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## SPECIAL AGENDA TUOLUMNE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Transportation Committee Meeting

Monday, January 30 at 3:00 pm

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### 1. PUBLIC FORUM

The public may speak on any item not on the agenda. No action may be taken by the Committee. The amount of time allocated for the public forum is limited to 15 minutes.

### 2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of the Minutes of the May 2, 2022
- B. Staff Reports

### 3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Discussion of the Rule 20A program and creating a Rule 20A Utility Underground District in Jamestown

### 4. ADJOURNMENT

#### LOCATION:

Conference Room 3A

ANF Building 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

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TO: Board of Supervisors Transportation Committee  
FROM: Blossom Scott-Heim, P.E. Supervising Engineer  
Denise Zitnik, Engineer  
DATE: January 30, 2023  
RE: Rule 20A Jamestown Underground District.

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## REQUESTED ACTION

Consideration of recommending nomination of the Rule 20A Underground Utility District in Jamestown, CA.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Rule No. 20 is a tariff that establishes the process and procedure for undergrounding of overhead utilities. Rule 20A is a section of this tariff that allows Counties to use work credits from public utilities to finance overhead to underground conversion projects

Utility undergrounding improves area aesthetics and reduces service outages. Projects selected must meet one or more public interest findings as follows:

- Avoid or eliminate an unusually heavy concentration of overhead electric facilities;
- Street is extensively used by the general public and carries a heavy volume of pedestrian or vehicular traffic;
- Street adjoins or passes through a civic area or public recreation area or an area of unusual scenic interest to the general public; and
- Street is considered an arterial street or major collector as defined in the Governor's Office of Planning and Research General Plan Guidelines.

The County's work credit allocation has been accumulating since the Columbia Undergrounding Project was completed in 2012. Allocated credits may be reallocated if an active undergrounding project is not started within a reasonable amount of time, which is generally recognized as 8 years.

The rules to qualify as a community with an active undergrounding program are as follows:

- a) Projects are nominated and discussed with PG&E as well as other utilities;
- b) A public hearing shall be held to determine the need for removal of overhead structures;
- c) The Board must adopt a resolution designating the underground district.

In July 2013, the Board considered seven potential undergrounding projects. The Board approved the following projects in order of priority: Tuolumne Township, Jamestown Walkway Project, East Sonora, and Mono Way.

In August 2019, the Rule 20A Tuolumne Townsite Undergrounding District was approved by Board of Supervisors. The project is currently undergoing design by PG&E and is expected to be completed in 2025.

The California Public Utility Commission Decision (D.) 21-06-013 has revised the Electric Rule 20 program by discontinuing new work credit allocations for Rule 20A projects. The CPUC is considering whether to modify or discontinue the Electric Rule 20 Program.

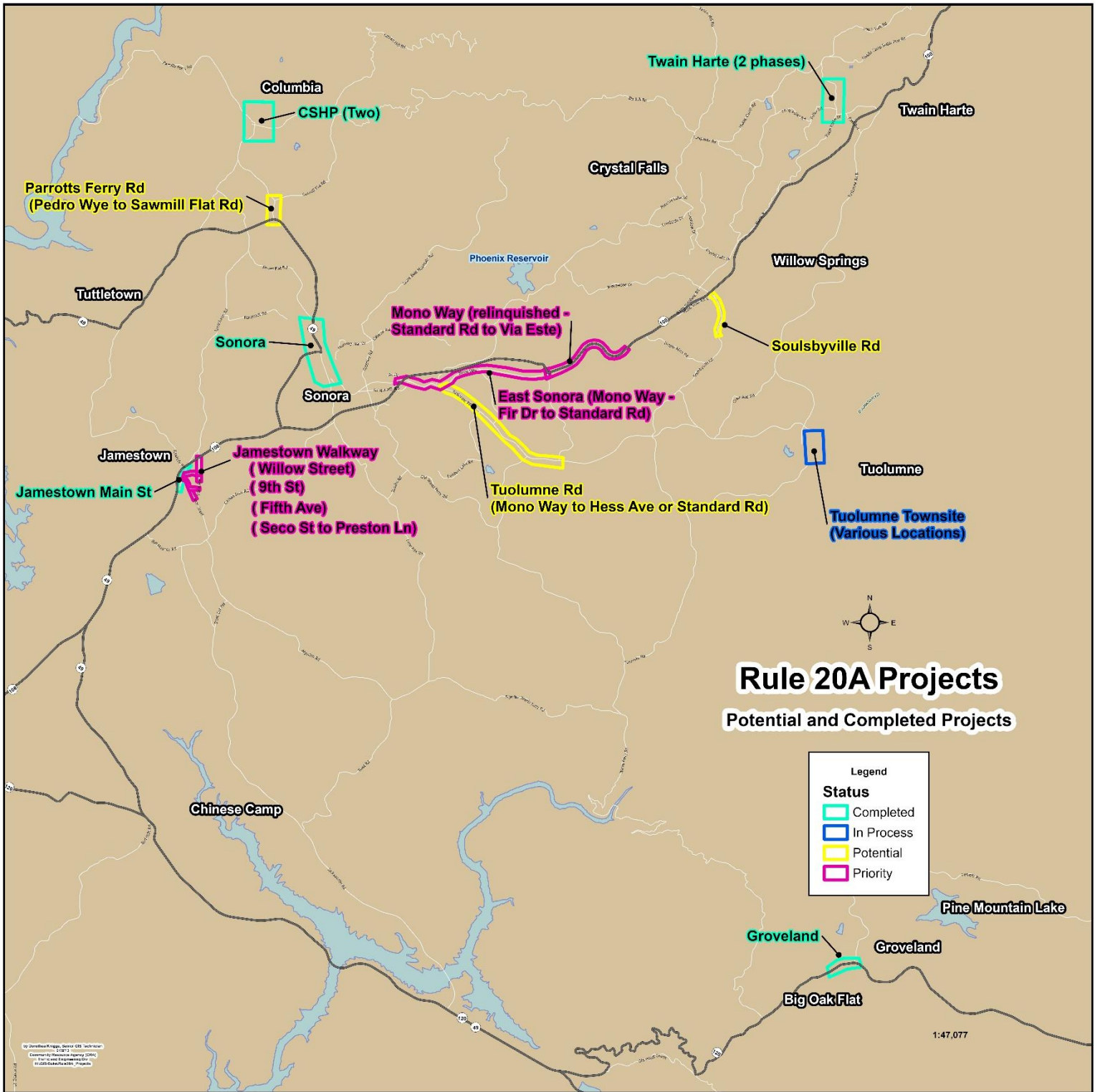
Tuolumne County has a work credit balance of 10,349,693 as of March 13, 2022. The Tuolumne Townsite project has reserved 5,667,280 credits. By taking steps to form the next undergrounding district Tuolumne County will secure the remaining 4,682,413 credits to an active project before any potential program changes. Work credits have no monetary value and are generally not transferrable to other agencies.

