MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. C4 was approved as Minute Item No. 4 by the State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its 11/27/78 meeting.

CALENDAR ITEM

C4.

GENERAL PERMIT
PUBLIC AGENCY USE

11/78
W 21762
Scott
PRC 5588

APPLICANT: City of Sacramento
City Hall, 915 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:
A strip 200' x 821.6' (3.77 acres) of tide and submerged land in the bed of the American River within the City of Sacramento, Sacramento County.

LAND USE: An existing railroad bridge to be converted to a bikeway bridge with 2 pipelines supported below the deck.

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 $4,500.

2. 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.

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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.

3. This bridge was previously used as a railroad crossing by Sacramento Northern Railway and since abandoned by the Railway Company has been used by the City as a pipeline carrier bridge. The new pipeline portion of this project was discussed in an EIR prepared by the City and certified in July 1976.

4. The City of Sacramento prepared and circulated an initial study which included some minor mitigation measures covering the proposed modification to this existing facility. When no adverse comments were received the City prepared and certified a negative declaration to cover the proposed bikeway project.

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

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT AN EIR HAS NOT BEEN PREPARED FOR THE BIKEWAY PORTION OF THIS PROJECT BUT THAT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO ON AUGUST 23, 1977.

2. DETERMINE THAT AN EIR SCH #76053228 HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THE PIPELINE PORTION OF THIS PROJECT AND CERTIFIED BY THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO ON JULY 20, 1976.

3. CERTIFY THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND THE EIR OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO.

4. DETERMINE THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

5. FIND THAT GRANTING OF THE PERMIT WILL HAVE NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT UPON ENVIROMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 6370.1, OF THE P.R.C.

6. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO THE CITY 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 TO BE IN THE STATE'S BEST INTEREST; FOR THE MODIFICATION AND CONTINUED USE AND MAINTENANCE OF AN EXISTING RAILROAD BRIDGE TO BE CONVERTED FOR USE AS A BIKEWAY CROSSING AND PIPELINE CARRIER BRIDGE ON THE LAND DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED AND BY REFERENCE MADE PART HEREOF.

EXHIBIT "A"

LAND DESCRIPTION W 21762

A strip of submerged land, 200 feet in width, in the State-owned bed of the American River, Sacramento County, California, said strip lying 100 feet on each side of the following described centerline:

COMMENCING at the northeasterly corner of the "Wm. Dreher Tract", as shown on the official plat thereof, filed June 9, 1922 in Book 17 of Maps, Map Number 1 in the Sacramento County Recorders Office; thence the following four courses:

1. N 70° 30' W 18.00 feet;
2. N 19° 30' E 390.29 feet;
3. N 56° 05' 25" E 340.63 feet;
4. N 19° 34' 28" E 25.27 feet to the south face of the south abutment of the Sacramento Northern Railway Bridge and the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described centerline; thence N 19° 34' 28" E 821.60 feet along the centerline of the said bridge to the north face of the north abutment and the end of the herein described centerline.

