

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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FROM: TLMA - Transportation Dept.

SUBMITTAL DATE:
June 20, 2005

SUBJECT: River Road Bridge Replacement Project - Corona/Norco Area- Second
Supervisory District

RECOMMENDED MOTION: CERTIFICATION of Environmental Impact Report No. 476,
APPROVAL of the River Road Bridge Replacement Project, **ADOPTION** of the Findings of Fact
and Statement of Overriding Considerations, and **ADOPTION** of the Mitigation Monitoring and
Reporting Program.

BACKGROUND: The River Road Bridge is an existing 2 lane facility that crosses the Santa
Ana River north of the cities of Norco and Corona and south of the Eastvale community. The
existing bridge is functionally obsolete and structurally deficient. The bridge is routinely closed
during storms due to overtopping of water, sand and debris and has been damaged several
times since 1995. A sand mining operation is in place in the riverbed to protect the bridge until
the construction of the new bridge begins.

The Transportation Department is the lead agency for the project under the California
Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is the lead
under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), with coordination through Caltrans.
Funding for the project will be provided through the federal Highway Bridge Replacement and
Rehabilitation (HBRR) program, which requires a local match.

Departmental Concurrence

REVIEWED BY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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DATE 6/20/05

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George A. Johnson
Director of Transportation

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Consent
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Per Exec. Ofc.:

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ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

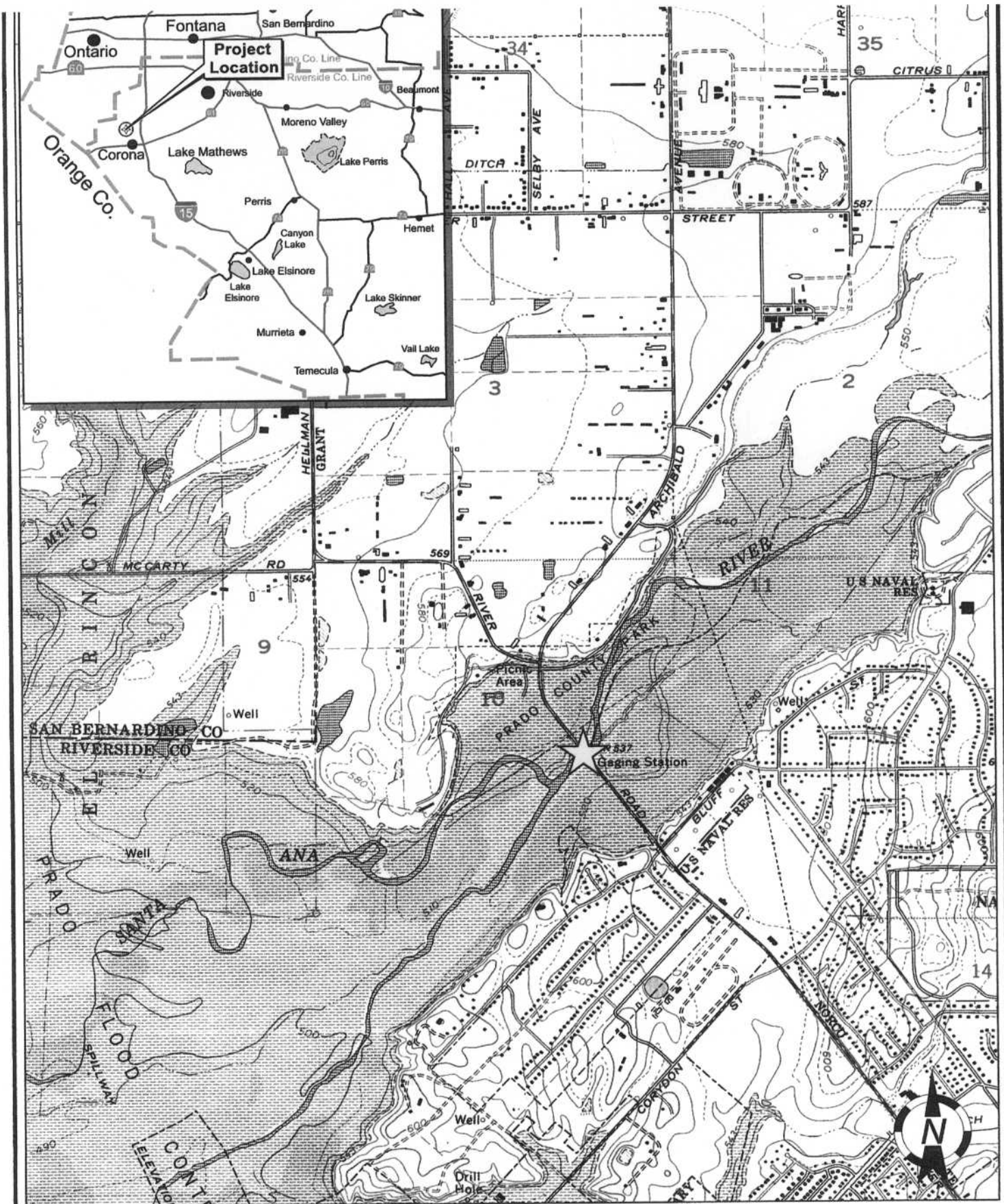
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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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The project has been jointly processed through CEQA and NEPA as an Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Report (EA/EIR). Certification of the EIR will complete the CEQA processing and allow the FHWA to sign the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), which will complete the environmental documentation for the project under both CEQA and NEPA.

