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This Calendar Item No. 71 was approved as Minute Item No. 71 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its 6-14-99 meeting.

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SACRAMENTO RIVER INTERAGENCY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

APPLICANT:

California State Lands Commission
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AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

Sovereign lands in the Sacramento River within the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento and counties of Sacramento and Yolo.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. The cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento have each commissioned the preparation of and have adopted "Riverfront Master Plans". Although the plans were prepared sequentially, they share common goals and are interrelated because each was prepared by the same land use planning firm. Following the adoption of the plans, the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce created a Joint Chambers Riverfront Task Force "....to build a coalition of private and public leaders who can effectively implement a plan for the development of our waterfront."

   The Joint Riverfront Committee of the Sacramento and West Sacramento Chambers of Commerce proposed the establishment of a Permit Coordination Team to facilitate the coordination of development proposals within the bounds of the Riverfront Master Plans. The proposed "Sacramento River Interagency Cooperative Agreement" was developed in close consultation with affected agencies and embodies concepts and provisions of other similar agreements under which the Commission currently operates.

   The Agreement has been executed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is currently before the county of Sacramento and the State Reclamation Board with recommendations for approval.

2. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA because the activity is not a "project" as defined by the CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

EXHIBIT:

A. Sacramento River Interagency Cooperative Agreement

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDING:

FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15061 BECAUSE THE ACTIVITY IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21065 AND TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15378.

AUTHORIZATION:

AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION, TO SIGN THE SACRAMENTO RIVER INTERAGENCY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.

EXHIBIT A

SACRAMENTO RIVER INTERAGENCY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

This agreement is entered into by and between the California State Lands Commission, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, California Department of Fish and Game, California State Reclamation Board, County of Sacramento, City of Sacramento, County of Yolo, and the City of West Sacramento.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the above-mentioned ten (10) agencies have primary responsibilities for management of the various resources within the area covered by the Sacramento River Joint Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the agencies have determined that the Sacramento River has unique values to be enjoyed, preserved, and restored; and

WHEREAS, there are other number of Federal, State and local agencies with jurisdiction over this area; and

WHEREAS, the California State Lands Commission and the Cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento and the Counties of Sacramento and Yolo have previously formed the Sacramento River Greenway Board to manage public lands in the Greenway which are a part of the Joint Master Plan, and

WHEREAS, those public and private entities desiring to develop property in this area would benefit by a process which assures that applications will be acted on within a reasonable time period, and that conditions imposed are consistent with the jurisdictional parameters of all agencies.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. A Permit Coordination Team (PCT) consisting of representatives from each agency will be established. Nothing herein shall restrict the addition, as deemed advisable by the PCT, of other agencies as signatures to this Agreement.

2. The PCT shall meet periodically to promote cooperation among the signatory agencies in activities occurring within the confines of the Joint Master Plan and the Sacramento River Greenway Plan. Specifically, the PCT will: (1) serve as a sounding board to provide guidance to applicants for projects proposed within the Plan's area; (2) identify and work out any conflicts in permit conditions among the signatory agencies or others having jurisdiction; (3) conduct an annual workshop on the state of the river.

3. The Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce shall act as a coordinator to facilitate the operations of the team.

4. Nothing herein shall, in any way, alter the regulatory authority or prerogatives of the agencies.

5. During the course of the Agreement, each agency will share new resource data or proposed actions within the area of the Plan and discuss proposed actions which may impact the planning area. Such matters may be discussed at meetings of the PCT.

6. The PCT may establish an Advisory Panel of representatives of public and private entities to assist it in these regards.

7. Nothing herein shall, in any way, alter the regulatory authority or prerogatives of the signatory agencies.

SIGNED BY:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Date
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Date
National Marine Fisheries Service	Date
State Lands Commission	Date
California Department of Fish and Game	Date
California State Reclamation Board	Date
County of Sacramento	Date
County of Yolo	Date
City of Sacramento	Date
City of West Sacramento	Date

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