

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. C28  
was approved as Minute Item  
No. 28 by the State Lands  
Commission by a vote of 3  
to 0 at its 2-25-93  
meeting.

CALENDAR ITEM

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02/25/93  
WP 7573  
N. Smith  
PRC 7573

AMENDMENT OF A GENERAL PERMIT - RIGHT-OF-WAY

APPLICANT:

AT&T Communications of California  
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AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:

A 0.15-acre parcel of tide and submerged land crossing the  
Garcia River at the Highway 1 Bridge crossing, south of  
Manchester, Mendocino County.

LAND USE:

Construction and maintenance of a fiber optic cable for  
telecommunication signals, to be suspended from the existing  
Highway 1 Bridge.

PERMIT TERMS:

Permit period:  
Continuous use, plus one (1) year, beginning October 1,  
1991.

CONSIDERATION:

Exempt by Law, Section 7901, Public Utilities Code.

PREREQUISITE CONDITIONS, FEES AND EXPENSES:

Filing fee and processing costs have been received.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

- A. P.R.C.: Div. 6, Parts 1 and 2; Div. 13.
- B. Cal. Code Regs.: Title 3, Div. 3; Title 14, Div. 6.

AB 884:

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**OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

1. On September 23, 1991, the Commission adopted a Negative Declaration for the fiber-optic cable routing between San Francisco and Point Arena and issued a lease for that portion of the cable crossing the Russian River in Sonoma County.

On September 23, 1992, the Commission authorized an amendment to revise the description of the location of the crossing at the Russian River in Sonoma County.

As a result of difficulties experienced in the summer of 1992 during the completion of directional boring under Moat Creek and a tributary to the Garcia River in Mendocino County, a revised route has been proposed which lies along the right-of-way of State Highway 1 and other public roads rights-of-way between Manchester and Point Arena. The cable will be suspended from the Highway 1 Bridge crossing the Garcia River. The proposed route will complete the remaining 6.5 miles of the original 151 mile route between San Francisco and Point Arena.

2. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to P.R.C. 6370, et seq. Based upon the staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands and through the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.
3. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. 15025), the staff has prepared an Amended Negative Declaration identified as EIR ND 568, State Clearinghouse No. 91073076. Such Proposed Negative Declaration was prepared and circulated for public review pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Based upon the Initial Study, the Proposed Negative Declaration, and the comments received in response thereto, there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment. (14 Cal. Code Regs. 15074(b))

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**APPROVALS OBTAINED:**

Department of Transportation and Mendocino County Public Works.

**FURTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED:**

California Coastal Commission, Department of Fish and Game, and State Lands Commission.

**EXHIBITS:**

- A. Land Description
- B. Location Map
- C. Mitigation Monitoring Plan

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:**

1. CERTIFY THAT AN AMENDED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, EIR ND 568, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 91073076, WAS PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE CEQA AND THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.
2. ADOPT THE PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND DETERMINE THAT THE PROJECT, AS APPROVED, WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.
3. ADOPT THE MITIGATION MONITORING PLAN, ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "C" AND AS CONTAINED IN THE AMENDED NEGATIVE DECLARATION DATED DECEMBER, 1993, SCH 91073076, ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION.
4. FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED FOR THE LAND PURSUANT TO P.R.C. 6370, ET SEQ.
5. AMEND THE DESCRIPTION OF THE LEASE PREMISES IN PERMIT PRC 7573 TO INCLUDE THE DESCRIPTION SET FORTH ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND BY REFERENCED MADE A PART HEREOF.
6. ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**LAND DESCRIPTION**

**PRC 7573**

All that certain real property situated in the County of Mendocino, State of California, described as follows:

The centerline of said strip of land, 20 feet in width, is described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the southwesterly terminus of the Garcia River Bridge along the State Highway One, said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING and further being 4.00 feet northwesterly and perpendicular to the centerline of said bridge, from which a 1/2" iron pipe, no tag, marking the corner common to Sections 1 & 2, T 12 N, R 17 W, and Sections 35 & 36, T 13 N, R 17 W, MDM as shown on the Parcel Map No. 23-76 recorded in Case 2, Drawer 29, Page 38, Mendocino County records bears S 35° 36' 52" W, 1782.65 feet; thence from said TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING and along said easement centerline, being parallel with and distant 4.00 feet northwesterly of the centerline of said Garcia River Bridge, N 30° 53' 01" E, 319.98 feet to a point on the northeasterly terminus of said Garcia River Bridge and being 4.00 feet northwesterly and perpendicular to the centerline of said bridge, also being the terminus of the herein described easement centerline.

The sidelines of the above described easement are to be shortened or lengthened to terminate in the southwesterly terminus of said Garcia River Bridge and to terminate in the northeasterly terminus of said Garcia River Bridge.

Basis of bearings: Found monuments as shown and delineated on that Parcel Map No. 23-76 recorded in case 2, Drawer 29, Page 38, Mendocino County Records as N 01° 00' 09" E, 5220.20 feet.

**END OF DESCRIPTION**

REVIEWED NOVEMBER, 1992 BY SFBCC.

