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CALAVERAS COUNCIL
 of GOVERNMENTS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members
FROM: Executive Director
DATE: November 27, 2006
SUBJECT: **Future Population and Employment Projections – Approve 2005 to 2025 Projections**

RECOMMENDATION

The Calaveras Council of Governments (CCOG) adopts the 2005 – 2025 population projections to be used for developing the Regional Transportation Plan and Air Quality Conformity Analyses.

BACKGROUND

The Calaveras Council of Governments (CCOG) is the regional transportation planning agency responsible to periodically update and adopt estimates of future population and employment growth for traffic modeling purposes in the County. These forecasts will be used as the foundation for the Regional Transportation Plan and Air Quality Conformity Analyses.

DISCUSSION

Recently, the County updated the land use data projections for the Copperopolis and Valley Springs area. This new data forecasts population growth greater than is projected by the California Department of Finance. The new population growth will be used in developing the Regional Transportation Plan and air quality emission’s budget. Caltrans is requesting that CCOG adopt the new projected population growth.

Population Projections

The County hired different consulting firms to look at future growth in the Copperopolis and Valley Springs area. These consultants estimated existing and future growth based on datasets maintained by several County departments:

- Assessor’s Office
- Geographic Information Systems
- Planning/Building
- Solid Waste

The following is the complete projection set consisting population, employment, and housing unit projections. Staff recommends the adoption of this projection set.

Population Projections (2005-2025)					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Angels Camp	3,537	4,265	5,041	5,958	7,064
Unincorporated	45,224	53,369	63,081	74,559	88,391
Calaveras County Total	48,761	57,634	68,122	80,517	95,455