

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. C6
was approved as Minute Item
No. 6 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
to 0 at its 10/26/78
meeting.

CALENDAR ITEM

C6.

GENERAL PERMIT
PUBLIC AGENCY USE

10/78
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Scott
PRC 5567

APPLICANT: County of Sacramento
Department of Parks
and Recreation
3701 Branch Center Road, Room 106
Sacramento, California 95827

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:
A 1.09 acre (950'x50') parcel of inland
submerged land in the bed of the American
River near Goethe Park, Sacramento County.

LAND USE: Construction and maintenance of a bridge
structure and approach ramps for a bikeway
and pedestrian crossing of the American
River.

TERMS OF PROPOSED PERMIT:
Initial period: 49 years from September 1,
1978.

CONSIDERATION: The public use and benefit, with the State
reserving the right at any time to set
a monetary rental if the Commission finds
such action to be in the State's best interest.

PREREQUISITE TERMS, FEES AND EXPENSES:
Applicant is owner of upland.

Processing costs have been received.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:
A. P.R.C.: Div. 6, Parts 1 & 2.
B. Cal. Adm. Code: Title 2, Div. 3.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:
1. The annual rental value of the site
is estimated to be \$1,000.
2. A final EIR was prepared by the County
of Sacramento, pursuant to CEQA and
implementing regulations. A notice
of determination has been received.

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3. This project is situated on State land identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to P.R.C. 6370.1, and is classified in a use category, Class A, which authorizes Restricted Use.

Staff has coordinated this project with those agencies and organizations who nominated the site as containing significant environmental values. They have found this project to be compatible with their nomination.

EXHIBITS: A. Land Description. B. Location Map.
 C. EIR Summary and Notice of Determination.

APPROVALS OBTAINED:

Water Quality Control Board and United States Army Corps of Engineers.

FURTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED:

State Reclamation, California Department of Fish and Game, United States Coast Guard.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT AN EIR HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT AND CERTIFIED BY THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ON FEBRUARY 17, 1978.
2. CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE EIR OF THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED BY THE COMMISSION.
3. DETERMINE THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.
4. FIND THAT ADEQUATE PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE PERMANENT PROTECTION OF THE SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 6370.1 OF THE P.R.C.
5. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO OF A 49-YEAR GENERAL PERMIT - PUBLIC AGENCY USE FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1978; IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC USE AND BENEFIT, WITH THE STATE RESERVING THE RIGHT AT ANY TIME TO SET A MONETARY RENTAL IF THE COMMISSION FINDS SUCH ACTION

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TO BE IN THE STATE'S BEST INTEREST; FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A BRIDGE STRUCTURE AND APPROACH RAMPS FOR USE AS A BIKEWAY AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OF THE AMERICAN RIVER ON THE LAND DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

EXHIBIT "A"

LAND DESCRIPTION

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A strip of submerged land, 50 feet wide, in the State-owned bed of the American River, Sacramento County, California, located 13.6 channel miles from the Sacramento River, said strip lying 25 feet on each side of the following described centerline:

COMMENCING at the most easterly corner of Lot 4 as said lot is shown and so designated on the "Map of Haggin Bottoms Subdivision No. 1", recorded in the Sacramento County Recorder's Office in Book 20 of Maps, Map No. 2; thence S 05° 47' 48" W 371.19 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, said point having California Zone II coordinates of X = 2,191,074.13, Y = 337,505.68; thence from said point of beginning 198.97 feet along an arc of a curve concave northwesterly, having a radius of 300.00 feet, a central angle of 38°, the chord of which bears N 62° 29' 43" E 195.34 feet; thence N 43° 29' 43" E 1139.21 feet to a point on the east bank of the American River and the end of the herein described centerline, said point having California Zone II coordinates of X = 2,192,031.50, Y = 338,422.31.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM any portion lying landward of the ordinary high water line of the American River.

END OF DESCRIPTION

Prepared Richard J. Scott Checked Edward Zimmerman
Reviewed Ry. M. R. Date Aug 8/78