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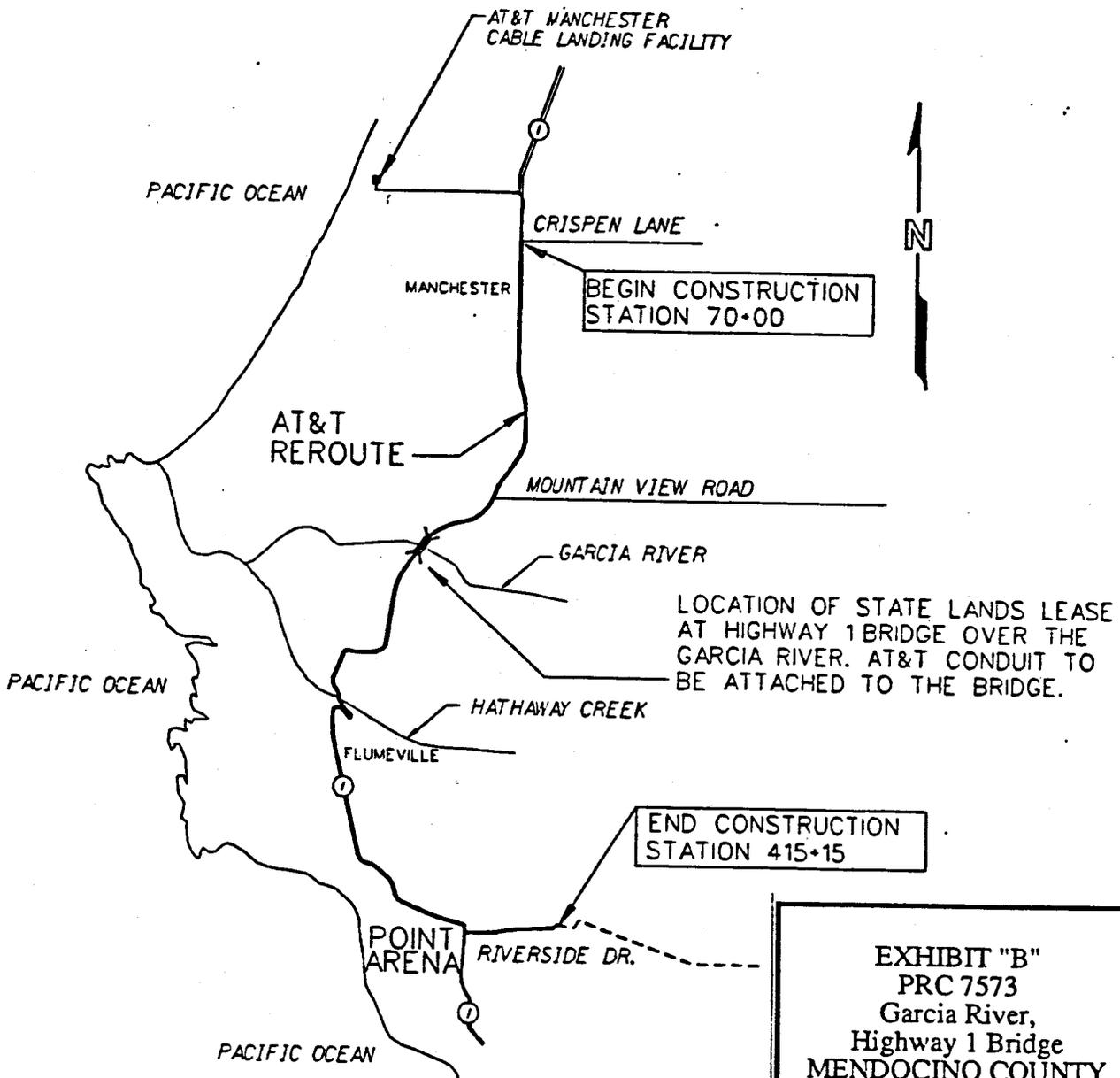


EXHIBIT "B"  
 PRC 7573  
 Garcia River,  
 Highway 1 Bridge  
 MENDOCINO COUNTY



WESTERN TERRITORY LIGHTGUIDE PROJECTS  
 POINT ARENA TO SAN FRANCISCO  
 LIGHTGUIDE SYSTEM  
 VICINITY MAP  
 AT&T MANCHESTER TO POINT ARENA  
 REROUTE



DATE:  
 OCTOBER 12, 1992  
 SCALE:  
 APPROX. 1"=1 MILE

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## 5.0 MITIGATION MEASURES/MITIGATION MONITORING

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### 5.1 POTENTIAL SENSITIVE PLANT SPECIES

**MITIGATION MEASURE:** The re-route alignment was surveyed for the presence of sensitive plant species and none were located. Additionally, local botanists were consulted to verify this finding. Construction activities will avoid areas near the proposed route where sensitive plant species may potentially occur.

**MITIGATION MONITORING:** State Lands Commission, California Department of Fish and Game, or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service representatives shall provide periodic inspection to assure that no construction activities are occurring outside the designated construction areas.

