

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 34  
was approved as Minute Item  
No. 34 by the State Lands  
Commission by a vote of  
0 at its 12-16-80  
Meeting.

CALENDAR ITEM

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PRC 5939

DREDGING PERMIT

APPLICANT: County of Fresno  
Department of Public Works  
4499 E. Kings Canyon Road  
Fresno, California 93702

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:  
Sovereign submerged lands in the bed of  
the San Joaquin River near Mendota, Fresno  
County.

LAND USE: Dredge 100,000 cubic yards of minerals  
other than oil, gas and geothermal at an  
average annual rate of 20,000 cubic yards  
and use dredged materials for road maintenance  
and other public projects.

TERMS OF PROPOSED PERMIT:  
Initial period: 5 years from November 1,  
1980.

CONSIDERATION: The public use and benefit; royalty \$0.25  
cubic yard in the event excavated materials  
are placed on private property or used  
for private or commercial benefit.

BASIS FOR CONSIDERATION:  
Pursuant to 2 Cal. Adm. Code 2005 and 2006.

PREREQUISITE TERMS, FEES AND EXPENSES:  
Applicant is owner of upland.  
  
Filing fee has been received.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:  
A. P.R.C.: Div. 6, Parts 1 & 2; Div. 13;  
Div. 20.  
  
B. Cal. Adm. Code: Title 2, Div. 3; Title  
14, Div. 6.

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OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. 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 B, which authorizes Limited Use.

Staff review indicates that there will be no significant effect upon the identified environmental values. This is an existing facility for which no adverse comments have been received.

2. A Negative Declaration was prepared by the County of Fresno, pursuant to CEQA and the State EIR Guidelines.
3. Staff has prepared a permit document which includes all the above provisions. Said document is on file in the offices of the Commission.

APPROVALS OBTAINED:

Department of Fish and Game, Regional Water Quality Control Board, County of Fresno.

FURTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED:

United States Army Corps of Engineers,  
Lower San Joaquin Levee District.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Land Description.
- B. Location Map.
- C. Negative Declaration.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT BY THE COUNTY OF FRESNO.
2. CERTIFY THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION.
3. DETERMINE THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

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4. FIND THAT GRANTING OF THE PERMIT WILL HAVE NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT UPON ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 6370.1, OF THE P.R.C.
  
5. AUTHORIZE THE STAFF TO ISSUE TO THE COUNTY OF FRESNO THE DREDGING PERMIT ON FILE IN THE OFFICES OF THE COMMISSION. SAID PERMIT SHALL BE ISSUED IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC USE AND BENEFIT WHICH WILL RESULT THEREFROM, PROVIDED THAT A ROYALTY OF \$0.25 PER CUBIC YARD SHALL BE PAID IN THE EVENT DREDGED MATERIALS ARE PLACED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, SOLD, OR USED FOR PRIVATE OR COMMERCIAL BENEFIT. SAID PERMIT SHALL ALLOW THE DREDGING OF A MAXIMUM OF 100,000 CUBIC YARDS OF MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL, GAS AND GEOTHERMAL, AT AN AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE OF 20,000 CUBIC YARDS, FROM AN AREA OF SOVEREIGN SUBMERGED LANDS IN THE BED OF THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER NEAR MENDOTA, FRESNO COUNTY. SAID AREA IS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND BY THIS REFERENCE EXPRESSLY MADE A PART HEREOF. THE MATERIAL DREDGED SHALL BE USED FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE AND OTHER PUBLIC PROJECTS.

## EXHIBIT "A"

## LAND DESCRIPTION

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PARCEL 1

BEGINNING at a point which bears south 89° 17' west 778.48 feet from the southeast corner of Section 18, Township 13 South, Range 15 East, M.D.B.&M., thence along the center line of San Joaquin River, north 32° 00' east 350.00 feet, north 11° 00' west 600.00 feet, north 32° 00' west 800.00 feet, north 48° 00' west 350.00 feet, and north 38° 30' west 175.07 feet, thence leaving said center line south 51° 30' west 207.69 feet to a point on the west bank of said San Joaquin River, thence along the westerly bank of said San Joaquin River, south 46° 22' east 233.55 feet, south 38° 16' east 780.00 feet, south 24° 55' east 366.00 feet, south 8° 15' east 260.00 feet, south 0° 48' west 190.00 feet, south 17° 30' west 65.00 feet, south 27° 02' west 158.00 feet, south 54° 37' west 92.00 feet to a point on the south line of Section 18 which point bears south 89° 17' west 988.48 feet from the southeast corner of said Section 18 (south 89° 17' west equals south 89° 21' west for Section 19), thence leaving section line and continuing along the westerly bank of San Joaquin River, south 54° 37' west 70.00 feet, and south 36° 50' west 420.00 feet, thence leaving said westerly bank, south 57° 17-1/2' east 208.30 feet, to a point on the center line of aforesaid San Joaquin River, thence along said center line, north 34° 56' east 600.00 feet, to the point of beginning, containing 12.24 acres, more or less.

