



Item 14. Sespe Creek Overflow Railroad Bridge Repair Update

January 9, 2026

Presentation to the Ventura
County Transportation Commission





Girder Removal & Pier Demo

Nov. 5



Updates Since November 7, 2025 Commission Meeting



CDFW Engagement

- Nov. 10 – Received email from State of CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
- CDFW expressed concern over project activities in connection with California Endangered Species Act (CESA)
 - CESA does not include an emergency take provision and recognize
 - CDFW concern regarding potential take associated with the emergency stabilization activities
 - Requested work to stop pending issuance of Incidental Take Permit (ITP)
- Dec. 16 – Submitted ITP application
- Continuing to collaborate with CDFW to receive ITP



Storm Event – Nov. 14



Before: 11/5 – Pier Demo & Girder Removal



After: 11/15 – Post-Storm Creek Conditions



Storm Event – Nov. 14



Before:



After:



Between Storms

Dec. 2025

12/15/2025





Storm Event – Dec. 24 – 26, 2025



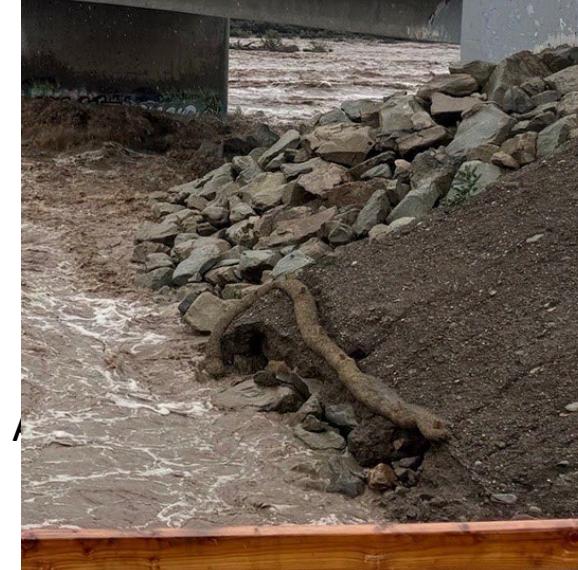
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Girders





