

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Public Works *mlm*

BOARD AGENDA # *C-3

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE September 9, 2014

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval of a Resolution to Close Morrow Road at its Intersection with Kiernan Avenue (SR219)

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Find that the closure of Morrow Road at Kiernan Avenue is necessary for the protection of the public.
2. Approve a resolution to close Morrow Road at Kiernan Avenue (SR219).
3. Find this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under the CEQA Guideline 14 CCR 15301 (e), and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption in accordance with Guidelines Section 15303.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Due to the current construction activities on Kiernan Avenue, a construction change order request by Caltrans will create a cost neutral improvement for the County.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2014-465

On motion of Supervisor Withrow, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Withrow, Monteith, and Chairman De Martini

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: Chiesa

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST:

Christine Ferraro
CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

In June 2014, the County received a letter from residents on Morrow Road requesting subject closure. Morrow Road is a local rural roadway connecting Bangs Avenue and Kiernan Avenue. Morrow Road is a relatively short road, at a total length of 2,500 feet, providing very little connectivity in the road network. The extent of Morrow Road is between Bangs Avenue and Kiernan Avenue. Currently there are approximately 500 vehicles using Morrow Road per day.

All landowners with frontage on Morrow Road submitted signatures indicating their approval and desire to close Morrow Road at the Kiernan Avenue intersection. Landowner concerns include the following statements: "Traffic on Morrow Road between Kiernan Avenue and Bangs Avenue has increased significantly over the past several years," and "Consequently, we are dealing with a much higher volume of traffic than we have ever experienced in the past. Unfortunately, this has led to increased safety concerns for our children and families".

Public Works has met with the Fire Department and coordinated with the Sheriff's Department to ensure adequate emergency access is maintained to serve homes and parcels on Morrow Road. An adequate solution is the placement of a locked gate on Morrow Road at Kiernan Avenue. Use of this locked gate will be for emergency services only. Attached are letters of support from the Salida Fire District and the Sheriff's Department.

Additionally, Public Works staff has met with Caltrans to discuss this closure. Due to the current construction activity on Kiernan Avenue this closure could be easily achieved via a cost neutral change order to the project. Also, closure of Morrow Road access on the state highway would eliminate conflicting points at this intersection. Attached is a sketch of the proposed closure, as part of the Kiernan Avenue Widening Project.

Public Works recommends the proposed action in an effort to promote through traffic to use designated facilities designed and built to accommodate higher traffic volumes. Attached is the supporting documentation requesting subject closure.

Should the Board choose to take the recommended action, it is anticipated that improvements will be immediately constructed. The physical closure and use of the gate will be delayed 3-6 months to ensure adequate notice is given to the public and emergency services.

POLICY ISSUES:

The recommended action supports the Board's priorities of promoting A Well Planned Infrastructure System by promoting the use of designated roadways.

Approval of a Resolution to Close Morrow Road at its Intersection with Kiernan Avenue (SR219)

STAFFING IMPACT:

No staffing level change is required to implement this action and prepare the construction change order.

CONTACT PERSON:

Matt Machado, Public Works Director. Telephone: (209) 525-4130

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution to Implement the closure of Morrow Road at Kiernan
2. June 2014 letter containing signatures from Morrow Road landowners requesting road closure
3. Salida Fire District letter dated August 25, 2014 approving gate at Morrow Road
4. Sheriff's Department letter of support
5. Kiernan Avenue (SR219) plan revision indicating proposed closure at Morrow Road

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

Item # *C-3

Resolution to Implement the Closure of Morrow Road at Kiernan Avenue (SR219)

Whereas, Division 2, Chapter 2, Section 942.5 of the California Streets and Highways Code provides that the Board of Supervisors may restrict the use of, or close, any county highway whenever the board considers such closing or restriction of use necessary for the protection of the public; and

Whereas, Morrow Road is a highway maintained by Stanislaus County; and

Whereas, Morrow Road is approximately 2,500 feet in length; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Works has determined that for the protection of the public, access to Morrow Road shall be closed at its intersection with Kiernan Avenue (SR219); and

Whereas, the County circulation network provides alternate traffic routes to Kiernan Avenue; and

Whereas, all access to adjacent properties and access from Bangs Avenue shall remain intact; and

Whereas, this closure will facilitate the County's ongoing corridor development plan for this community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, it is hereby determined and ordered based on the information provided by the Director of Public Works, that this Board certifies that access to Morrow Road from Kiernan Avenue is prohibited for the protection of the public.

