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TCAG TO DISCUSS FIRST MEASURE R-FUNDED ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

The results of the first environmental study funded by Measure R will be presented Monday, Feb. 25, during the Tulare County Association of Governments monthly meeting in Tulare.

The study, which began back in August by the Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners, examined nine riparian and wildlife corridors in Tulare County and ranked five with the highest potential for conservation and recreational uses. The five corridors with the highest potential are: Deer Creek Riparian Corridor, Kings River Riparian Corridor, Oaks to Tules Riparian Corridor, Lewis Creek Riparian Corridor and Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Corridor. Opportunities for these corridors include flood control, groundwater recharge, recreation, tourism and wildlife.

In its report, the group also discusses the potential wildlife impacts for each of the Measure R transportation improvements. In the next 30 years, 14 percent of Measure R funds will be used to fund environmental, transit and bike/pedestrian projects.

The study will be presented during the TCAG meeting scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. at the Claude Meitzenhiemer Community Center, 800 S. Blackstone St., Tulare. The meeting is the third in a series of rotating TCAG meetings set to take place in 2008 throughout the county. The next meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. on March 17 at the Visalia Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia Ave., Visalia. Visit www.tularecog.org for a list of future TCAG meetings as they are announced.

The Tulare County Association of Governments is a voluntary association of local governments, including each incorporated city and Tulare County. For more information, contact Elizabeth Wright at (559) 733-6291 or by e-mail at ewright@co.tulare.ca.us. For more information, visit www.tularecog.org or www.TCMeasureR.com.

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