



**RESOLUTION NO.**

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

**Resolution to Authorize the Department of Transportation Director, or Designee, to Execute Agreements for Purchase of Mitigation Credits from Mitigation and Conservation Banks**

**WHEREAS**, the County of El Dorado Department of Transportation (Department) intends to pursue improvements, maintenance, and operations of public facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department manages and oversees public works and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) construction projects, maintenance, and contracts for the public facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and obtain regulatory agency approval, which may require purchase of mitigation credits in accordance with jurisdictional policies of regulatory agencies such as, but not limited to, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in order to mitigate the impacts of projects associated with advancing the CIP and maintaining public facilities that may substantially affect existing protected species or habitat resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid environmental laws or agencies determine whether projects will likely impact protected species or habitat such as, but not limited to, riparian, aquatic resources, or oak woodland, and may be mitigated in the form of an agreement purchasing credits from an approved mitigation or conservation bank; and

**WHEREAS**, these purchase agreements include standard statements, requirements, conditions, orders, and other similar nomenclature from standard forms for the majority of CIP and maintenance projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department requests the Board of Supervisors delegate signatory authority limited to \$175,000 or less, to the Director, or Designee, to approve and execute mitigation and conservation agreements allowing for such agreements to be processed more efficiently, subject to prior review and approval by County Counsel.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director, or Designee, to approve and execute sale of mitigation credits agreements in the amount of \$175,000 or less with various approved mitigation and conservation banks in relation to the County’s Capital Improvement Program and/or maintenance projects, subject to prior review and approval of such agreements by County Counsel.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:  
Kim Dawson  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Ayes:  
Noes:  
Absent:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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Chair, Board of Supervisors