

**NORTH COUNTY CORRIDOR
TRANSPORTATION EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY**

ITEM: 3a

SUBJECT:

Project Updates

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Discussion Only

FISCAL IMPACT:

Not determined

DISCUSSION:

Jacob's staff provides the following updates:

Public Outreach Update –

- A presentation was made updating the project to the City of Oakdale Council on July 15, 2011
- A presentation was made to the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau on August 2, 2011
- A meeting was held with the ConAgra staff on August 9, 2011
- A meeting was held with the Burchell Nursery on August 24, 2011
- A presentation was made updating the project to the City of Riverbank Council on September 12, 2011

The next Community Focus Group meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 28, 2011.

Traffic Update –

The work for developing the traffic forecast for the proposed preliminary alignments is continuing.

Environmental Update –

The comments on the draft initial chapters of the environmental document have been received from Caltrans. Fieldwork for the environmental analysis will continue over the next several months.

Our efforts to reach out to property owners to gain access for environmental evaluations have been successful, however, not inclusive of all properties. Caltrans and staff have determined that environmental studies can continue with the following caveats:

- Letters, phone calls and personal visits will cease. No legal action will be taken and no monetary incentives will be given to gain access to the remaining parcels. However, we will continue to seek permission through while out surveying or through public meetings, etc. if the opportunity presents itself.
- For parcels that we cannot gain access, we will establish habitat mapping based on all available information (i.e. adjacent parcel surveys, aerials, etc.). We will assume

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species presence assuming habitat is of sufficient quality. We will seek a biological opinion from US Fish and Wildlife Service based on both the known and assumed species impacts. The biological opinion will define mitigation ratios for all species impacts and all of those impacts will be included in the environmental document, but we will only be actively mitigating for each of the build phases as they occur.

- Once a preferred alternative is selected, or we actually purchase parcels, we can do follow up protocol surveys for biology and/or cultural surveys to either confirm or refine impacts where assumptions were made. Mitigation may change based on the additional surveys.

We will be discussing this strategy with the 6002 Resource Agencies at the next meeting in October.

"No PTE" #Parcels Other Parcels (TBD/owner non-responsive) Totals

Priority 1: 32	Priority 1: 36	Priority 1: 68
Priority 2: 17	Priority 2: 44	Priority 2: 61
Priority 3: 5	Priority 3: 23	Priority 3: 28

Design Update – Comments regarding the layout, profile and access points to the proposed facility were received from the local agencies and the geometrics have been revised. Once approved by the PDT, the Environmental Study Limit (ESL) maps that will establish the footprint for environmental study, based on input from the various environmental disciplines, will be submitted to Caltrans later this month.

Work has begun on preparing the Project Report. This report provides cost estimates for future funding programming. The type and number of structures for the project, including the initial construction phase, have been determined. There are several types of structures; interchange, rail overcrossings, irrigation canals, etc. The PDT has approved using a limited number of representative structures for preliminary estimating purposes and scaling the cost to match the size of the differing crossings.

Financial Update –

Original Contract Amount	\$5,800,000
Amended Contract Amount	\$3,047,838
Subtotal	\$8,847,838
Expenditures (thru June 2011 invoice)	\$4,946,032
Balance	\$3,901,806
Funding	
State Transportation Improvement Funds	\$6,200,000
Public Facilities Fee	\$4,900,000
Total	\$11,100,000