

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. C33 was approved as
Minute Item No. 33 by the California State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its
6-14-99 meeting.

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D. Jones
PRC 8087

GENERAL LEASE

APPLICANT:

Carl Mesick Consultants
7981 Crystal Boulevard
El Dorado, California 95623

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

Sovereign lands in the Stanislaus River, at 18 riffles sites, beginning one mile below Goodwin Dam and ending within the city of Oakdale, Tuolumne, Stanislaus and Calaveras counties.

AUTHORIZED USE:

Proposed gravel replenishment to restore salmon spawning habitat for fall-run chinook salmon.

LEASE TERM:

Two years, beginning June 14, 1999.

CONSIDERATION:

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

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Applicant has the right to use the uplands adjoining the lease premises.
2. The Knights Ferry Gravel Replenishment Project (KFGRP) is funded by CALFED and the Stockton East Water District. CALFED was established as a means of resolving the State of California's problems with inadequate water supplies, inadequate flood control, and declining aquatic and terrestrial species and their habitats. THE KFGRP has been designed to improve habitat conditions for fall-run chinook salmon in the Stanislaus River. Fall-run chinook are proposed for federal listing as threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA). This project is being

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funded by CALFED to assist the recovery of the declining species, thereby allowing for increased beneficial uses of California's water supply.

The project will consist of adding clean spawning-sized gravel to 18 existing spawning riffles. Adding clean spawning gravel to existing spawning riffles should improve survival and emergence of incubating salmon eggs. The project will provide a means to evaluate different methods of restoring spawning habitat. Monitoring of the sites will continue through January of 2001.

3. A Negative Declaration (State Clearinghouse No. 99042027) was prepared and adopted for this project by the California Department of Fish and Game. The California State Lands Commission's staff has reviewed such document.
4. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 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.

APPROVALS OBTAINED:

California Department of Fish and Game; United States Army Corps of Engineers; California State Reclamation Board; Stanislaus, Calaveras and Tuolumne counties; Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

EXHIBITS:

- A-1 Site Plan
- A-2 Site Plan
- A-3 Site Plan
- B. Location Map

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

November 15, 1999

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

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CEQA FINDING:

FIND THAT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION WAS PREPARED AND ADOPTED FOR THIS PROJECT BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME AND THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.

SIGNIFICANT LANDS INVENTORY FINDING:

FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE LAND PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTIONS 6370, ET SEQ.

AUTHORIZATION:

AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO CARL MESICK CONSULTANTS OF A LEASE, BEGINNING JUNE 14, 1999, FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, FOR GRAVEL REPLENISHMENT TO RESTORE SALMON SPAWNING HABITAT FOR FALL-RUN CHINOOK SALMON ON THE LANDS SHOWN ON EXHIBITS A-1, A-2 AND A-3 ATTACHED AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF; CONSIDERATION: THE PUBLIC USE AND BENEFIT, WITH THE STATE RESERVING THE RIGHT AT ANY TIME TO SET A MONETARY RENT IF THE COMMISSION FINDS SUCH ACTION TO BE IN THE STATE'S BEST INTEREST.

