

M E M O R A N D U M

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: September 10, 2013

FROM:  KEN GREHM / PETER KRAATZ

SUBJECT: CASA LOMA ROAD LANDSLIDE REPAIR PROJECT – URGENT CONTRACT

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the project plans and specifications and authorize the Chair to sign the cover sheet.
2. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Department of Public Works to enter into a construction contract not to exceed \$175,000 for the Casa Loma Road Repair Project through informal bidding. There is no net County cost.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute the contract, with County Counsel and Risk Management review and approval, on behalf of the Board and to approve and sign contract change orders, if necessary, up to 10 percent of the contract amount.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

The Casa Loma Road Repair Project is located just off Interstate 80 near Alta on Casa Loma Road. In early December 2012, after a significant storm event, a landslide occurred along Casa Loma Road. Casa Loma Road serves dozens of parcels in this remote area near Alta. Loss of the road would lead to difficult access for residences located off of Casa Loma and Moody Ridge Roads. Public Works crews performed remedial stabilization work immediately following the failure. Work included placing sandbags and tarps, repairing culverts and improving drainage to minimize and release water pressure in the hillside. PG&E crews removed trees that were damaged in the slide and could possibly damage the electrical lines. A private engineer performed testing to evaluate the slide and propose potential repairs. Further landslide activity could further impact the road and possibly, Interstate 80 which is immediately adjacent and parallel to Casa Loma Road.

The urgent project will stabilize a segment of road shoulder along Casa Loma Road that has sloughed with a vertical head cut that has formed adjacent to the road. In addition, the slope failure has exposed a waterline operated by the Placer County Water Agency. The project will ensure the waterline is protected from further landslide activity. The Department has prepared design details and is soliciting bids from qualified contractors in an expedited process. The project needs to be completed before this Winter in order to prevent additional slope failure and road damage that may be caused by snow and rain. Providing authorization to the Director of Public Works to award the project will allow us to secure a contractor sooner and hopefully, complete work before the onset of winter weather.

With the support of the Procurement Services Division, Public Works will solicit at least three proposals for slope repair through an informal process. The informal process is needed because the typical formal bidding process will not allow the landslide to be repaired in a timely fashion and the public interest will not be served by allowing the project to be continued through the Winter where additional rains may lead to further damage by the landslide. The proposed expedited process authorizing informal bids and Department award of the project will allow the project to be completed this Fall.

ENVIRONMENTAL

This project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 31.931 (c) Class 1: Maintenance of Existing Facilities.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for the project has been included in the Department's proposed FY 2013/14 Final Budget using discretionary Road Fund balance dollars. There is no net County cost.

Attachments:
Resolution
Location Map

A copy of the Plans/Specs are on file with the
Clerk of the Board's Office

**Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Placer, State of California**

In the matter of: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE CASA LOMA ROAD REPAIR PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE AND SIGN CHANGE ORDERS.

Resol. No. _____

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held on _____ by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

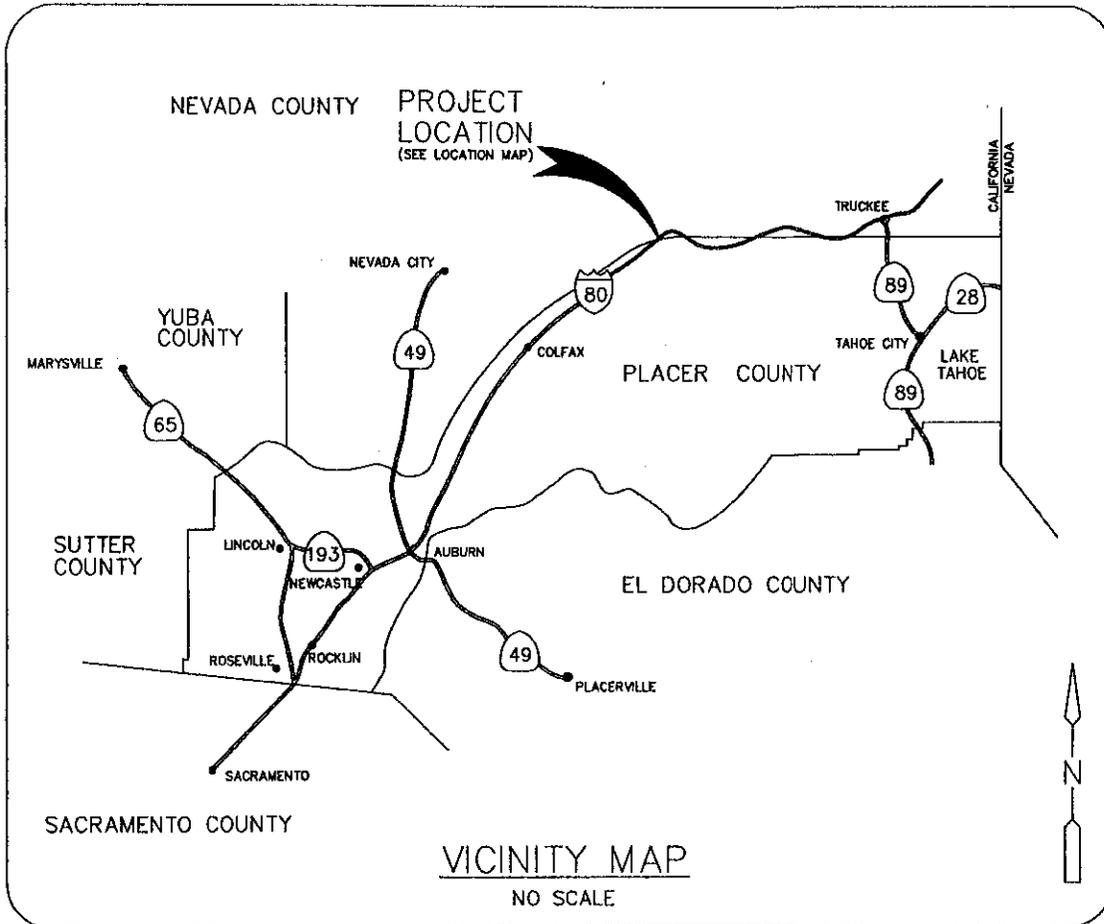
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:
Clerk of said Board

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California, that this Board approves the project plans and specifications and authorizes the Department of Public Works to enter into a construction contract, not to exceed \$175,000, for the Casa Loma Road Repair Project; and authorizes the Director of Public Works to execute the contract, with County Counsel and Risk Management's review and approval, and authorizes the Director of Public Works to approve and sign change orders, if necessary, up to 10 percent of the contract amount; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that the project is exempt from formal competitive bidding on the grounds that time constraints created by the onset of cold and wet weather make it impractical to bid and complete the project and the public interest will not be served by allowing the project to continue through the Winter due to the possibility of further landslide activity.

CASA LOMA ROAD REPAIR
VICINITY AND LOCATION MAP



LOCATION MAP
NOT TO SCALE

