

**RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT COLD SPRING CANYON BRIDGE, LOCATED AT STATE ROUTE 154, POSTMILE 22.95-23.19, MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR A COUNTY HISTORIC LANDMARK AND IS WORTHY OF PROTECTION UNDER CHAPTER 18A OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CODE; AND DESIGNATION OF COLD SPRING CANYON BRIDGE AS COUNTY LANDMARK #56 PRESCRIBING CONDITIONS TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE IT

RESOLUTION No. 2025- 5

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors (hereinafter "Board") has considered the historical significance of COLD SPRING CANYON BRIDGE located at State Route 154, Postmile 22.95-22.19 and as shown on the legal description attached hereto as Exhibit A, in accordance with the requirements, standards, and criteria contained in County Code, Chapter 18A, and has determined that it is worthy of protection as a County Historic Landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the COLD SPRING CANYON BRIDGE is historically significant because:

1. It is representative of the work of a notable builder, designer, or architect. The bridge, completed in 1964, was designed by the California Division of Highways Bridge Department, which is renowned for its exceptional bridge designs that proved both functionally enduring and aesthetically pleasing. Its builder, the American Bridge Division of US Steel, is recognized nationally for its superior construction methods and procedures and has a long history of building major bridges in California; and
2. It has a location with unique physical characteristics or is a view or vista representing an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community, or the County of Santa Barbara. The location of the bridge on State Route No. 154 provides expansive vistas of the Santa Ynez Valley that are recognizable to local motorists and impactful to visitors. The view of the bridge itself from Stagecoach Road below it is an established visual feature of the community; and
3. It embodies elements of architectural design, detail, materials or craftsmanship that represent a significant structural or architectural achievement or innovation. The bridge is both an engineering and design achievement. It represents a maturation of steel arch bridge design and welded steel technology and it illustrates contemporary Modern-era architectural principles that extolled the virtues of unadorned and efficient designs along with material and functional honesty. At the time of its construction, the bridge was twice as long as any existing steel arch bridge in California, and it remains the largest steel arch bridge in the state.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS FOUND, DETERMINED AND RESOLVED as follows:

1. COLD SPRING CANYON BRIDGE meets the eligibility requirements for a County Historic Landmark as described in County Code, Chapter 18A, Section 18A-3, and is worthy of protection.
2. The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors hereby designates the COLD SPRING CANYON BRIDGE as a County Historic Landmark, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Except as set forth in subsections c. and d. below, demolition, removal or destruction, partially or entirely, or willful negligence resulting in loss of historic integrity, is prohibited unless an application has been submitted to the County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission for comments and the applicant has considered the comments of the Commission.
 - b. Except as set forth in subsections c. and d. below, no alterations, repairs, additions or changes (other than normal maintenance and repair) shall be made unless and until an application has been submitted to the County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission and all plans for such work have first been reviewed by the Commission for comments and the applicant has considered the comments of the Commission.
 - c. The foregoing conditions shall not be imposed in such a way as to infringe upon the right of the owners of the COLD SPRING CANYON BRIDGE to make any and all reasonable uses of the property, including all routine maintenance activities for operational and functional purposes, that are not in conflict with the purposes of County Code Chapter 18A.
 - d. If the owners remove the non-historic suicide barrier, removal of the barrier alone, does not require review by the County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission.


PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors at Santa Barbara, California, this 7th day of January 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Lee, Capps, Hartmann, and Lavagnin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Nelson



LAURA CAPPS, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

ATTEST:

MONA MIYASATO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CLERK OF THE BOARD

By Sheila de la Guerra
Printed Name Sheila de la Guerra
Deputy Clerk of the Board



APPROVED AS TO FORM:
RACHEL VAN MULLEM
COUNTY COUNSEL

By JRH
Jennifer Richardson
Deputy County Counsel

I hereby APPROVE AND CONSENT to designation of the COLD SPRING CANYON BRIDGE
as a County of Santa Barbara Historic Landmark pursuant to County Code, Chapter 18A.

Owner: Caltrans

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____
Title: _____

Exhibit A

Legal Description

A portion of land in the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, as described in the Highway Easement Deed for State Highway Route 154 (80-B) as recorded on May 18, 1971, in Book 2352, Page 34 of Official Records, of said County, more particularly described as;

Only that portion of land within the limits of Bridge Number 51-0037, also commonly known as Cold Spring Canyon Bridge. Located at approximately post mile 23.0 on State Highway Route 154 (80-B).

END OF DESCRIPTION