



AGENDA SUBMITTAL TO SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM TITLE Authorize the Director of Resource Management to approve contract change orders on the Gibson Canyon Road Improvement Project north of Vacaville in the amount of up to \$80,000 for the construction of an additional retaining wall and surface repairs		BOARD MEETING DATE June 14, 2011	AGENDA NUMBER 18
Dept: Contact: Phone:	Resource Management Paul Wiese, Engineering Manager 784-6072	Supervisorial District Number 4	
Published Notice Required?		Yes _____	No <u> X </u>
Public Hearing Required?		Yes _____	No <u> X </u>

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Department of Resource Management is currently constructing a project to make safety improvements to portions of Gibson Canyon Road between Steiger Hill Road and Cantelow Road. During construction of the project, portions of one slope located adjacent to the roadway began to slough off. To permanently stabilize that part of the slope, a small retaining wall (with a maximum height of about five feet) must be constructed along a portion of the roadway. In addition, certain portions of the paved road surface were found to be in worse condition than originally anticipated, and need to be dug out and repaired prior to the final overlay of the road. Together, these items are estimated to cost up to \$80,000.

County staff currently has authorization to issue change orders of up to ten percent of the project cost (about \$97,000 in the case of this project). Since the cost of the retaining wall and surface repairs would use most of that authorization, it is recommended that the Board approve change orders for these two items, allowing County staff to retain its normal change order authority in order to address other issues that arise during the course of construction without delaying the project.

FINANCING:

The \$80,000 change order cost would be paid by the Road Fund. There is no impact to the General Fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not approve the change order authorization. This is not recommended, since the work covered by the change orders is required in order to construct the project.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel's Office has reviewed and approved this item as to form. The County Administrator's Office has reviewed this item, and concurs with the Department's recommendation.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENT
RECOMMENDATION

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE:



Bill Emlen
Director of Resource Management

Attachment A - Map