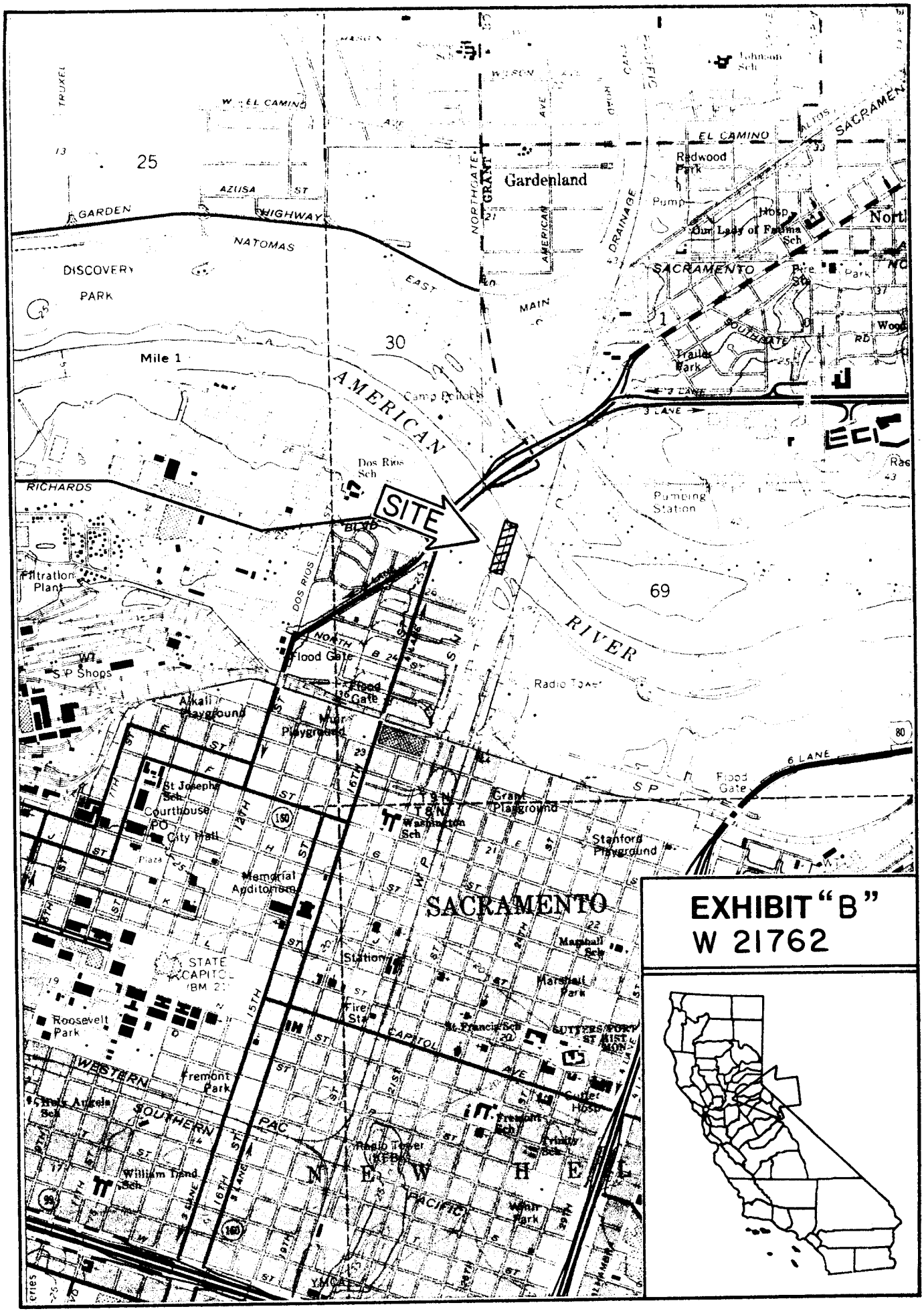
EXCEPTING THEREFROM any portion lying landward of the ordinary high water mark of the American River.

END OF DESCRIPTION

Prepared C J Gargis Checked Edward B. Zimmerman

Reviewed Roy Minnick Date Aug 15/78

LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR
EDWARD ZIMMERMAN
No. 3732
STATE OF CALIFORNIA


SITE
EXHIBIT "B"
W 21762
Gardenland
Redwood Park
Our Lady of Fatima Sch
DISCOVERY PARK
Mile 1
AMERICAN
RIVER
Dos Rios Sch
Pumping Station
Filtration Plant
Flood Gate
Radio Tower
Alkali Playground
Muir Playground
St Josephs Sch
Courthouse
City Hall
Memorial Auditorium
Grant Playground
Stanford Playground
SACRAMENTO
STATE CAPITOL
Roosevelt Park
Fremont Park
Marshall Park
Fire Sta
Station
Radio Tower
N E W H E L
Pumping Station
Trailer Park
Camp Pollock
Johnson Sch
Washington Sch
Marshall Sch
St Francis Sch
Fremont Sch
Trinity Sch
William Land Sch
Holy Angels Sch
Gutter Hosp
Wash Park
YMCA
GARDEN HIGHWAY
NATOMAS
EAST MAIN
RICHARDS BLVD
DOS RIOS
NORTH B 24 ST
EL CAMINO
SACRAMENTO
SOUTHGATE RD
3 LANE
6 LANE
CAPITOL AVE
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# NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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Pursuant to Division 6, Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 7, Section 15083 of the California Administrative Code and purusant to the Procedures and Guidelines for preparation and processing of Environmental Impact Reports adopted by the City of Sacramento pursuant to Sacramento City Code Chapter 58, the Environmental Coordinator of the City of Sacramento, California, a municipal corporation, does prepare, make, declare, publish, and cause to be filed with the County Clerk of Sacramento County, State of California this Negative Declaration regarding the project described as follows:

