



County of Sonoma  
State of California

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Date: July 19, 2022

Item Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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4/5 Vote Required

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**Resolution of The Board of Supervisors of The County of Sonoma, State of California,  
Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program  
and Approving a Project to Replace the Freestone Flat Road Bridge over Salmon Creek.**

**Whereas**, the Department of Transportation and Public Works has submitted to this Board for review and approval of the Freestone Flat Road Bridge Replacement over Salmon Creek Project, County Project Number C11004 (the “Project”); and

**Whereas**, a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (“MND”) have been prepared for the Project in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State and County CEQA guidelines, and has been submitted to this Board for review and adoption; and

**Whereas**, the Environmental Review Committee reviewed the MND and concurred with its mitigation measures; and

**Whereas**, notice of a 32-day public review of the MND from August 7 through September 8, 2020 were provided in accordance with CEQA and State and County CEQA guidelines, and the MND has been circulated for public and agency review and comments have been addressed; and

**Whereas**, this Board has reviewed the MND and comments received thereon; and

**Whereas**, in making its determinations, this Board has gained a well-rounded understanding of the range of the environmental issues related to the Project by its review of

the MND, all comments, testimony, letters and reports regarding the MND, and its own experience and expertise in these environmental issues. Prior to making the following findings, the Board has reviewed and considered the evidence and analysis presented in the MND, the technical reports and all public comments and information submitted at or before the Board meeting. The Board's findings are based on full appraisal of all viewpoints, all evidence and all information in the record of these proceedings. The Board further finds that the MND reflects this Board's independent judgement and analysis; and

**Whereas**, based upon the entire record, there is no substantial evidence of a fair argument that the Project will have a significant environmental effect. Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the Project through the mitigation measures and monitoring plan that avoid or substantially lessen all potentially significant environmental effects of the Project; and

**Whereas**, the Board finds that the MND has been completed in compliance with CEQA and that the MND adequately and fully describes and evaluates the changes or alterations to the Project that have been requested as part of the Project.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that based on the foregoing findings and determinations and the full record of these proceedings, this Board makes the following findings and declares and orders:

1. The foregoing findings and determinations are true and correct, are supported by substantial evidence in the record, and are adopted as hereinabove set forth.
2. The MND has been prepared for this Project and circulated for public and agency review pursuant to the requirements of CEQA and comments have been addressed.
3. Recirculation of the updated MND is not necessary. The changes are not substantial revisions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15073.5 because the changes provide information to clarify and amplify the mitigation measures identified in the circulated draft and do not identify any new mitigation measures or environmental impacts.

4. There is no substantial evidence before the Board that the Project, as mitigated by the mitigation measures in the MND, may have a significant effect on the environment and therefore, adoption of the MND is appropriate under CEQA and State and County CEQA guidelines. The MND reflects this Board's independent judgement and analysis.

**Be It Further Resolved** that this Board hereby adopts the MND and directs the mitigation measures be incorporated into the Project.

**Be It Further Resolved** that this Board approves the Project, and directs the Director of Department of Transportation and Public Works to take such action as may be necessary to carry out the Project.

**Be It Further Resolved** that this Board directs staff of Department of Transportation and Public Works to file a Notice of Determination with the County Clerk within five (5) days of the date of this Resolution.

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Clerk of the Board is designated as the custodian of documents and other materials that constitute the record of the proceeding upon which the Board's decision is herein based. These documents may be found at the office of the Clerk of the Board, 575 Administration Drive, Room 100A, Santa Rosa, California 95403.

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Hopkins:

Gore:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**