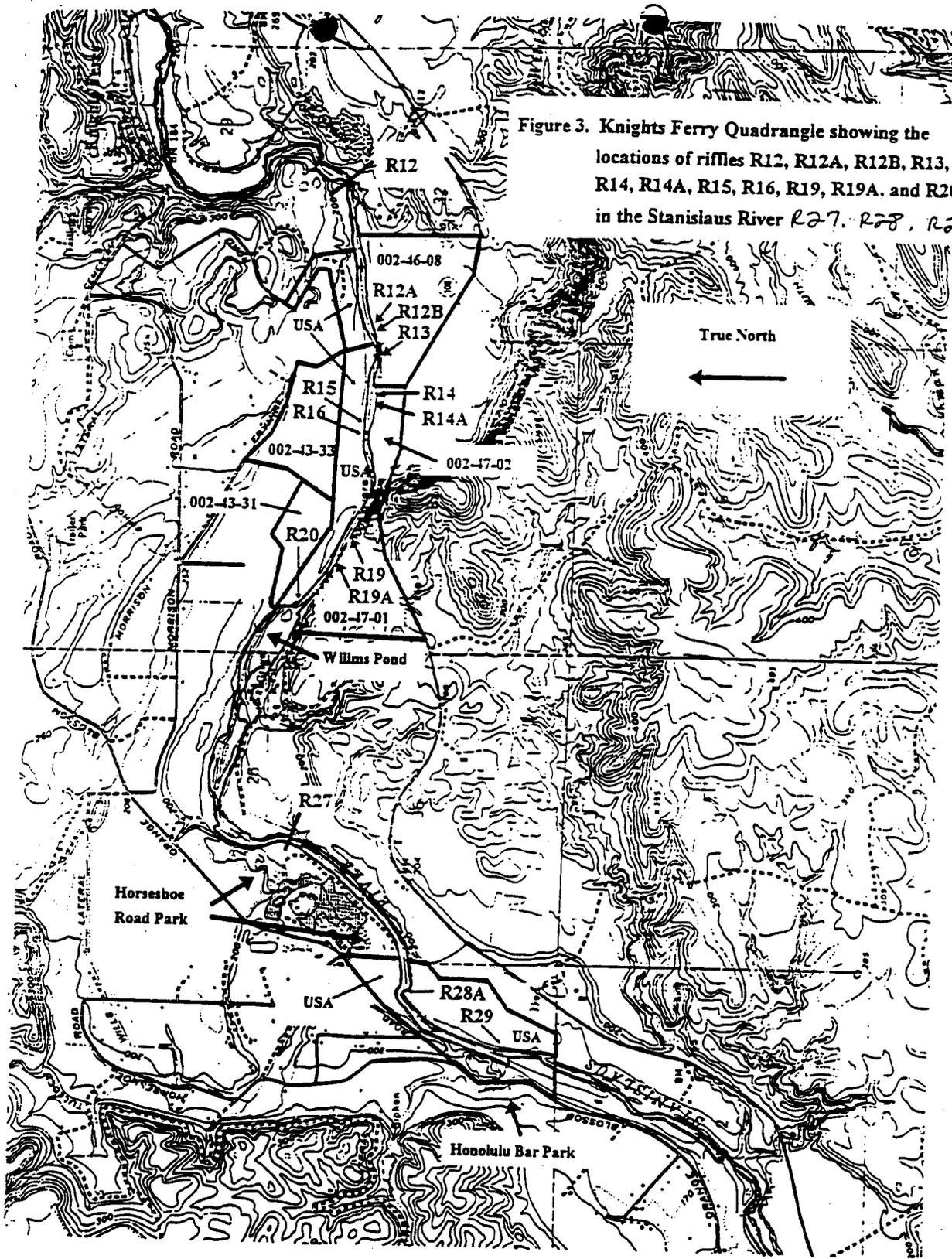


Figure 3. Knights Ferry Quadrangle showing the locations of riffles R12, R12A, R12B, R13, R14, R14A, R15, R16, R19, R19A, and R20 in the Stanislaus River R27, R28, R29

