

April 13, 2026

Project: VCTC Sespe Creek Overflow Bridge Reconstruction

Subject: Contingency increase request to Granite Construction bridge repair contract

Ventura County Transportation Commission  
751 E. Daily Dr. Ste. 420  
Camarillo, CA 93010

Dear Mrs. Fagan,

**Purpose:** The Sespe Creek Project team is requesting the Commission review and approve an increase of construction contingency of **\$400,000.00** (6.2% of contract value), for a total contingency amount of \$1,045,478.25 and a total contract amount not-to-exceed of \$7,500,260.75.

**Background:** VCTC executed a contract with Granite Construction to repair the Sespe Creek Overflow railroad bridge on 6/9/2025 and issued a Limited Notice to Proceed (LNTP) on 6/11/2025, pending receipt of required regulatory permits. Upon receipt by VCTC of a Regional General Permit (RGP) #63 issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on 8/21/2025, and following issuance by VCTC of a full Notice to Proceed (NTP) to Granite Construction on 8/22/2025, Granite mobilized on 9/2/2025. Following initial material delivery, channel excavation, low-flow water diversion construction and dewatering occurred between 9/22/2025 and 10/01/2025. Grading of the access ramp was completed by 10/10/2025, and railroad track removal was completed by 10/13/2025.

Beginning on 10/14/2025, the project site encountered what would be the first of three major winter storm events, which resulted in site cleanup activities, such as dewatering, access ramp partial restoration, and water diversion enhancement through 10/27/2025. On 11/3/2025 Granite mobilized their crane to perform two girder picks and staging. This was completed on 11/4/2025. Existing bent #4 removal was completed on 11/7/2025, and Granite continued to prep for abutment #1 construction by drilling piles for the abutment shoring. This continued until the project site encountered the second storm event on 11/14/2025 – 11/17/2025. This storm event overtopped the enhanced water diversion and required the project team and contractor to develop a more robust water diversion capable of handling a stronger winter storm. The November winter storm resulted in water flows in excess of 3000 cubic feet per second (cfs). After the second water diversion was installed, the project team and contractor began to work on Abutment #1 construction by resumption of shoring pile installation. On 12/24/2025 the site experienced the third storm event resulting in 23,000 cfs and flow elevation (440' AGL) greater than the water diversion elevation. Additionally, the most recent winter storm (12/24/2025) resulted in 30' further erosion of the bank and a compromised condition in the Old Telegraph Road bridge abutment owned by the County of Ventura. These conditions resulted in multiple change order requests related to storm impacts, water diversion adjustments, and site

stabilization needs. The purpose of this summary is to outline the primary drivers behind these costs and explain why additional contingency is being requested.

**Summary of Change Orders to date: \$550,080.47 (\$95,406.78 remaining contingency)**

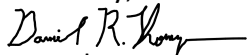
- **Storm Cleanup and Preparation: \$420,764.85**
  - Change Order Request (COR) 1: Water diversion reinstallation following initial winter storm – Approved value: **\$32,014.60**
  - COR 2: November Time & Material for water diversion work - Approved Value - **\$2,945.31**
  - COR 5: 11/14/2025 Storm Cleanup – Approved Value: **\$19,857.75**
  - COR 7: Water diversion reinforcement – Approved Value: **\$41,512.64**
  - COR 9: December 2025 storm cleanup – Approved value: **\$13,229.90**
  - COR 12: Furnish and install 4-ton rip rap for bank protection through winter – Approved value: **\$298,986.00**
  - COR 13: Supersack placement for girder protection – Approved value: **\$12,218.65**
- **Delays associated with unanticipated regulatory permitting: \$107,280.62**
  - COR 16: Excavator and drill rig stand-by January 24 – 31 2026 – Approved value: **\$31,941.55**
  - COR 18: BG 28 (Crane) remobilization – Approved Value: **\$52,115.39**
  - COR 15: Site rental stand-by – Approved value: **\$23,223.68**
- **Miscellaneous change order requests: \$22,035**
  - COR 14: Project SWPPP in lieu of erosivity waiver – Approved value: **\$22,035**

**Anticipated change orders**

- Excavator and drill rig demobilization and remobilization: \$220,000.00
- Low flow water diversion installation for project restart: \$73,310.00

After the last winter storm impacted the project site on December 24, 2025 continuing with installation plans for the abutment and piers became unachievable resulting in a May 1, 2026 anticipated restart date for the project. This necessitated that the Malcolm drilling equipment be demobilized and then remobilized for the restart. This consists of the BG 55 drill rig and the BG 28 excavator. Additionally, the project restart will require another low flow water diversion to be installed which constitutes out of scope work for the contractor. With these anticipated change order requests, the project requires additional contingency. Now that we have received the RGP-63 extension through September 30, 2026 we anticipate a strong pathway to completion.

Sincerely,



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