### 5.2 WETLANDS

**MITIGATION MEASURE:** Wetland areas along the route were surveyed and delineated. Construction activities will avoid wetland areas along the route except at two small crossings located in Manchester, CA. At Brush Creek Tributary approximately 0.20 acre will be disturbed during the trench construction and at Brush Creek approximately 0.25 acre will be disturbed. After burying the fiber optic cable the wetlands will be restored to their condition prior to disturbance. An appropriate Nationwide Permit and California Stream Alteration Agreement will be obtained for this activity.

**MITIGATION MONITORING:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, California Department of Fish and Game, and California State Lands Commission representatives shall review permit compliance and the restoration of disturbed wetland areas as necessary.

### 5.3 REVEGETATION

**MITIGATION MEASURE:** Vegetated areas along the construction alignment will be revegetated when construction is completed using seed mixes recommended by the Soil Conservation Service, or other agencies, or they will be allowed to regrow, particularly in areas where the roadside or drainage banks are covered with dense blackberry bushes which can be expected to resprout vigorously after construction.

**MITIGATION MONITORING:** Revegetated areas shall be inspected by representatives of the State Lands Commission, California Department of Fish and Game, or Caltrans as necessary.

## 5.4 CULTURAL RESOURCES

**MITIGATION MEASURE:** It is not anticipated that any unknown cultural resources will be discovered during the re-route construction. However, because the possibility exists that buried archaeological remains could be present, it is recommended that a qualified archaeologist be contacted if potentially significant materials are found. Potentially significant materials include but are not necessarily limited to: obsidian and chert flakes and chipped tools, grinding implements such as mortars and pestles, shellfish, bone, old glass, ceramics, metal items, structure foundations, or features such as privies or wells. Work at the location of any potentially significant find should stop until the archaeologist evaluates the discovery and makes recommendations so that it can be dealt with appropriately.

**MITIGATION MONITORING:** Representatives of the State Historic Preservation Office and State Lands Commission will be contacted as necessary should any cultural resources be discovered during construction.

## 5.5 TRAFFIC CONTROL

**MITIGATION MEASURE:** Traffic control procedures were established in conformance with Caltrans and other jurisdiction requirements.

The entire operation of site preparation, trenching, and backfilling by a single crew occurs in a confined length of approximately 500' - 1,000'. Typically traffic control is set up for the day's work operation per Caltrans' specification. One lane will require closing and traffic will be directed by flagmen. Delays will typically average 5-7 minutes. Two to three crews are expected to operate over the route and each will average 500' - 1000' per day. Construction during the night is not anticipated to be necessary. Total construction time is expected to be 5 to 6 weeks.

The cable will be placed inside a conduit and manhole system within existing public road right-of-way, and mostly in the road shoulder, to limit environmental impacts. The conduit system will also eliminate the need for future construction since extra conduit space is valuable for future cables. All installation and construction shall be in accordance with applicable agency specifications.

The contractor will establish a yard on private property to stage his construction operations. All material and equipment will be stored there until needed for installation. Material will not be stored overnight within public right of way along the route. During construction, the workers will park their personal vehicles in the yard and will ride to the site in construction vehicles (pickups, backhoes, etc.) to minimize vehicles at the worksite.

Miscellaneous pickups and cars required at the site (by superintendents, engineers, etc.) will be parked off the edge of roadway or within the construction zone protected by traffic control. Any restrictions imposed by Caltrans, Mendocino County, or the City of Point Arena would be followed.

**MITIGATION MONITORING:** The construction area shall be periodically inspected by Caltrans or other agencies to ensure that construction is occurring as planned.

## **5.6 FISHERIES**

**MITIGATION MEASURE:** Impacts to the fish population in Brush Creek will be avoided by attaching the cable to the bridge during seasonal high flows, and trenching and boring through the stream bed during low flows when fish spawning does not occur. Fish populations in other streams will be avoided because the cable will be attached to the bridges crossing the streams or the streams are intermittent and are not known to support fish populations. A California Department of Fish and Game Stream Alteration Agreement will be obtained which will specify any required fishery conservation measures.

**MITIGATION MONITORING:** The stream crossings and compliance with recommended fishery conservation measures shall be inspected by representatives of the California Department of Fish and Game, California State Lands Commission, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District, as necessary.

## **5.7 WATER QUALITY**

**MITIGATION MEASURE:** Erosion control devices will be used to control sediment discharges and bank de-stabilization during construction in conformance with the Water Quality Control Plan, North Coast Region.

**MITIGATION MONITORING:** Construction areas shall be inspected by representatives of the California State Lands Commission, California Department of Fish and Game, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District, as necessary.

## **5.8 EROSION CONTROL**

**MITIGATION MEASURE:** Erosion control devices will be used as necessary to prevent and control erosion, in conformance with construction criteria in the Water Quality Control Plan, North Coast Region, and all disturbed areas will be revegetated, or will revegetate naturally.

**MITIGATION MONITORING:** Areas which were disturbed during construction shall be monitored periodically while vegetation is regrowing on the sites to ensure that these areas do not erode. The areas will be inspected after they are restored by representatives of the State Lands Commission, Caltrans, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and California Department of Fish and Game, as necessary.