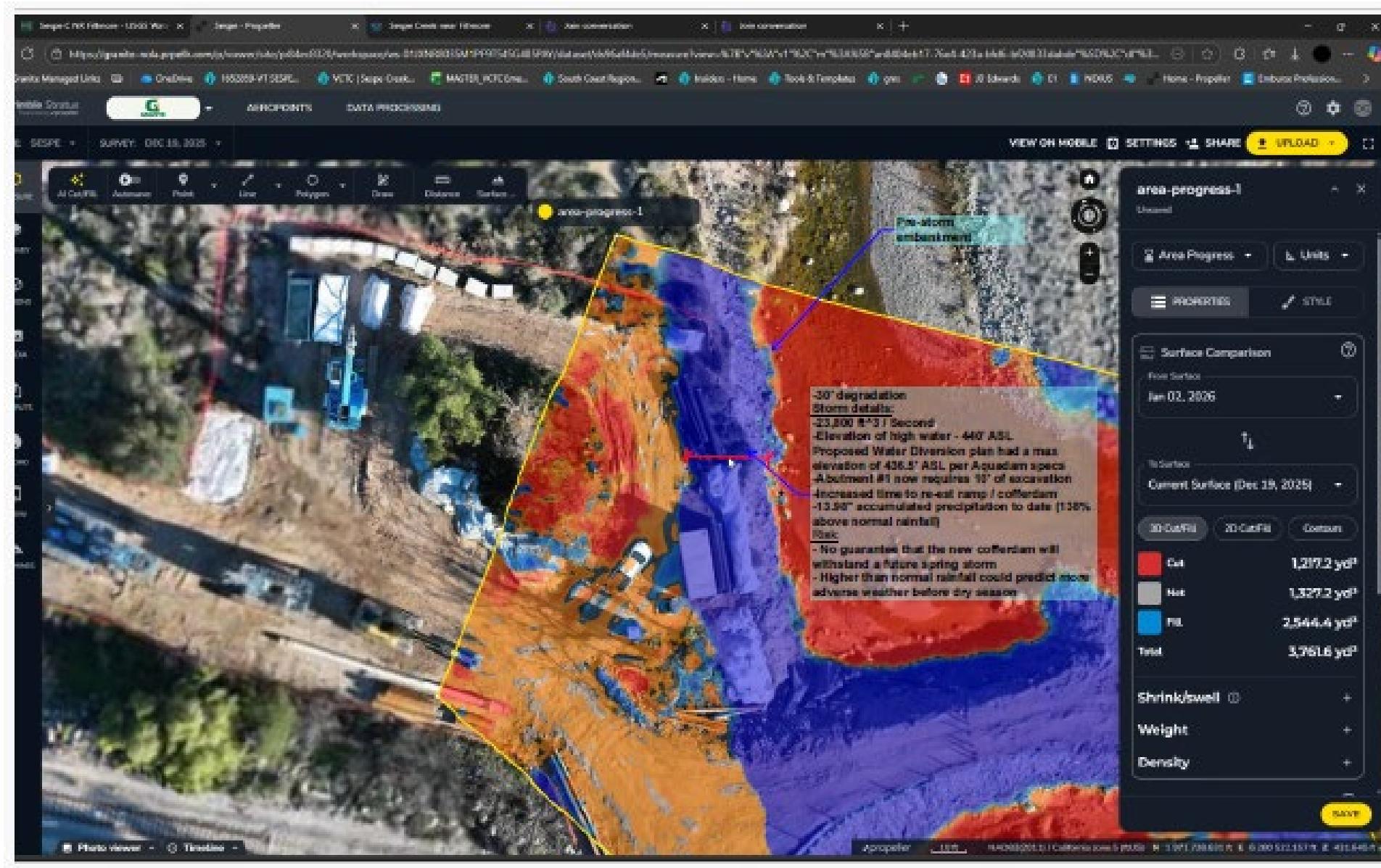
Storm Flows

Oct – Dec 2025





Post-Storms Conditions





Proposed Bank Stabilization

Emplacement of 1,100 tons of rip rap (4 ton rip rap)

- Material Cost \$87K*
- Labor & Equipment Est \$24K (3 days)*
- Rip rap will be utilized for perm RSP (pending Design approval of substitution) and will result in a credit

* Does not include markup

Benefit:

- Minimized ENV footprint and less Impact to wildlife
- Ties into County repair work
- Minimizes cost and schedule Impact neutral based on completing work in dry season (more efficient)

Risk:

- Contractor not able to retrieve girders until dry season

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GRANITE
Site: Seape
Survey: Jan 02, 2026
File created: Jan 5, 2026

propeller



Current Timeline / Summary

- **April 2025** – Released IFB for Construction Contractor
- **June 2025** – Commission Awarded Construction Contract, Issued Limited NTP
- **July 2025** – Preparation of Contractor Submittals, including Water Diversion and Fish Protection Plans
- **August 2025** – USACE RG-63 Permit Verification Received, Issued Full NTP
- **September 2025** – On-Site Construction Began (Sept. 3)
- **Oct/Nov/Dec 2025** – CDFW Engagement, Storm Events
- **TBD** – Complete work in channel (Projected)
- **TBD** – Project Complete (Projected)



Construction Management Amendment

- VCTC does not have any engineers or construction managers on staff
- Support of a specialized contracted construction management firm is particularly important to successful completion of the bridge repair
- Longer time horizon to complete the repair project to fix damage from both disasters requires additional resources
- Proposed Amendment #4 extends provides additional resources to complete project (CDFW ITP preparation & compliance activities)



Staff Recommendation

- Receive an update on the Sespe Creek Overflow railroad bridge repair project.
- Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate, finalize and execute Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement with RailPros for Construction Management Services to increase the not-to-exceed amount by up to \$130,000, for a total not to exceed amount of \$1,741,952.93.
- Approve an Amendment to the Santa Paula Branch Line Program Budget as follows: Increase expenditures by \$130,000 in the Consultant Services category, increase revenues by \$130,000 in the State Transit Assistance (STA) category, increase the STA transfer-in by \$130,000, increase the STA transfer-out to the SPBL Fund by a corresponding \$130,000, and increase the transfer-out of the SPBL Fund and into the General Fund by \$130,000.

Questions?