1. Title and Short Description of Project: SACRAMENTO NORTHERN RAILROAD BIKEWAY
The proposed project is construction of the Sacramento Northern Railroad Bikeway, a 10.8± mile commuter and recreational bikeway which will extend from the State Capital grounds in downtown Sacramento to the central portion of the community of Rio Linda. This bikeway will serve primarily as an alternative transportation route for commuters; however, it will also serve a secondary recreational function and will connect with the American River Parkway 23± mile bikeway system.

2. Location of Project:
The southern portion of the project is located on existing City streets. The bikeway crosses the American River on an existing abandoned railroad bridge, then follows the abandoned Sacramento Northern Railroad right-of-way through North Sacramento and through rural estate and agricultural lands to its terminus in central Rio Linda and the County of Sacramento.

3. The Proponent of the Project: City of Sacramento and the County of Sacramento

4. It is found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. A copy of the initial study is attached which documents the reasons supporting the above finding and any mitigation measures included in the project to avoid any potentially significant effects identified in the initial study.

5. The Initial Study was Prepared by W. S. Gentry

6. A copy of this Negative Declaration may be obtained at 915 - I Street, Room 207, Sacramento, California 95814.

**ENDORSED:**
Filed

AUG 2 4 1977

J.A. SIMPSON, CLERK
BY AL WOODS
DEPUTY

DATED: AUG 2 3 1977

Environmental Coordinator of the City of Sacramento, California, a municipal corporati

By
R. H. PARKER, City



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INITIAL STUDY

References are to California Administrative Code, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 7, Section 15080.

1. Title and Description of Project (15080(c)(1))

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2. Environmental Setting (15080(c)(2))

The southern portion of the project is located on existing City streets. The bikeway crosses the American River on an existing abandoned railroad bridge, then follows the abandoned Sacramento Northern Railroad right-of-way through North Sacramento and through rural estate and agricultural lands to its terminus in central Rio Linda and the County of Sacramento.

3. Environmental Effects - Attached checklist must be completed by person conducting initial study (15080(c)(3)).

4. Mitigation Measures - Attached list of mitigation measures must be completed by person conducting initial study (15080(c)(4)).

5. Compatibility with Existing Zoning and Plans (15080(c)(5))

The project is compatible with existing zoning and conforms to Sacramento Bikeway Master Plan (1975), which has been adopted by both the City and County of Sacramento.

Date AUG 22 1977

(Signature)

Title Senior Engineer

# ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

C.C. No. _____

Date August 18, 1977

## I. BACKGROUND

1. Name of Project Sacramento Northern Railroad Bikeway

2. City Department Initiating Project Engineering

3. Name of Individual Preparing Checklist W. S. Gentry

4. Is Checklist Being Prepared for CEQA X or NEPA _____?

5. Source of Funding of Project State=($1,400,000) SB283, Section 11 County=($146,000) State Park Bond Act 197 City=($30,000) water & sewer($122,000) Bikeway Fund

## II. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

(Explanations of all "yes" and "maybe" answers are required under Item III.)

| | Yes | Maybe | No |
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| 1. Earth. Will the proposal result in: | | | |
| a. Unstable earth conditions or in changes in geologic substructures: | | | X |
| b. Disruptions, displacements, compaction or overcovering of the soil? | X | | |
| c. Change in topography or ground surface relief features? | X | | |
| d. The destruction, covering or modification of any unique geologic or physical features? | | | X |
| e. Any increase in wind or water erosion of soils, either on or off the site? | | | X |
| f. Changes in deposition or erosion of beach sands, or changes in siltation, deposition or erosion which may modify the channel of a river or stream or the bed of the ocean or any bay, inlet or lake? | | | X |

