

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. C1.  
was approved as Minute Item  
1 by the State Lands  
Commission by a vote of 2  
to 0 at its 7-24-70  
meeting.

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GENERAL PERMIT - PUBLIC AGENCY USE

APPLICANT: Sacramento Municipal Utility District  
P. O. Box 15830  
Sacramento, California 95813

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:  
2.986-acre parcel of submerged land in  
the Cosumnes River, Sacramento County.

LAND USE: Double-circuit, three-phase 230 KV overhead  
transmission line and other appurtenant  
facilities.

TERMS OF PROPOSED PERMIT:  
Initial period: 49 years from July 1,  
1980.

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.

BASIS FOR CONSIDERATION:  
2 Cal. Adm. Code 2005.

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

Filing fee and 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 \$350.00.  
2. A final EIR was prepared by Sacramento  
Municipal Utility District, pursuant  
to CEQA and implementing regulations.

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A Notice of Determination has been received.

3. This project is situated on land identified as possessing environmental values in that the State Lands Commission stated all waterways under the Commission's jurisdiction have environmental significance. Staff finds this project to be compatible with Commission policy.

APPROVALS OBTAINED:

State Department of Water Resources - The State Reclamation Board.

ADDITIONAL APPROVALS NEEDED:

None.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Land Description.      B. Location Map.  
C. EIR Summary.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT AN EIR HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT AND CERTIFIED BY THE SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT ON AUGUST 8, 1973.
2. CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE EIR ENTITLED FINAL GENERAL PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR EXPANSION OF EXISTING 230,000 VOLT TRANSMISSION LINE SYSTEM, HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED BY THE COMMISSION.
3. DETERMINE THAT THE PROJECT WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, NAMELY THE VISUAL IMPACT OF THE TRANSMISSION LINES. THERE ARE NO FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES TO THE TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT AS DISCUSSED IN THE FINAL EIR; HOWEVER, THE PROJECT IS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN ELECTRICAL SERVICE.
4. FIND THAT THIS PROJECT IS SITUATED ON LAND IDENTIFIED AS POSSESSING ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES IN THAT THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION FOUND ALL WATERWAYS UNDER THE COMMISSION'S JURISDICTION HAVE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE, BUT THAT THIS PROJECT IS COMPATIBLE WITH THAT FINDING AS IT APPLIES TO THE SUBJECT LAND.
5. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT OF A 49-YEAR GENERAL PERMIT - PUBLIC AGENCY USE FROM JULY 1, 1980; IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC

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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 CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A 230 KV OVERHEAD  
TRANSMISSION LINE ON THE LAND DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A"  
ATTACHED AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

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EXHIBIT "A"

LAND DESCRIPTION

A strip of land crossing the Cosumnes River in Section 30, T6N, R6E, MDM, Sacramento County, California, said strip lying 100 feet westerly and 50 feet easterly of the following described centerline:

COMMENCING at a point on the south line of the above-mentioned Section 30, the southeast corner of which bears N 89°45'50"E 427.59 feet, as described in that certain Deed to the United States of America, dated July 26, 1950, and recorded in Book 1879, page 246, of the Official Records of Sacramento County; thence S 89°45'50"W, 50.03 feet to Station 0+00 being the beginning of the above-mentioned centerline; thence N 01°53'54"E, 3000 feet to Station 30+00 and being the end of said centerline.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM any portion of land lying above the ordinary high water mark.

END OF DESCRIPTION

PREPARED MAY 30, 1980 BY TECHNICAL SERVICES UNIT, ROY MINNICK, SUPERVISOR.

