

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CALAVERAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
COUNTY OF CALAVERAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
HELD ON OCTOBER 14, 2005**

**Council Members present:** Michelle Plotnik – *Chair*, Victoria Erickson, Steve Wilensky, Curly Middleton, Lee Seaton, Gabriel Karam and Bob Leitzell

**Council Members Absent:** Merita Callaway (Steve Wilensky present as alternate)

**Staff:** George Dondero - Executive Director; Mary Kelly - Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. in the Sequoia Conference Room by Chair Michelle Plotnik

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

1. **Request to authorize \$1.1M in additional RIP funds for the Cooks/Hams passing lanes project.**

Executive Director George Dondero explained that the Cooks/Hams project is the second of two Alpine County projects scheduled for construction as agreed in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Tri-Counties (Alpine, Amador and Calaveras). This project is ready for construction and the California Transportation Commission has sufficient funds to allocate money to begin construction. However, the lowest bid received was 47.6% above the engineer's estimate of \$3.408M. Dondero explained that due to current market conditions, Caltrans feels it is highly likely that re-advertising could result in even higher minimum bids, and Caltrans has asked the Tri-Counties to authorize the additional \$1.1M needed to award the bid.

A motion was made authorizing the Executive Director to sign letters to Diane Eidam – Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission, and Kome Ajise – Director Caltrans District 10, approving an additional allocation of \$1.1M in Tri-County RIP funds to fully fund construction on the Cooks/Hams project.

*Moved: Erickson*

*Second: Karam*

*Approved: Unanimously*

2. **ADJOURNMENT**

This special meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.

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Michelle Plotnik, Chair  
Calaveras Council of Governments

ATTEST:

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Mary Kelly, Recording Secretary  
Calaveras Council of Governments