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| | Yes | Maybe | No |
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| g. Exposure of people or property to geologic hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, mudslides, ground failure, or similar hazards? | | | X |
| 2. Air. Will the proposal result in: | | | |
| a. Substantial air emissions or deterioration of ambient air quality? | | | X |
| b. The creation of objectionable odors? | | | X |
| c. Alteration of air movement, moisture or temperature, or any change in climate, either locally or regionally? | | | X |
| 3. Water. Will the proposal result in: | | | |
| a. Changes in currents, or the course or direction of water movements, in either marine or fresh waters? | | | X |
| b. Changes in absorption rates, drainage patterns, or the rate and amount of surface water runoff? | X | | |
| c. Alterations to the course or flow of flood waters? | | | X |
| d. Change in the amount of surface water in any water body? | | | X |
| e. Discharge into surface waters, or in any alteration of surface water quality, including but not limited to temperature, dissolved oxygen or turbidity? | | | X |
| f. Alteration of the direction or rate of flow of ground waters? | | | X |
| g. Change in the quantity of ground waters, either through direct additions or withdrawals, or through interception of an aquifer by cuts or excavations? | | | X |
| h. Substantial reduction in the amount of water otherwise available for public water supplies? | | | X |
| i. Exposure of people or property to water related hazards such as flooding or tidal wave? | | | X |

| | Yes | Maybe | No |
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| 4. Plant Life. Will the proposal result in: | | | |
| a. Change in the diversity of species, or number of any species of plants (including trees, shrubs, grass, crops, microflora and aquatic plants)? | | | X |
| b. Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare or endangered species of plants? | | | X |
| c. Introduction of new species of plants into an area, or in a barrier to the normal replenishment of existing species? | | | X |
| d. Reduction in acreage of any agricultural crop? | | | X |
| 5. Animal Life. Will the proposal result in: | | | |
| a. Change in the diversity of species, or numbers of any species of animals (birds, land animals including reptiles, fish and shellfish, benthic organisms, insects or microfauna)? | | | X |
| b. Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare or endangered species of animals? | | | X |
| c. Introduction of new species of animals into an area, or result in a barrier to the migration or movement of animals? | | | X |
| d. Deterioration to existing fish or wildlife habitat? | | | X |
| 6. Noise. Will the proposal result in: | | | |
| a. Increase in existing noise levels? | | X | |
| b. Exposure of people to severe noise levels? | | | X |
| 7. Light and Glare. Will the proposal produce new light or glare? | | | X |
| 8. Land Use. Will the proposal result in a substantial alteration of the present or planned use of an area? | | | X |

| | Yes | Maybe | No |
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| 9. Natural Resources. Will the proposal result in: | | | |
| a. Increase in the rate of use of any natural resources? | | | X |
| b. Substantial depletion of any nonrenewable natural resource? | | | X |
| 10. Risk of Upset. Does the proposal involve a risk of an explosion or the release of hazardous substances (including, but not limited to, oil, pesticides, chemicals or radiation) in the event of an accident or upset conditions? | | | X |
| 11. Population. Will the proposal alter the location, distribution, density, or growth rate of the human population of an area? | | | X |
| 12. Housing. Will the proposal affect existing housing, or create a demand for additional housing? | | | X |
| 13. Transportation/Circulation. Will the proposal result in: | | | |
| a. Generation of substantial additional vehicular movement? | | | X |
| b. Effects on existing parking facilities, or demand for new parking? | | | X |
| c. Substantial impact upon existing transportation systems? | | | X |
| d. Alterations to present patterns of circulation or movement of people and/or goods? | X | | |
| e. Alterations to waterborne, rail or air traffic? | | | X |
| f. Increase in traffic hazards to motor vehicles, bicyclists or pedestrians? | | X | |
| 14. Public Services. Will the proposal have an effect upon, or result in a need for new or altered governmental services in any of the following areas: | | | |
| a. Fire protection? | | | |