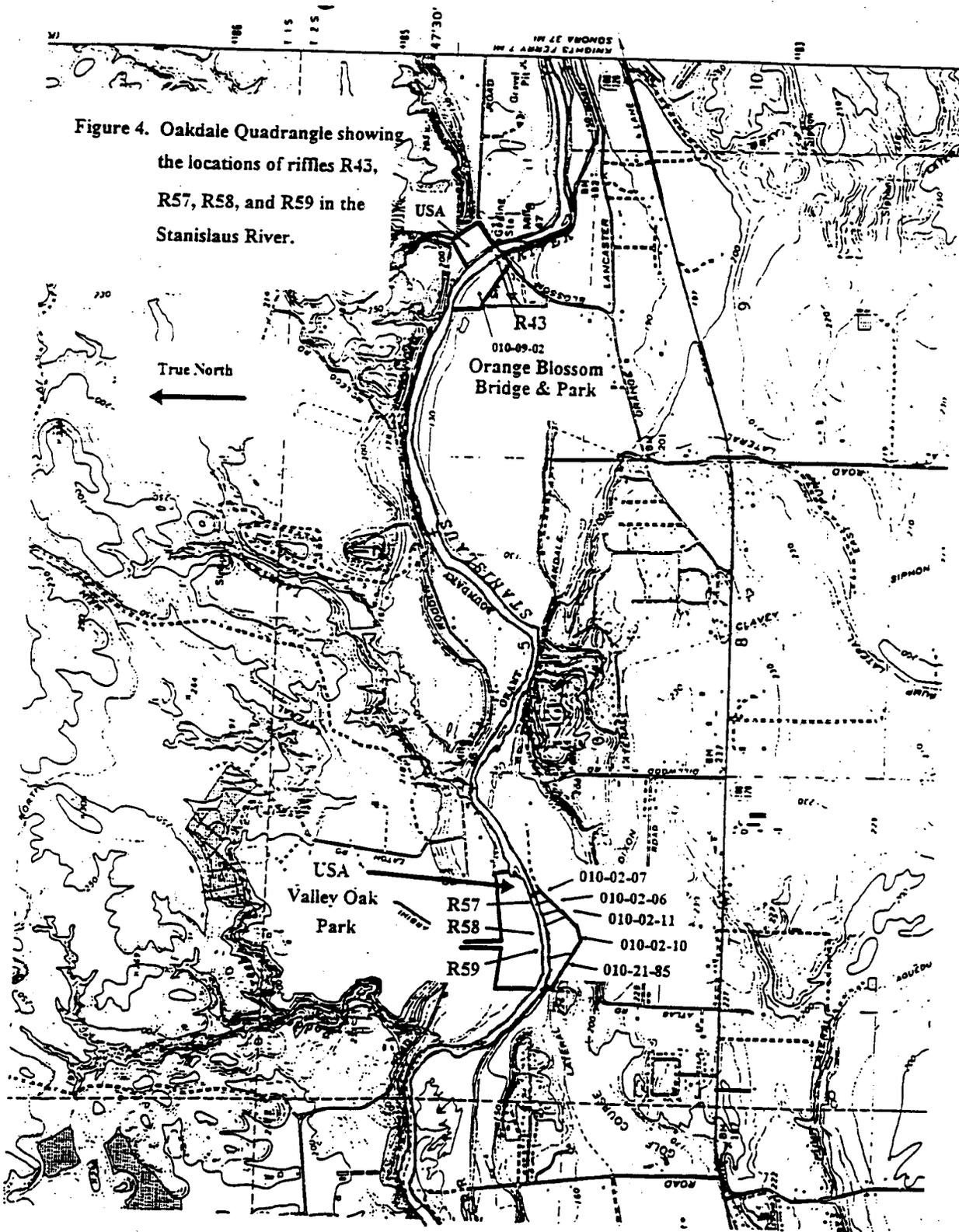
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Figure 4. Oakdale Quadrangle showing the locations of riffles R43, R57, R58, and R59 in the Stanislaus River.