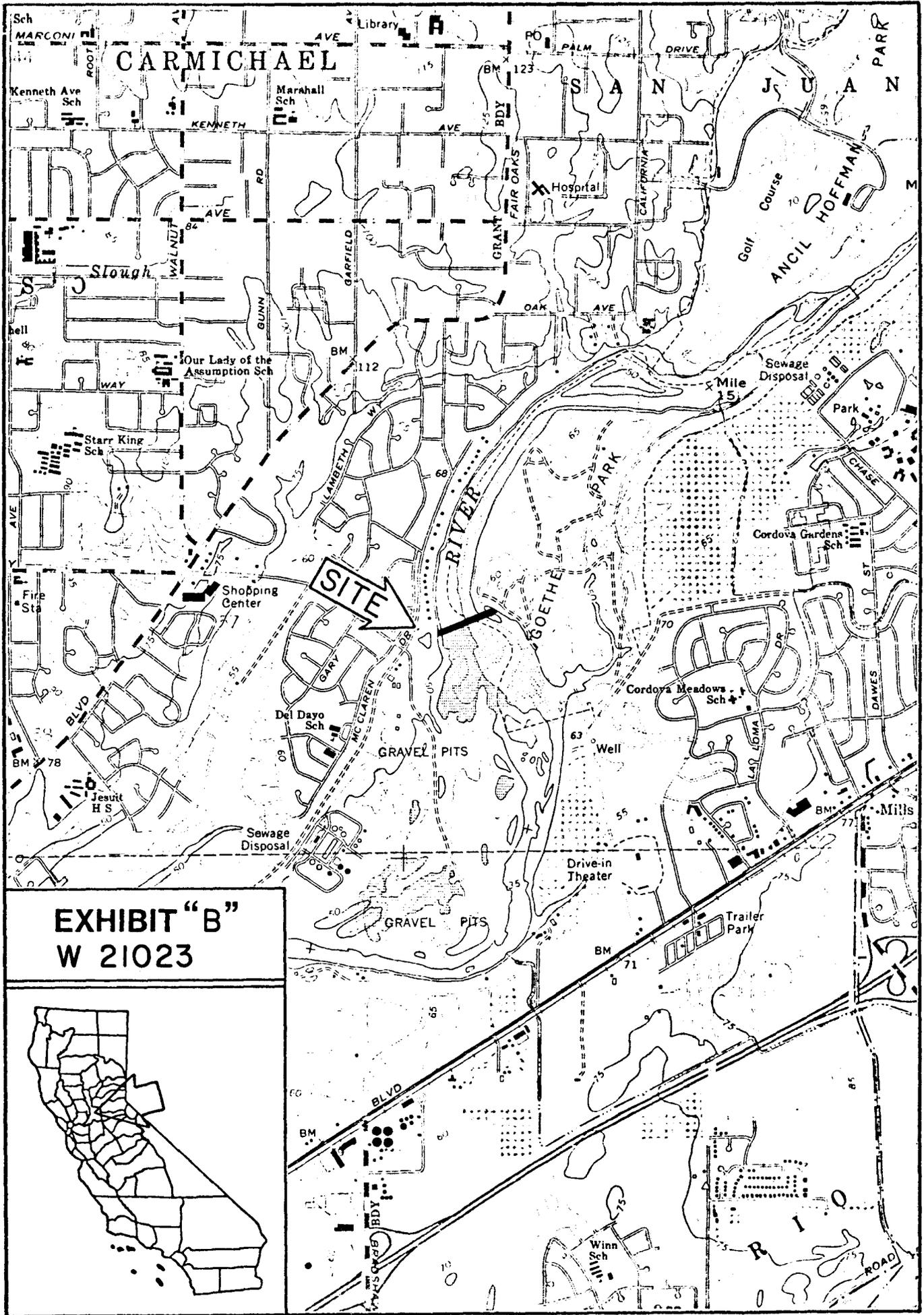


EXHIBIT "B"
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Environmental Impact Report Summary

I. Introduction

The following is a summary of an EIR submitted by the Sacramento County Department of Parks and Recreation for a proposed project consisting of the Arden Bar Park/Goethe Park Land Use Plans, and the Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail Bridge over the American River, Sacramento County. This summary will be limited primarily to a discussion of the proposed bridge crossing since it is the only portion of the project that involves lands under Commission jurisdiction.

II. Project Description

Although several bridge crossing alternatives have been given consideration, alternative 4A is the proposal being recommended by the county. Alternative 4A proposes a moderately high level bridge at river mile 13.75, with the Goethe Park abutment located 200⁺ feet downstream from the existing main picnic area parking lot. Four piers, two of which would be located within the normal surface water flow area, are included in the plan. The bridge location would be approximately 1,000 feet upstream from the Arden Rapids.

III. Environmental Setting

The extensive alluvial sand, gravel, and clay deposits lying between the foothills and the Sacramento River form an important groundwater basin which is fed by precipitation and surface runoff into the American River and tributary streams. Since the mineral quality of the river is excellent there has been recent aggregate extraction operations at Arden Bar which have modified natural topography and surface soils. Numerous excavated pit areas have been created.

The river creates within its floodplain an ecotonal blending of natural values characteristic of both the foothills and the valley floor. Species which are fairly unique to meandering riparian areas of the Sacramento Valley also inhabit the project area. Two particularly important biotic communities which exist within the general project vicinity are the oak woodland area at Goethe Park and the marsh habitat at Arden Bar Park. A variety of fish species inhabit the lower American River as either residents or seasonal migrants. No species of threatened or endangered plant or wildlife is known to inhabit the project vicinity on a permanent basis. However, the southern bald eagle, which is designated as "endangered", has been observed in the project vicinity on several occasions during recent winter seasons.