In order to certify the EIR, findings of fact and a statement of overriding considerations (attached) must be adopted due to potentially unavoidable and significant air quality impacts during construction. This potential impact will be substantially lessened with implementation of proposed mitigation measures and would be temporary however, PM10 emissions would still exceed South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) significance thresholds after mitigation, for the peak construction day. The Final EA/EIR has identified these unavoidable significant impacts. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program that identifies all mitigation measures and parties responsible for implementation is attached; this is also adopted as a part of the CEQA documentation.

The final step in the environmental process is to obtain the permits for construction of the project through the Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Fish & Game and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Completion of these permits is expected in the fall of 2005. Final design and right of way acquisition will commence at that time. Construction of the bridge is expected to begin in early 2007.



Map 1. River Road Bridge Sand Mining 2003: Project vicinity and location.

★ Project Location



Map Source: USGS 7.5' Corona North quad



NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

EIR No. 476

SCH# 2000011034


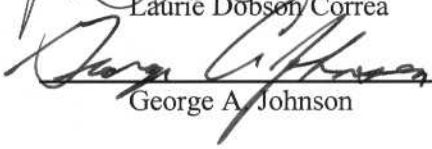
PROJECT NAME: River Road Bridge Replacement Project

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION: River Road Bridge crosses the Santa Ana River upstream from Prado Dam and north of the cities of Corona and Norco, in northwestern Riverside County. The County of Riverside, in cooperation with Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration, propose to replace the existing bridge which is functionally obsolete and structurally deficient. The new bridge will be 800 feet in length and provide for four lanes of traffic, shoulders and a multipurpose trail. The approach roads leading to the bridge would each be 1200 feet long. The new bridge would meet current hydraulic, traffic and seismic design standards.

DETERMINATION:

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared and certified for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of this project.
4. A Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program was adopted.
5. Findings of Fact and a Statement of Overriding Considerations were adopted for this project.

The Final EIR may be examined, along with administrative record, at the Transportation Department, 4080 Lemon Street, 8th fl, Riverside, California 92501.

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 George A. Johnson	Title	<u>Director of Transportation</u>	Date	<u>6/29/05</u>

HEARING BODY OR OFFICER

XX Board of Supervisors
 _____ Planning Commission

ACTION ON PROJECT

_____ Approval
 _____ Disapproval

Date: _____

Verifying: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

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