PARCEL 2

BEGINNING at a point which bears south 89° 17' west 988.48 feet from the southeast corner of Section 18, Township 13 South, Range 15 East, M.D.B.&M., thence along the westerly bank of San Joaquin River, south 54° 37' west 70.00 feet, and south 36° 50' west 420.00 feet, thence leaving said westerly bank north 9° 30' west 377.23 feet to a point on the south line of aforesaid Section 18, which point bears south 89° 17' west 1359.64 feet from the southeast corner of said Section 18 (south 89° 17' west equals south 89° 21' west for Section 19), thence leaving section line north 5° 30' west 1838.67 feet to a point on the westerly bank of San Joaquin River, thence along said westerly bank south 46° 22' east 233.55 feet, south 38° 16' east 780.00 feet, south 24° 55' east 366.00 feet, south 8° 15' east 260.00 feet, south 0° 48' west 190.00 feet, south 17° 30' west 65.00 feet, south 27° 02' west 158.00 feet, south 54° 37' west 92.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 20 acres, more or less.

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EXCEPTING THEREFROM any portions of the above parcels lying landward of the ordinary high water mark of the San Joaquin River.

END OF DESCRIPTION

REVIEWED BY TECHNICAL SERVICES UNIT, ROY MINNICK, SUPERVISOR.

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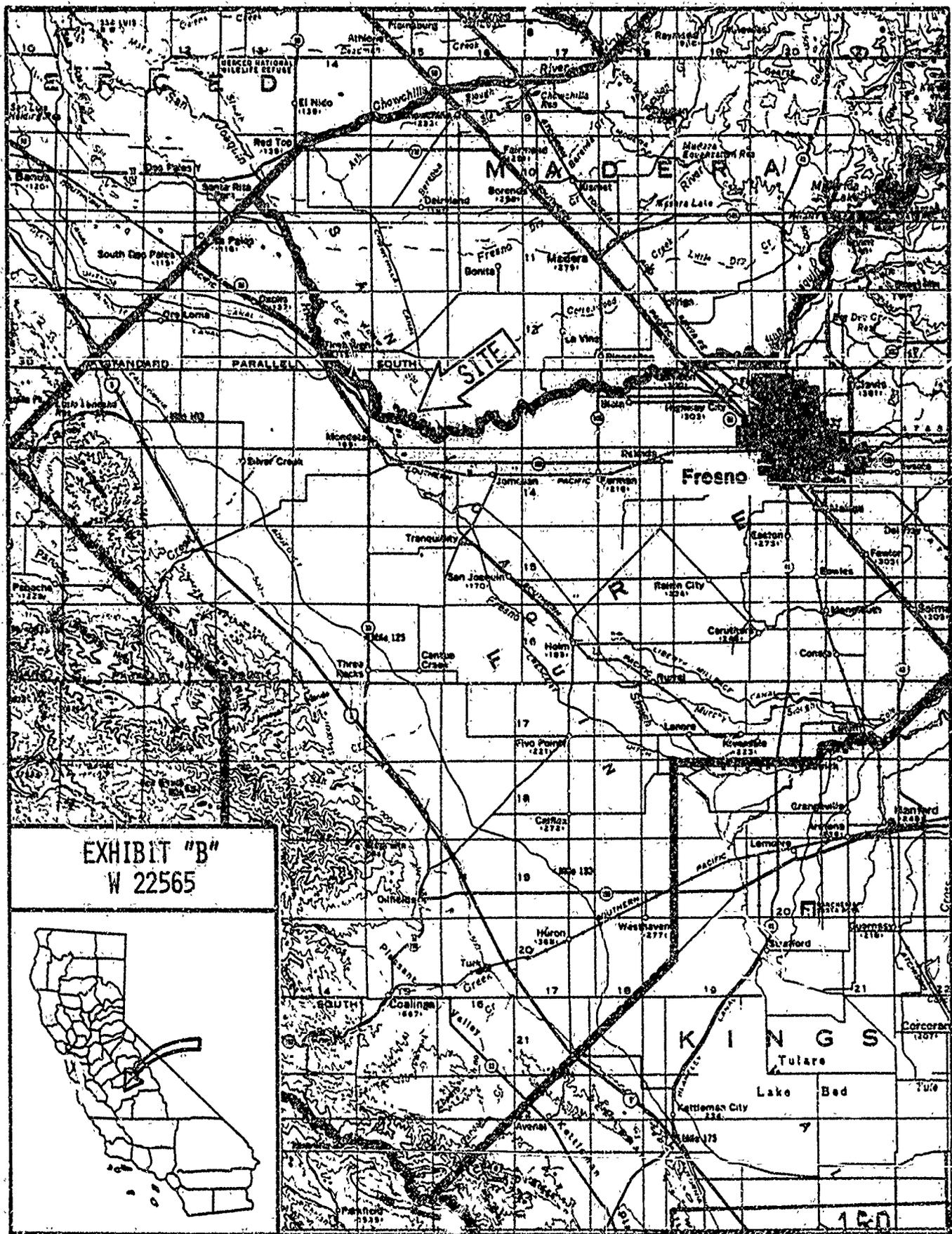


