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Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Eric Rood Administrative Center  
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**DATE OF MEETING:** May 22, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Motion Authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to send Letter(s) of Support urging the State of California to provide an additional \$2.8M in State Funding for the Bridgeport Bridge Restoration Project.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to send Letter(s) of Support urging the State of California to provide an additional \$2.8M in State Funding for the Bridgeport Bridge Restoration Project.

**FUNDING:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:**

Yesterday morning, Monday, May 21, 2018, the County was informed that a funding shortfall for the Bridgeport Bridge Restoration Project emerged that, if left unfunded, will delay the project for at least one (1) year that could further drive costs up and threaten the project. For the project to remain on schedule, with construction beginning this summer, funding for the project will need to be included within the State's FY 18/19 Budget; however, the State budgeting process is well underway with Budget Subcommittees reporting to the Full Budget Committees and budget bills being drafted for consideration on the Legislature Floor for early June. Therefore, any actions by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors would need to occur before the next regularly scheduled meeting. Therefore, I urge the Board to place this matter as an urgent item on its Agenda for today's meeting on May 22, 2018.

The Bridgeport Bridge Rehabilitation Project was first identified in the Governor's 5-year Infrastructure Plan as part of the 2014-15 State budget for State Parks. Initially \$1.3 million was included in the 2014-2015 State Budget to cover the original estimate to stabilize and fully

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restore and reopen the bridge. However, following an extensive assessment of the condition of the Bridge in 2016, along with the work needed to completely renovate the structure, a new cost estimate of \$3.9M for the work was identified. Subsequently, \$4.1M was approved in the State's 2017-2018 budget. Of that \$4.1M, roughly \$900,000 has already been spent on final plans, drawings and approvals leaving approximately \$3.4M for construction costs.

In April of this year the project was put out to bid. However, only one proposal was initially submitted which prompted the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to revise the scope of services and put out a second bid for the project. Subsequently, DPR received three (3) bids from Spectra Company, NMI Industrial Holidays, Inc. and Western Construction Corporation for \$5.2M, \$6.7M, and \$8M, respectively. After reviewing and following up with each proposal, DPR determined that the project should be awarded to Spectra Company with a competitive bid and qualified experience. However, because the proposal is more than what is currently allocated in the State's budget, a contract cannot be awarded without the remaining fiscal shortfall of \$2.8M, that includes 20% contingency funding, being encumbered within the State's Budget. The contractor's bid is only valid until October 2018.

To further complicate matters, construction on the project must adhere to a strict seasonal timeline. Construction crews will need to conduct equipment staging in the area and deconstruct the bridge in time to rehabilitate the existing abutments by the end of the summer before river water levels rise when the season changes. Should the existing abutments not be fully rehabilitated before the end of summer, the project will need to be called off until the following summer in 2019.

Therefore, I respectfully request that a motion be passed to authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to send Letter(s) of Support urging the State of California to provide an additional \$2.8M in State funding for the Bridgeport Bridge Restoration Project. Given the circumstances and very short notification, Staff is currently working with State Parks and the County's legislative advocacy firm Shaw/Yoder/Antwih, Inc. to identify the applicable departments, committees and individuals to contact to advocate for an increase in funding for the project. Staff will work with the Chair on drafting and submitting Letter(s) of Support as so authorized by the Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Hank Weston

District IV, Board of Supervisors