

STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 5, 2023

CATEGORY: Consent Calendar {{item.number}}

SUBJECT: Approve a retroactive amendment to the agreement with the California Department of Transportation and the California State Historic Preservation Officer, for the “Cassel-Fall River Road at Pit River Bridge Replacement Project,” Contract No. 703919, which extends the term.

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #: District 3

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Troy Bartolomei, Interim Director of Public Works, (530) 225-5661

STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY: Troy Bartolomei, Interim Director of Public Works

<u>Vote Required?</u>	<u>General Fund Impact?</u>
Simple Majority Vote	No General Fund Impact

RECOMMENDATION

Approve a retroactive amendment, effective March 29, 2023, to the Programmatic Agreement (PA) with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for the “Cassel-Fall River Road at Pit River Bridge Replacement Project,” Contract No. 703919 (the “Project”), which extends the term of the agreement for the period March 29, 2018, through March 28, 2023, with no compensation.

DISCUSSION

The Cassel-Fall River Road at Pit River Bridge is in Fall River Mills. The existing five-span concrete structure was built in 1922 and is nearing the end of its service. The bridge is being replaced through the federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP). Environmental clearances are required. Consultations have occurred between the County, Caltrans, Pacific Gas and Electric, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and the Pit River Nation/Ajumawi Band. As owner of the bridge, the County is an invited signatory. Significant archaeological and historical resources have been identified. The PA establishes the stipulations to protect these resources during construction. An additional five years is required due to complications in right of way negotiations and funding arrangements with the HBP.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board may decline to approve the amendment. The State mandated consultation process would be reopened and the Project would be delayed until a new agreement was reached. Such a delay could jeopardize the grant funds needed for the project.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

Caltrans oversees the project funding. County Counsel has approved the amendment as to form. Risk Management has approved the amendment. The recommendation has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total project cost estimate is \$7,800,000. Federal funds will cover 88.53% of project costs. Gas Tax will cover the remainder. Sufficient appropriations for the amendment are included in the Adopted Fiscal Year 2023-24 Roads Budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

1: Proposed Amendment