EXHIBIT "B"  
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File original and one copy with:

Special below For County Clerk Only.

FRESNO COUNTY CLERK  
Room 401, Courthouse  
1100 Van Ness  
Fresno, California 93721  
Mailing Address:  
P.O. Box 1628  
Fresno, California 93717

EXHIBIT "C"

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GALEN LARSON, Clerk

By: L. ALLEN DEPUTY

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| Agency File No.<br><b>EA 1412</b> | <b>LOCAL AGENCY<br/>NOTICE OF DETERMINATION</b> | County Clerk File No.:<br>(Enter if Negative Declaration has been filed).<br><b>E. 2606</b> |
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|--|--|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Responsible Agency (Name):<br><b>Fresno County</b> | Address (Street and P.O. Box):<br><b>4499 E. Kings Canyon Road</b> | City:<br><b>Fresno</b> | Zip Code:<br><b>93702</b> |
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| Agency Contact Person (Name and Title):<br><b>Richard R. Allen, Senior Staff Analyst</b> | Area Code:<br><b>209</b> | Telephone Number:<br><b>488-3861</b> | Extension:<br><b>--</b> |
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| Applicant (Name):<br><b>Fresno County Public Works</b> | Project Title:<br><b>CUP 1505</b> |
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Project Description (Omit if Negative Declaration has been filed):

Justification for Determination (Omit if EIR Not Required and See Negative Declaration):

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| Negative Declaration Filed:<br>Date: <b>3-1-78</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable                         | Notice of Completion Filed with State:<br>Date: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable                 |
| Determination:<br>Project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved        | Determination:<br>Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Significant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Significant  |
| Environmental Impact Report:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required | Environmental Impact Report:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Prepared <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Prepared |

Copy of Environmental Impact Report Available at (Address):

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| <b>0-74-17-78</b> | <b>Richard R. Allen</b> | Submitted by (Signature):<br><i>Richard R. Allen</i> | Not Applicable |
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LOCAL AGENCY  
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION  
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SENIOR STAFF ANALYST  
County Clerk File No. E. **2606**

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**GALEN LARSON**

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Fresno, California 93721  
Mailing Address:  
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Fresno, California 93717

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LOCAL AGENCY  
NEGATIVE DECLARATION

County Clerk, File No.:

E- 2066

Agency Name:

Fresno County

Address (Street and P. O. Box)

4499 E. Kings Canyon Road

City

Fresno

Zip Code:

93702

Agency Contact Person (Name and Title):

Billy J. Peck, Staff Analyst III

Area Code:

209

Telephone Number:

408-3842

Extension:

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Applicant (Name):

Fresno County Public Works

Project Title:

CUP 1505

Project Description:

Continue to excavate and stockpile sand along the San Joaquin River one-half mile north of Mendota Dam.