ATTEST: **CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk**
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,
State of California

Christine Ferraro

File No.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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June 2, 2014

Supervisor Terry Withrow
Supervisor Dick Monteith
1010 10th Street
Modesto, CA 95354

RE: CLOSURE OF MORROW ROAD AT KIERNAN AVENUE

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find the list of owners on Morrow Road, provided by your office. Each owner has signed next to their name. Their signature indicates that they approve to closing of Morrow Road at the Kiernan Avenue (State Highway 219) intersection.

As we have discussed with you, traffic on Morrow Road between Kiernan Avenue and Bangs Avenue has increased significantly over the past several years. We believe that there are several reasons, including but not limited to, the road work and closures on Bangs due to the upgrades by PG&E to their gas lines, the road work on Kiernan, and the new stop signs at the Stanislaus Elementary School on Kiernan. During the road work, traffic was diverted at times through Morrow Road. Many drivers apparently saw this route as a convenient way to get to and from Kiernan, even after the diversions were over. Consequently, we are dealing with a much higher volume of traffic than we have ever experienced in the past. Unfortunately, this has led to increased safety concerns for our children and families.

In the mid 2000's, the County studied the traffic flow on Morrow Road. Due to the results of this study, the speed limit on Morrow Road was reduced to 35 mph. However, enforcement of this speed limit is difficult, if not impossible. When traffic was diverted due to road or PG&E work, a significant portion of the drivers seemed to ignore the speed limit. Many of us living on Morrow Road have had the experience of driving at the speed limit and being tailgated or passed by others speeding down the road.

Also, over the past six or seven years, the demographics of our neighborhood have changed. Families with children, ages 2 to 15 years, have moved in. It is impossible to let them play in the front yards, even with fences. In the past three years, we have experienced tragedies and "near misses". For instance, a very young child was able to get out of his fenced yard and run across the road. Luckily, he was caught by a neighbor who happened to spot him. Trying to merge onto Kiernan from Morrow Road has resulted in at least one accident resulting in severe injuries and several near misses. There has also been one death. Neighbors must be extra vigilant if they want to walk on Morrow Road. This was not the case in the past.

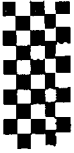
One concern that we heard as several of us walked the neighborhood speaking with owners about the closure of the road. Some were very hesitant to agree due to concerns about the cost of this closure. Thus, we are requesting that this closure be financed without expense to the owners.

We are very appreciative of your interest and concern for the safety issues in our neighborhood.
We look forward to continuing our work with you to address these issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Albert Joshua et al.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Albert Joshua et al.
4637 Morrow Road
Modesto, CA 95356
(415) 999-9820



