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DATE: October 26, 2006
TO: Darlene J. Bloom
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
FROM: Director, Resources & Development Management Department
SUBJECT: Status of Emergency Declaration for Black Star Canyon Road Repair (Approved on August 22, 2006, Agenda Item 48)

This is the biweekly status report concerning the Emergency Declaration approved by the Board of Supervisors on 8/22/06 for the repair of Black Star Canyon Road pursuant to Public Contract Code 22050.

Background

Black Star Canyon Road was built in the 1920s by the County of Orange, utilizing U.S. Department of Agriculture funds for public access to the Cleveland National Forest (CNF). In 1928, the County agreed to maintain this route for public access.

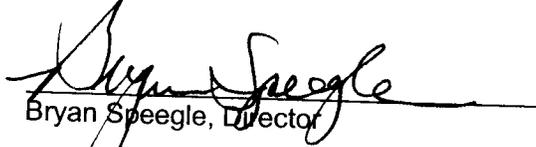
On May 27, 1987, in Resolution Nos. 87-732 and 87-733, the Board terminated maintenance of Black Star Canyon Road and restricted vehicular access to owners and occupiers of property adjacent to the road. Resolution No. 87-733 also authorized the Orange County Fire Department to take any action necessary to assure access for Fire Department vehicles on Black Star Canyon Road.

During fire suppression activities on the Sierra Fire in early February 2006, use of the road by heavy fire fighting equipment triggered a road failure. The damaged segment of Black Star Canyon Road is located approximately two miles east of the junction with Silverado Canyon Road. The project consists of constructing a 10 ft. high concrete inter-locking block wall to mitigate the slope erosion and restore vital road access for fire fighting and fire suppression activities. The project cost is estimated at \$75,000. Upon completion of the work by RDMD internal forces, the project cost will be reimbursed to RDMD by CNF in accordance with the Letter of Understanding between the County and CNF.

Current Status: RDMD/O&M Division completed the proposed repair on October 23, 2006.

Recommended Action: Terminate the local emergency for Black Star Canyon Road repair.

If you have any questions or would like additional information concerning this project please contact either H. I. Nakasone at 834-2308 or Bill Hisey at 973-6699.


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