Justification for Negative Declaration:

The project will not have any significant impacts on the natural and cultural environments of Fresno County. Potential effects to water, the river channel and recreation were identified and were determined not to be significant.

NOTE:

Approved project will not have a significant impact on the environment

Number and Date of Publication:

The Fresno Bee, March 5, 1978

Review Date Deadline

March 15, 1978

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Type of Print Signature:

Richard R. Allen

Submitted by:

*Richard R. Allen*  
RICHARD R. ALLEN

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LOCAL AGENCY  
NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 1412  
Initial Study

FCPW - ROAD MAINTENANCE

(U) CUP - 1505

Lead Agency  
COUNTY OF FRESNO

Prepared by  
Fresno County Planning Department  
Project Evaluation Section  
February, 1978

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## PREFACE

The proposed project was reviewed under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines of 1970, as amended, and under the regulations and procedures adopted by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors. The purpose of this assessment is to determine the significance and magnitude of the environmental consequences of the project and to provide sufficient information to determine if the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report should be required or a Negative Declaration filed.

## PROJECT INFORMATION

Location: North end of Bass Avenue 2.4 miles northeast of Highway 33 (Site is approximately two miles north of the City of Mendota).

Area: 32 acres

Zoning: AE-20

Existing Use: Sand extraction

## Project Description:

The project is a continuation of an existing use which consists of excavating sand from the San Joaquin River by use of a drag line. The site is bordered on the north, east, and south by the San Joaquin River. Farmland lies to the west which is separated from the site by a flood control levee.

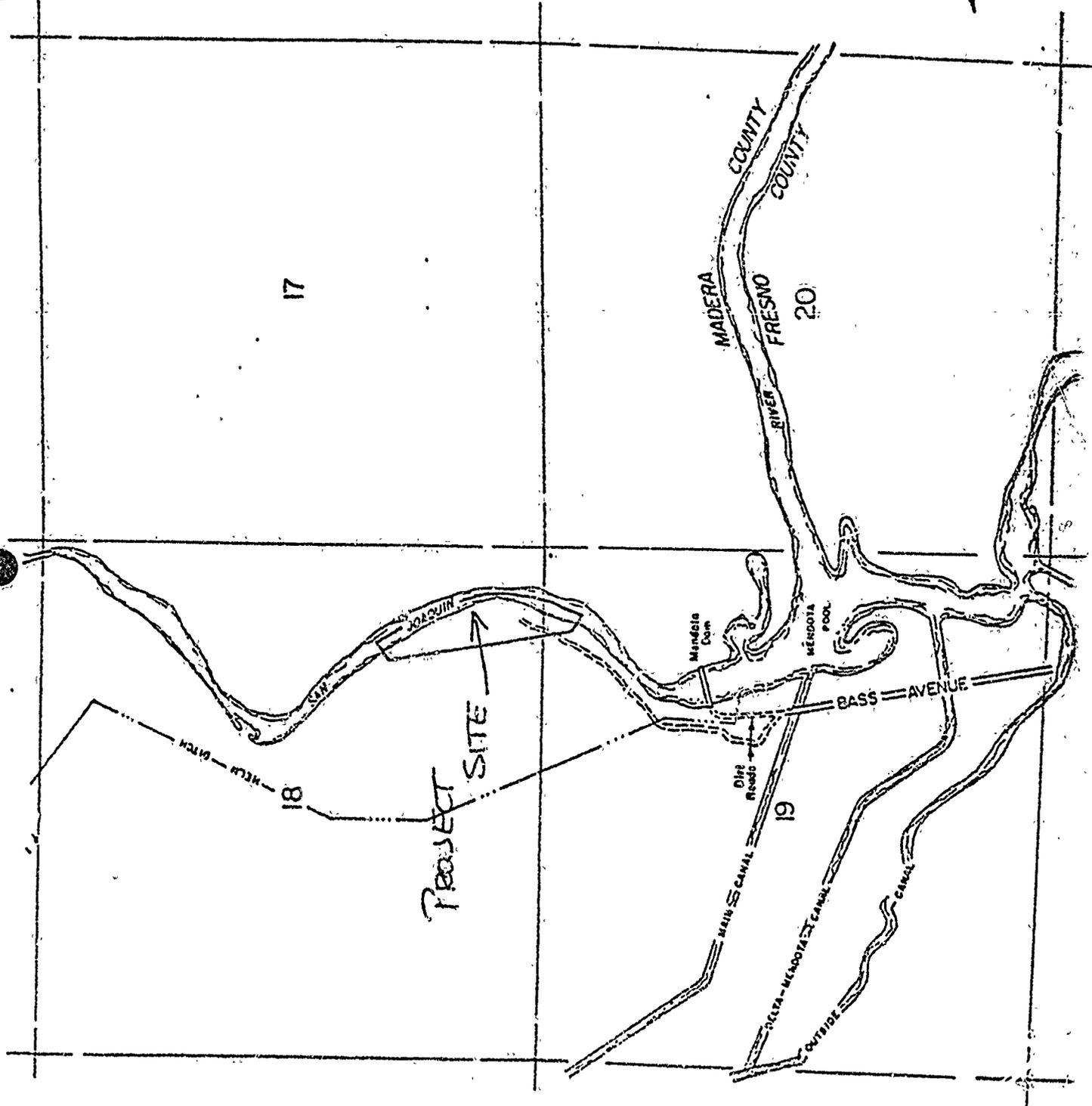
The sand is placed in a long stock pile approximately 10 feet high by 30 feet wide and 2,300 feet long on the river side of the excavation site. About 20,000 tons of sand are removed yearly. The excavation from which the sand is removed is flooded by the river each spring and summer during peak flows. The river deposits more sand and completely reclaims the excavated area. Because of this continual reclamation it is possible to excavate annually.