The Jamestown Walkway Project is the next priority undergrounding project. The proposed limits to the project are to include Willow Street, Fifth Ave, Seco Street & 9th Street, Seco Street to Preston Lane. This project will continue undergrounding work that began with the prior Main Street Jamestown Rule 20A project. After nomination, Staff will work with PG&E to draft final undergrounding district boundaries, ensuring the project meets at least one public interest finding and develop cost estimates.

Finalized underground district boundaries must be approved by Board of Supervisors resolution after a public hearing per Chapter 12.08 of the Tuolumne County ordinance code. Under the Rule 20A program, once the district boundaries are approved, PG&E will serve as the lead agency for engineering, schedule, and construction. The timeframe to complete the project is dependent on PG&E's available resources and priorities.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that your committee recommend nomination of the Jamestown Walkway Rule 20A Project.





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## MINUTES **UNAPPROVED**

### Board of Supervisors Transportation Committee (BOSTC) Monday, May 2, 2022, at 3:00pm

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**PRESENT:** Chair Ryan Campbell; Supervisor Jaron Brandon

**STAFF:** Kim MacFarlane, Director of Public Works; Blossom Scott-Heim, Supervising Engineer; Pam Hughes, Administrative Assistant-Relief

**ABSENT:** None

**GUESTS:** None

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ryan Campbell called the meeting of May 2, 2022, to order at 3:30 p.m.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

Chair Campbell asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Committee during this portion of the meeting to speak on any issue not on the agenda.

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Chair Campbell closed the public forum.

#### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Consideration of the Minutes of the meeting of November 15, 2021.

Minutes of the November 15, 2021, meeting was moved by Chair Campbell and seconded by Supervisor Brandon to approve as presented.

Motion carried 2 – 0 – 0

B. Staff Reports

Kim MacFarlane, Director of Public Works reported that the Willow Springs cape seal project is nearing completion.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. State of the Roads Report preview

Blossom Scott-Heim, Supervising Engineer began by giving an overview of the presentation. She explained that it will include multiple scenarios, pavement conditions index (PCI), and Public Work's vision. She continued by stating this is an opportunity for input from the

Committee before it goes to the Board of Supervisors on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Scott-Heim continued with her presentation.

Supervisor Brandon question the primary reason for poor roadway conditions.

Ms. Scott-Heim and Ms. MacFarlane explained that each road is unique, and the reasons vary.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Scott-Heim continued the presentation.

Discussion ensued regarding storm damage repairs and the effect it has on future road projects.

Ms. Scott-Heim continued the presentation.

Chair Campbell and Supervisor Brandon provided input on how to make it easier for the public to understand.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Scott-Heim concluded the presentation.

Chair Campbell asked if there were any public comment.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing none, Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim MacFarlane  
Director of Public Works

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