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), interested Tribes, and EDA, and follow the SHPO or THPO instructions for the preservation of resources.
- **HAZARDOUS OR TOXIC SUBSTANCES:** If visual or olfactory evidence of potential soil contamination from current or historical practices is encountered during construction, work will stop immediately upon discovery and the appropriate Ecology regional office will be notified.
- **AIR QUALITY:** The following types (or equivalent) of off-road equipment used for construction must comply with Tier 4 diesel emissions standards: crawler tractors; excavators; graders; scrapers; tractors; loaders; and backhoes.
- **U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE) PERMITTING:** Prior to solicitation of bids, the Recipient shall provide evidence satisfactory to the EDA that the Recipient has received the proper permit from USACE. Recipient shall follow all requirements contained within the permit.
- **NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT:** Prior to solicitation of bids, the Recipient shall provide documentation satisfactory to EDA that the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit is not required or has been obtained or that the bid documents include language requiring the contractor to obtain the permit prior to the start of construction. If the contractor obtains the permit, then prior to the initial disbursement of funds by EDA for construction activities, the Recipient shall provide documentation satisfactory to EDA that the permit has been obtained.
- **MITIGATION:** The Recipient shall follow all mitigation measures (excluding those no longer applicable because they apply only to already completed elements of project construction) outlined in the Mitigation Monitoring Program included as Appendix B to the Cohasset Road Widening Project CEQA Initial Study, dated September 2006.