| | Yes | Maybe | No |
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| b. Police protection? | | X | |
| c. Schools? | | | X |
| d. Parks or other recreational facilities? | | | X |
| e. Maintenance of public facilities, including roads? | X | | |
| f. Other governmental services? | | | X |
| 15. Energy. Will the proposal result in: | | | |
| a. Use of substantial amounts of fuel or energy? | | | X |
| b. Substantial increase in demand upon existing sources of energy, or require the development of new sources of energy? | | | X |
| 16. Utilities. Will the proposal result in a need for new systems, or substantial alterations to the following utilities: | | | |
| a. Power or natural gas? | | | X |
| b. Communications systems? | | | X |
| c. Water? | | | X |
| d. Sewer or septic tanks? | | | X |
| e. Storm water drainage? | | | X |
| f. Solid waste and disposal? | | | X |
| 17. Human Health. Will the proposal result in: | | | |
| a. Creation of any health hazard or potential health hazard (excluding mental health)? | | | X |
| b. Exposure of people to potential health hazards? | | | X |
| 18. Aesthetics. Will the proposal result in the obstruction of any scenic vista or view open to the public, or will the proposal result in the creation of an aesthetically offensive site open to public view? | | | X |

| | Yes | Maybe | No |
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| 19. Recreation. Will the proposal result in an impact upon the quality or quantity of existing recreational opportunities? | X | | |
| 20. Archeological/Historical. Will the proposal result in an alteration of a significant archeological or historical site, structure, object or building? | | | X |
| 21. Mandatory Findings of Significance. | | | |
| a. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? | | | X |
| b. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term, to the disadvantage of long-term, environmental goals? (A short-term impact on the environment is one which occurs in a relatively brief, definitive period of time while long-term impacts will endure well into the future.) | | | X |
| c. Does the project have impacts which are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (A project may impact on two or more separate resources where the impact on each resource is relatively small, but where the effect of the total of those impacts on the environment is significant. | | | X |
| d. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly? | | | X |

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III. DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION (Any "yes" or "maybe" answers must be explained - attach additional sheets if necessary)

1B Portions of the right-of-way will be displaced and compacted prior to being covered with an asphalt concrete bikeway section.

1C Some fill for ramps will be required to connect existing railroad alignment with bridge structures and surrounding areas.

3B Proposed paved bikeway will reduce the absorbtion rate and increase surface water runoff insignificantly.

6A A slight increase in noise resulting from the bikeway may occur at residences abutting the bikeway.

13D The proposed bikeway will reduce the number of on-street bikers, except that portion of the bikeway designated to be on street. Some people will be diverted to the bikeway from other modes of transportation.

13F The areas with on-street bikeways may experience some additional conflicts between bicycles, motor vehicles and pedestrians.

14B The proposed bikeway may increase security risks along off-street sections. Increased access along off-street trails could increase chances of burglary and vandalism to adjacent residences and commercial or industrial establishments. Police patrol forces may require additional manpower.

14E Routine roadway and drainage maintenance will be required.

19 The bikeway will in itself be a new recreational opportunity, as well as open up a path between existing recreational opportunities and residences.

IV. Mitigation measures proposed to minimize environmental impacts for the project as identified above. (Explain in detail - If none, so state)

1. Construction documents will contain strict controls and requirements to minimize noise and dust pollution during construction.

2. Where appropriate, visual and physical barriers between off-street bike trails and adjoining residences to enhance security and privacy.

3. Police patrol forces may be required for security patrols.

V. Alternatives to the project which would produce less of an adverse impact on the environment (lower density, less intense land use, move building on site, no project, et cetera):

1. No project - no project would eliminate dust and noise pollution that could occur during construction. No security forces would be required to patrol the project area. Any benefits related to energy conservation, transportation, air quality, public safety, and recreation would be postponed or eliminated.

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VI. DETERMINATION

On the basis of this initial study:

[ X] I find the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared

[ ] I find that although the proposed project could have a signific effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effe in this case because the mitigation measures described in IV ab have been added to the project or the possibility of a signific effect on the environment is so remote as to be insignificant.

