

Legislation Text

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Transportation Department recommending that the Board consider the following:

1) Certify that the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Christmas Valley 2 Erosion Control Project (JN 95159) is adequate for said Project; and

2) Authorize the Director of Transportation or his designee to sign the Notice of Determination.

FUNDING: N/A

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Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost:

Approval of this Mitigated Negative Declaration will not result in any fiscal impacts. There is no cost to the County General Fund.

Background:

In accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Department has prepared an Initial Study (IS) and a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Christmas Valley 2 Erosion Control Project area. As the lead agency for the Project, the County must make a determination as to the significance of the impacts on the environment posed by the Project. While minimal impacts to certain resource areas were identified in the IS, the County has identified and listed appropriate mitigation measures for the respective resource areas and has prepared a MND consistent with the CEQA Guidelines.

The Christmas Valley 2 Erosion Control Project is identified in the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's "Environmental Improvement Program for the Lake Tahoe Region" and is considered an overall benefit to the environment by assisting in attaining environmental thresholds for water quality and soil conservation.

Reason for Recommendation:

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The IS/MND was circulated on December 28, 2008 for a thirty (30) day public comment period and the Department of Transportation (Department) has completed the public comment period for the Project. The public comment period included submittal of the IS and MND to the State Clearinghouse and to other appropriate resource agencies for review. There were no comments to respond to.

Action to be taken following Board approval:

1) The Director of Transportation or his designee will sign the Notice of Determination;

2) The Department will record the Notice of Determination with the County Clerk/Recorder and the State Clearinghouse and pay the appropriate California Department of Fish and Game fees; and

3) The Department will submit a certified copy of the filed Notice of Determination to the California Tahoe Conservancy, the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency.

Contact:

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Concurrences: None