Because of frequent winter/spring flooding of the project area prior to construction of Folsom and Nimbus dams, it is unlikely that permanent Indian villages were located at the project site. It is apparent, however, that seasonal campsites did exist in the area.

Most of the area landward of the project site has been developed, however, several large undeveloped or partially developed parcels still remain.

IV. Significant Environmental Impacts

1. Short-term construction related disturbances including utilization of nonrenewable energy supplies.
2. Increase in exposure of soil to erosion and compaction, a decrease in soil permeability, and build-up of cobbles and sediment on the downstream side of the bridge.
3. Reduction in channel capacity and water quality degradation.
4. Decreased privacy and visual intrusion to residents living along the riverbank.
5. The two piers included in the bridge proposal could pose a minor obstruction to boaters.
6. Species more tolerant of human activity would increase while less tolerant species would decline in numbers.
7. Enhancement of public recreation opportunities and the aesthetic condition of the area.
8. Improvement of public safety conditions.

V. Unavoidable Adverse Environmental Effects

1. Increase in exposure of soil to erosion.
2. Increased water quality degradation and water profile elevation, and a decrease in flood flow carrying capacity.
3. Permanent removal of some vegetation, and a potential reduction in the population of wildlife species which are relatively intolerant of human activity.
4. Reduction of privacy of nearby residents.
5. Minor visual intrusion to recreation users.

VI. Mitigation Measures

1. Construction and land use changes would be restricted to the minimum necessary to accommodate ultimate intended recreation uses. Bridge construction specifications would prohibit intentional disposal of construction materials into the river and would require that the contractor is responsible for removing any construction material which may accidentally fall into the river. Subsequent to bridge construction, riverbed materials would be restored to approximately their prior configuration. All construction activities would be carefully supervised and monitored by County personnel to ensure that individual projects conform to County standards and are consistent with the Department of Parks and Recreation's intent to stringently minimize unnecessary damage to the natural qualities of the project area and to insure public safety.

2. Gabions covered with topsoil and planted with native shrubs and groundcover would be utilized to provide protection from bank erosion.
3. The subject recommended bridge alternative would minimize the reduction of channel capacity caused by project implementation and bank protection would minimize bank erosion during moderate and high flows, thus reducing turbidity.
4. In addition to their predominant function of flood control, the project levees at Goethe Park and Arden Bar mitigate the impact of urban visual intrusion into the Parkway and the increased nuisance conditions.
5. The Native Vegetation Planting Program would be continued at Goethe Park and initiated at Arden Bar. The bridge decking undersurface would be designed to provide an optimum nesting area for cliff swallows which inhabit the American River area and commonly nest beneath bridges.

VII. Alternatives

1. No project.
2. Alternate trail system crossings.

VIII. Short-Term v. Long-Term

The short-term construction disturbances to the natural environment will contribute to the long-term positive impact the project will have on man's environment by substantially enhancing public recreational opportunities. The increased availability and improvement of recreation resources is expected to enhance the well-being of the populace and thereby help to increase the long-term productivity of the region.

IX. Growth-Inducing Impact

In that the proposed project will only enhance the completion of the Parkway, provide short-term employment for persons in the construction trades and several long-term park maintenance and operations jobs, it would not be expected to contribute substantially to growth inducement.

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 County of Sacramento
 720 - 9th Street, Room 103
 Sacramento, California 95814

FROM: Environmental Coordinator
 County of Sacramento
 State of California
 827 - 7th Street, Room 301C
 Sacramento, California 95814

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

Project Title: ARDEN BAR PARK/C.M. GOETHE PARK LAND USE PLANS AND JEDEDIAH SMITH MEMORIAL TRAIL BRIDGE OVER THE AMERICAN RIVER PR-77-024

State Clearinghouse Number: (If submitted to State Clearinghouse) 77030814

Contact Person: ALCIDES FREITAS Telephone Number: (916) 440-7914

Project Location: The project site is located within Sacramento County's American River Parkway, which is a 5,400+ acre greenbelt/regional recreation area along the Lower American River between Nimbus Dam and the confluence of American & Sacto RIVER

Project Description: The proposed project is the implementation of Land Use and Development Plans for Goethe Park and Arden Bar Park including the construction of a rail system bridge to link together the trail systems within these parks.

This is to advise that the COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO (Lead Agency) has made the following determination regarding the above described project:

- The project has been approved by the Lead Agency. disapproved
- The project will will not have a significant effect on the environment
- An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provision of CEQA. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

ENDORSED
 Date Received for Filing
 Filed
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 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

Environmental Coordinator of Sacramento County, State of California
 BY *Louise W. Young*
 Dated: February 17, 1978