[ ] I find the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on th environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

Date AUG 22 1977

(Signature)

Title Senior Engineer

EXHIBIT "D"
W 21762

# RESOLUTION No. 76 393

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

July 20, 1976

RESOLUTION APPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND APPROVING

Water System Expansion

WHEREAS, the draft Environmental Impact Report for Water System Expansion

has been completed, a Notice of Completion has been filed, and distribution of the Report has been made, all as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Final Environmental Impact Report for the above project has been prepared in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, a hearing on the Final Environmental Impact Report has been set and held before the City Council on July 20, 1976.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Water System Expansion is hereby approved and the City Council hereby determines that said project will/~~will not~~ have a significant effect upon the environment; and

2. That the above project is hereby approved for the purpose of enlarging and improving Sacramento Water Treatment Plant, constructing new North Reservoir and Pumping Station, new transmission pipeline from Sacramento River Water Treatment Plant to North Reservoir, new transmission pipeline from Sacramento River Water Treatment Plant to American River Water Treatment Plant.

3. That the Environmental Coordinator is authorized to file, with the County Clerk of Sacramento County, a Notice of Determination as required by law.

Philip L. Isenberg
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Joe Pappas
CITY CLERK

JUL 20 1976
RESOLUTION No. 76 393

EXHIBIT "D"

W 21762

# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT SUMMARY

## I. Introduction

The following is a summary of an EIR for proposed expansion of the City of Sacramento's water system.

## II. Project Description

The proposed project includes modifications to existing facilities as well as the addition of new equipment. The EIR discusses several improvements that are to be included in the proposed project. However, this summary is primarily limited to those phases of the proposed project that will involve land under State Lands Commission jurisdiction. Pertinent phases to be discussed are referred to in the report as (B) abandoned railroad bridge at South Bank, and (C) abandoned railroad bridge in north flood plain.

## III. Environmental Setting

Bridge (B) is set amidst open ground comprised of common invader grasses and forbs, and a small number of black walnut trees and valley oaks. Ecological constraints on the project in this area are considered minor. Although bridge (C) is not directly surrounded by any standard biotic communities, it does provide nesting habitat for the barn and cliff swallows and the common domestic pigeon.

## IV. Environmental Impacts

A. Temporary construction related disruptions include: traffic congestion, noise, adverse visual impacts, air quality impacts, disruption of aquatic environment and disturbance of vegetation.

B. The potential for accelerated erosion exists whenever the backfilled trench lays on slopes or is exposed to water flows, and at the crossing of any unlined drainage channel outside the floodplain.

## V. Mitigation Measures

A. Limitation of the construction zone width will contribute to the prevention of damage to vegetation and to minimize disturbance of wildlife.

B. Construction methods and schedules will be carefully coordinated to minimize hazards and inconveniences to the public.

C. Proper timing of construction, and treatment of completed backfill will minimize erosion and sedimentation.

D. Although there are no known historical sites along the proposed routes, it has been suggested that a qualified archeologist be present during all excavation within the American River floodplain.

VI. Unavoidable Adverse Impacts

The adverse impacts which cannot be avoided are primarily of a temporaty nature due to construction activities: traffic disruption, noise, dust and fumes.

VII. Growth Inducing Impact

There is an undesirable element of growth inducement in the Project, however, the significance of this element is subject to question. Historically, the growth of Sacramento has not been retarded by lack of water, since adequate and suitable supplies have been readily obtainable. Curtailment of additional future supplies might eventually serve to limit ultimate growth in the area, but the current predominance of opinion in Sacramento appears to be in favor of growth.

VIII. Alternatives to the Proposed Project

A. No project

B. A Project that would entail less of a capacity increase.

IX. Short-term vs. Long-term

The project would allow reduction of pumping from groundwater aquifers which are being overdrafted at the present, as well as allowing for future population growth in the service area. Allowing for future growth implicity allows more use of agricultural lands and existing open space for urban development. However, population growth also means more pressure on recreation facilities and places more demand on governmental and community services.