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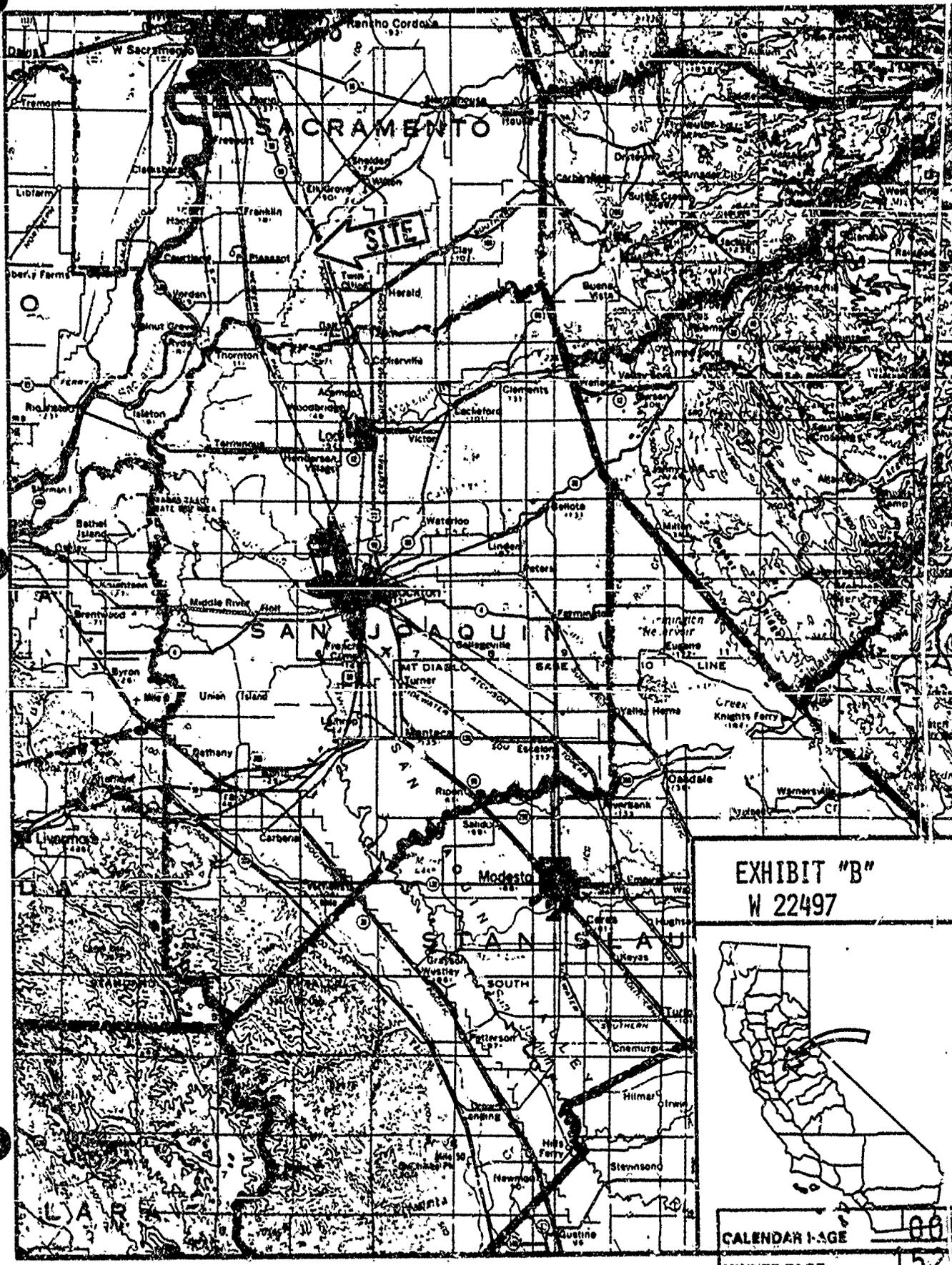


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## EIR SUMMARY

**I. Introduction**

The following is a summary of the General Plan Environmental Impact Report for Sacramento Municipal Utility District's expansion of an existing 230,000 volt transmission line system as the project pertains to State tide and submerged land (where the system crosses the Cosumnes River in Sacramento County). A Final Phase I EIR was certified by the SMUD on August 8, 1978.

**II. Project Description**

The general plan when completed will add approximately 175 circuit miles to the 230,000 Volt Transmission System in the Sacramento area. This will require the installation of approximately 325 steel poles and/or steel structures. Phase I will connect Rincho Seco to Hedge, terminate the second USBR line at Hurlay, connect Elverta and Orangevale and connect Orangevale to White Rock Powerhouse and Pocket.

**III. Environmental Setting**

The general project area at Cosumnes River is primarily used for cattle grazing and dryland farming. Since the right-of-way route is through primarily open fields of flat terrains, very little clearing for structures and conductors will be required and only minor interference with agricultural work or livestock is expected. The wildlife which inhabit the route includes deer, rabbits, squirrels, raccoons, skunks, mice, game birds, waterfowl, and some non-game species.

No rare or endangered animals or plants are expected to be encountered along the route. The general seismic stability along the route is good. The maximum expectable seismic intensity is low and there are no known faults in the area.

**IV. Environmental Impacts**

- A. Structures and lines present unnatural objects on the landscape; visual/aesthetic impact.
- B. Objectionable line noise (humming) may occur.
- C. Construction - related impacts.
- D. Possible TV/radio interference.

**V. Mitigation Measures**

- A. Selection of routes objectionable to fewer people; utilize structures/poles (and colors) which harmonize with existing structures.
- B. Annual transmission line patrol to detect loose hardware.
- C. Access routes will be maintained during the construction period, and returned to their original condition upon its completion. Dust abatement control by watering where needed and soil management practices will be observed. Work will be restricted to daylight hours to limit noise.

- D. SMUD and PG & E experience with hundreds of miles of existing 230 kV transmission lines indicates that the construction and operation of the proposed 230kV lines will not adversely affect any radio, television, telephone, or other communication circuits.

#### VI. Unavoidable Adverse Impacts

The only significant environmental effect of the proposed overhead transmission line expansion is its visual/aesthetics impact. Although the impact does not pose any physical hazard, it is a major concern to those who live in the general vicinity.

#### VII. Alternatives to the Proposed project

- A. No project.  
B. Various combinations of line reconnections and station construction.

#### VIII. Short Term v. Long Term

The proposed expansion of the present 230kV Transmission System is the result of growth in the Sacramento area. This proposal is designed so that it will accommodate additional growth and, consequently, is not an impediment to growth. Since developers and builders assume electric service to be readily available, this proposal is not considered a direct impact on growth.

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