Name	Address	Signature	
Larry Paulsen	4901 Morrow		
Gary Creedon	4918 Morrow		
Larry Paulsen	4901 Morrow		
x BlessedInfty Acres	4818 Morrow	Parish R... 5/27/14	
Billy & Johnna Reich	4771 Morrow		
Our Landy of Ransom Acres	4774 Morrow	Marie A. R... 5/22/14	
Charles & Marsha Cook	4761 Morrow	Charles Cook 5/22/14	
Casa St. Josephs	4772 Morrow	Marie A. R... 5/23/14	
Gebregiorghis Gebreselassie & Abai Tsigewoini	4729 Morrow	Gebreselassie Gebre... 5/23/14	
x St. Felicissimus Cath School	4736 Morrow	Marie A. R... 5/23/14	
David & Carol Bulman	4724 Morrow	David Bulman 5/23/2014	
Randy & Julie Hillarides	4725 Morrow	Julie Hillarides 5-27-14	
John & Cordella Degraft-Johnson	4707 Morrow	John Degraft-Johnson 5-29-14	
Andrew Anaya & Louisa Flora	4700 Morrow	Andrew Anaya 5/27/14	
Albert Joshua & Madelyn Schlaepfer	4637 Morrow	Madelyn Schlaepfer	
Adele Ney	4500 Morrow	Adele C. Ney 5/27/2014	
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Gary & Pam Miles	4607 Morrow	Gary Miles 5/27/2014	5/27
x Fred R. Guerrero, Sr.	4603 Morrow	Fred Guerrero Sr. 5/19/14	
Gary & Patricia Wolfe	4519 Morrow	Gary Wolfe 5/27/14	
Phillip & Connie Grover	4449 Morrow	Phillip Grover 5/27/14	
Vasile & Estera Pernesh	4445 Morrow		
James & Maryhelen Smith	4430 Morrow	James Smith Maryhelen Smith 5-24-14	
Antonov Yakov	4418 Morrow	Antonov Yakov	

GARY MILES
 Connie Grover 4449 Morrow
 James & Julie Smith 4761 Morrow
 Adele Ney 4648 Morrow - Adele C Ney 5/27/2014

Signature list for closure of Morrow Rd.

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Connie Grover 4449 Morrow [Signature] 5/24/14

James & Julie Smith 4430 Morrow [Signature] 5/24/14

Adele Ney - I have 3 properties enclose is my 3rd signature:

I agree to the closure of Morrow / Kevin

Steve Loules

2267 Bangs.



I agree to the Closure of Morrow Rd at Ker

Jack Bauman





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August 25, 2014

Matt Machado
Stanislaus County
Public Works Director
1716 Morgan Road
Modesto, CA 95358-5805

RE: Request for Permanent Closure of Morrow Road at SR219 (Kiernan Ave) 10-OA8724

Mr. Machado,

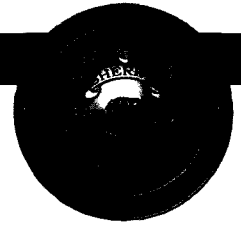
Salida Fire has reviewed the proposal to close Morrow Road at SR219 (Kiernan Ave). There is a need for either an approved turn-around or the utilization of a controlled methodology. As proposed, installing a gate limiting normal access is acceptable. The gate shall be designed to support Salida Fire's adopted access protocol by using the Knox lock system.

Please note that response times may be extended if called to an emergency due to having to access Morrow Road via Bangs Ave. Fire personnel will evaluate the best access, via Bangs Ave or through the gate, at the time of a request depending upon their location.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment and we look forward to working with you and the citizens on Morrow Road to minimize any life safety impacts.

Sincerely,

Dale Skiles
Fire Chief



SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
Adam Christianson, Sheriff-Coroner

**ADMINISTRATION
DIVISION**

August 29, 2014

Matt Machado
Stanislaus County
Public Works Director
1716 Morgan Road
Modesto CA 95358-5805

Re: Request for Permanent Closure of Morrow Road at SR219 (Keirnan Avenue) 10-OA8724

Dear Mr. Machado:

The Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department has reviewed the proposal to close Morrow Road at SR219 (Kiernan Ave.) Installing a gate at the entrance to Morrow Road is acceptable, provided Sheriff's Department patrol personnel are granted universal access in the event of an emergency or request for service.

Please note that response times may be slightly extended in the event of an emergency in accessing the roadway through a closed gate or by way of Bangs Ave. Sheriff's personnel will determine the best access points at the time and nature of a call for service.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal, and we look forward to working with you and the citizens along Morrow Road to minimize any disruptions of service.

Sincerely,

ADAM CHRISTIANSON
Sheriff - Coroner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Gordon", written over a white background.

Jim Gordon
Captain

NOTE: FOR COMPLETE R/W DATA, SEE R/W RECORD MAPS AT DISTRICT OFFICE.