The excavation in late fall and winter usually take three to five men and equipment for about 40 days. The stockpiled sand is removed throughout the year for approximately 25 more days. Equipment used at the site include: one tractor, one dragline, four bottom dump trucks-trailer units and two end-dump trucks. Maximum number of truck trips will be about 85 per day for a 40 day period.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND THEIR SIGNIFICANCE

Three areas of potential adverse environmental impacts were identified and are discussed below:

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1. Earth

The proposed project will periodically and temporarily change the channel configuration of the San Joaquin River in the vicinity of the project. These minor modifications have been occurring for several years with no apparent impacts to the river or erosive aspects of the river.

2. Water

The project has the potential to cause minor changes in water currents and increase the sediments in this section of the river. The sand is extracted during periods of low flow or no flow and will not have any significant effects on water quality in the area.

3. Recreation

The proposed project may have some effects on the recreation potential of the project area. The access to the site is adjacent to the Mendota Pool County Park. Trucks passing this park may disturb some people using the facility. The duration of traffic each year is limited to a few weeks during the winter months when the recreation facilities receive the least amount of use. The impact to the existing recreation facilities will not be significant.

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### RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES CONSULTED

Comments regarding the potential impact of the proposed project were solicited from the following agencies, organizations, and individuals. Responses received are attached or summarized below. All entities that responded are marked with an asterisk.

#### Fresno County

- \*Environmental Health System  
Public Works Department - Director  
Public Works Department - Traffic Engineer
- \*Natural Resources Coordinator  
Department of Agriculture
- \*Planning Department - Plan Development Section

#### Other Agencies

- Fresno Mosquito Abatement District
- \*California Regional Water Quality Control Board
- \*California Department of Transportation  
California State Lands Commission
- \*California Reclamation Board  
California Department of Fish and Game
- \*District Archaeologist
- \*U.S. Soil Conservation Service
- \*Mid-Valley Fire Department
- \*Fresno County Staff Geologist

### SUMMARY OF RESPONSES NOT ATTACHED

1. Mid-Valley Fire Protection District, Robert Keepers, Chief Fire Protection Engineer  
  
Response: No comments
2. California Department of Transportation, R. L. Binger, District Planning & Programs Engineer  
  
Response: No comment
3. Fresno County Planning Department, Bruce O'Neal, Staff Analyst  
  
Response: No comment
4. Natural Resource Coordinator, Eldred Bliss  
  
Response: A justifiable use of a resource, looks ok. Possible problem if sand pile is hit by a flood. No EIR required.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

The Project Evaluation Section of the Fresno County Planning Department has determined, based on this Environmental Assessment (initial study) that the proposed project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment, and a Negative Declaration can be filed.

FIELD INSPECTIONS

Name - Billy J. Peck, Staff Analyst III

INITIAL STUDY

Performed by - Billy J. Peck, Staff Analyst III

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