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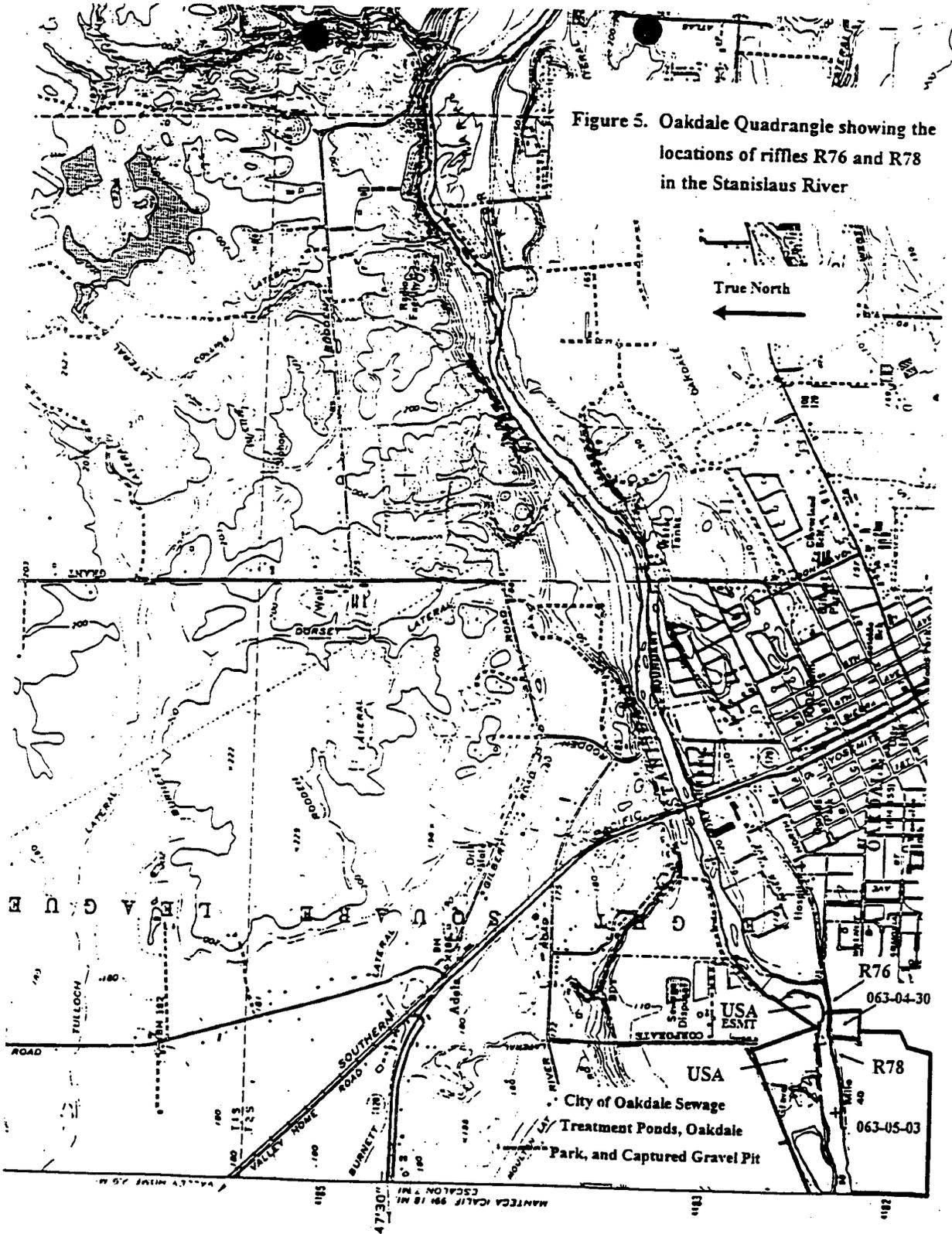
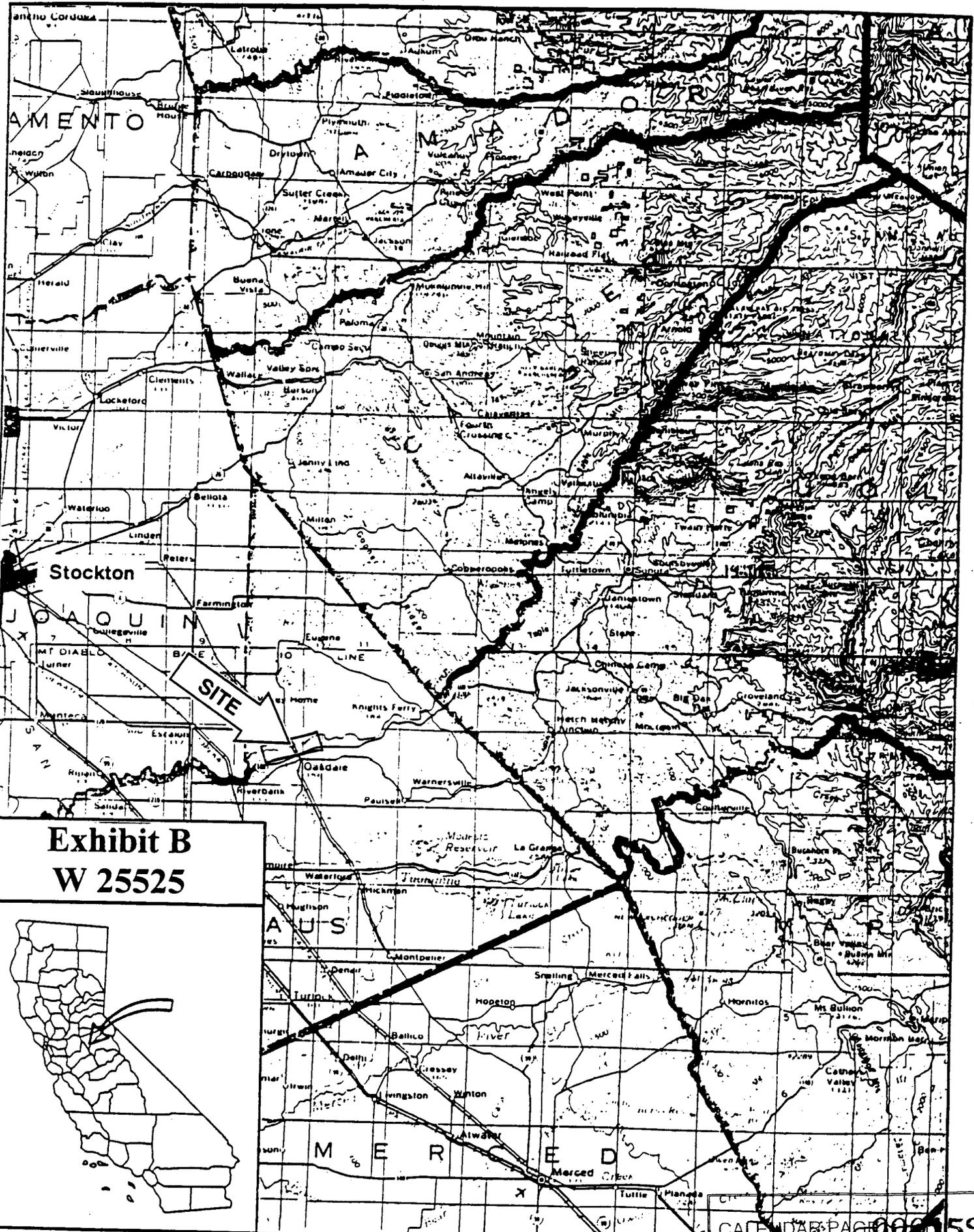


Figure 5. Oakdale Quadrangle showing the locations of riffles R76 and R78 in the Stanislaus River

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