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 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

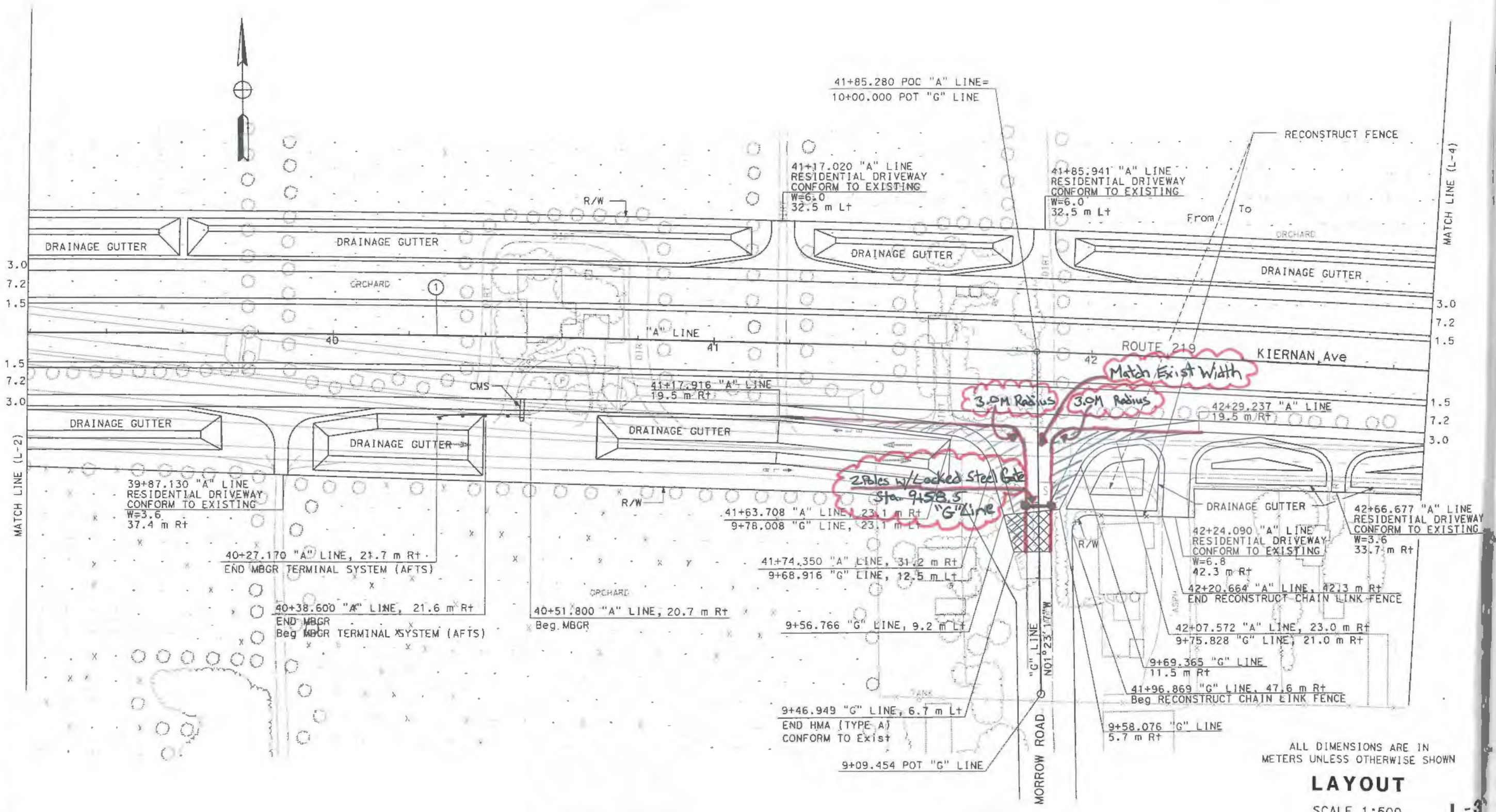
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 PLANS APPROVAL DATE

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CURVE DATA

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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 REVISOR: []
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