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Butte County Submits a List of Public Infrastructure Projects for Possible Federal Stimulus Package

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Oroville, CA – Butte County officials announced today that they submitted a list of public infrastructure projects to Governor Schwarzenegger to be included in the list of state projects that will be submitted to the federal government. In recent weeks, the President-elect Obama has expressed a desire to stimulate the economy by a sizeable infrastructure spending. To ensure that important County projects are considered, Butte County officials reviewed various infrastructure needs and submitted those projects that were of highest priority.

At the top of the County's priority list was \$8.7 million to complete Forest Highway 171. The funding will allow for the construction of the much-needed alternate route for residents needing to exit the Paradise Ridge during emergencies. Other projects submitted include road improvements throughout the County, replacement of outdated County fire stations, major repairs and remodeling of Veterans Halls and County Libraries, and the first phase of the County Jail expansion. The Veterans Memorial Park, which will be in partnership with the Feather River Park District, was also included in the submittal.

"With a total of approximately \$165 million in projects identified in Butte County alone, we see an exciting opportunity to put construction trades back to work while at the same time moving forward on important projects that we've been unable to take on due to lack of funding," said Brian Haddix, Butte County Chief Administrative Officer. "In addition to stimulating the north state economy, the public infrastructure projects we identified will enable the County to better serve its residents."

The majority of identified infrastructure projects, if funded, will be contracted out to the private sector.

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