

**MINUTE ITEM**  
This Calendar Item No. C19 was approved as  
Minute Item No. 19 by the California State Lands  
Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its  
6-27-00 meeting.

**CALENDAR ITEM  
C19**

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June 27, 2000  
PRC 2404.9 WP 2404.9  
D. Jones

**TERMINATION OF A PERMIT PRC 2404.9 AND  
ISSUANCE OF A NEW GENERAL LEASE - RIGHT OF WAY USE**

**LESSEE:**

County of Sacramento  
Public Works Agency  
906 G Street, Suite 510  
Sacramento, California 95814

**AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:**

Two acres, more or less, of sovereign lands in the Lower American River, near the city of Sacramento, Sacramento County.

**AUTHORIZED USE:**

The construction, operation, and maintenance of a bridge.

**LEASE TERM:**

3 years, beginning June 1, 2000.

**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 applied for a new lease, which will supercede the one issued on May 28, 1959.
2. Applicant has the right to use the uplands adjoining the lease premises.

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3. An EIR was prepared and certified for this project by the county of Sacramento.

A Statement of Overriding Considerations, made in conformance with the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15093), made by Sacramento County is on file in the Sacramento office of the State Lands Commission.

The California State Lands Commission staff has reviewed the EIR, Mitigation Monitoring Program and the Statement of Overriding Conditions adopted by the lead agency.

Findings made in conformance with the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, sections 15091 and 15096) are on file in the Sacramento office of the State Lands Commission.

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.
5. Watt Avenue crosses the Lower American River at River Mile 9.37 and is located between U. S. Highway 50 and Fair Oaks Boulevard near the city of Sacramento. On May 28, 1959, the Commission authorized a 49-year Life of Structure permit to the county of Sacramento for a bridge over the American River on Watt Avenue. The permit expires on May 27, 2008.

According to the County, Watt Avenue is the most traveled roadway in Sacramento County, with approximately 100,000 vehicles traveling it each day. In order to reduce existing congestion and provide a safer facility across the Lower American River for all modes of travel, including pedestrian, bicycle, automobile, and transit, the county of Sacramento has proposed to widen the bridge at Watt Avenue to increase the lanes from four to eight, two of which will provide auxiliary lanes for northbound and southbound traffic. The County also proposes to construct an eight foot wide sidewalk that will allow one-way bike and two-way pedestrian circulation on the bridge. The east side of the bridge widening will be constructed during the year 2000; the west side will be completed in 2001. The project is expected to be completed in 2002.

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A navigational channel for rafts or boats on the river will be maintained at all times except in times of temporary closure. The County has prepared a River Closure Plan, which includes, but is not limited to, notifying all river raft rental companies one week in advance of any closures; signage; flotation devices directing river users to a "take out" location; and a County Sheriff's patrol boat and a Parks Department patrol boat on hand to assist river users. The closure periods will be for short periods and there will be no river closures during the weekends in the summer months. The closure periods will also restrict sport fishing and swimming in this area.

The proposed recommendation would terminate the existing permit and issue a new lease to the County for the expanded bridge.

**APPROVALS OBTAINED:**

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers; U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service; National Marine Fisheries Service; U. S. Coast Guard; California Department of Fish and Game; California State Water Resource Control Board; The Reclamation Board; County of Sacramento Department of Regional Parks, Recreation and Open Space

**EXHIBITS:**

- A. Description of Temporary Construction Area
- B. Lease Description
- C. Location Map
- D. Site Map
- E. County of Sacramento Notice of Determination

**PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:**

August 3, 2000

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

**CEQA FINDING:**

FIND THAT AN EIR WAS PREPARED AND CERTIFIED FOR THIS PROJECT BY THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO AND THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.

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ADOPT THE FINDINGS MADE IN CONFORMANCE WITH TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTIONS 15091 AND 15096(h), ON FILE IN THE SACRAMENTO OFFICE OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION.

ADOPT THE MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM ON FILE IN THE SACRAMENTO OFFICE OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION.

ADOPT THE STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS MADE IN CONFORMANCE WITH TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15093, ON FILE IN THE SACRAMENTO OFFICE OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION.

**SIGNIFICANT LANDS INVENTORY FINDING:**

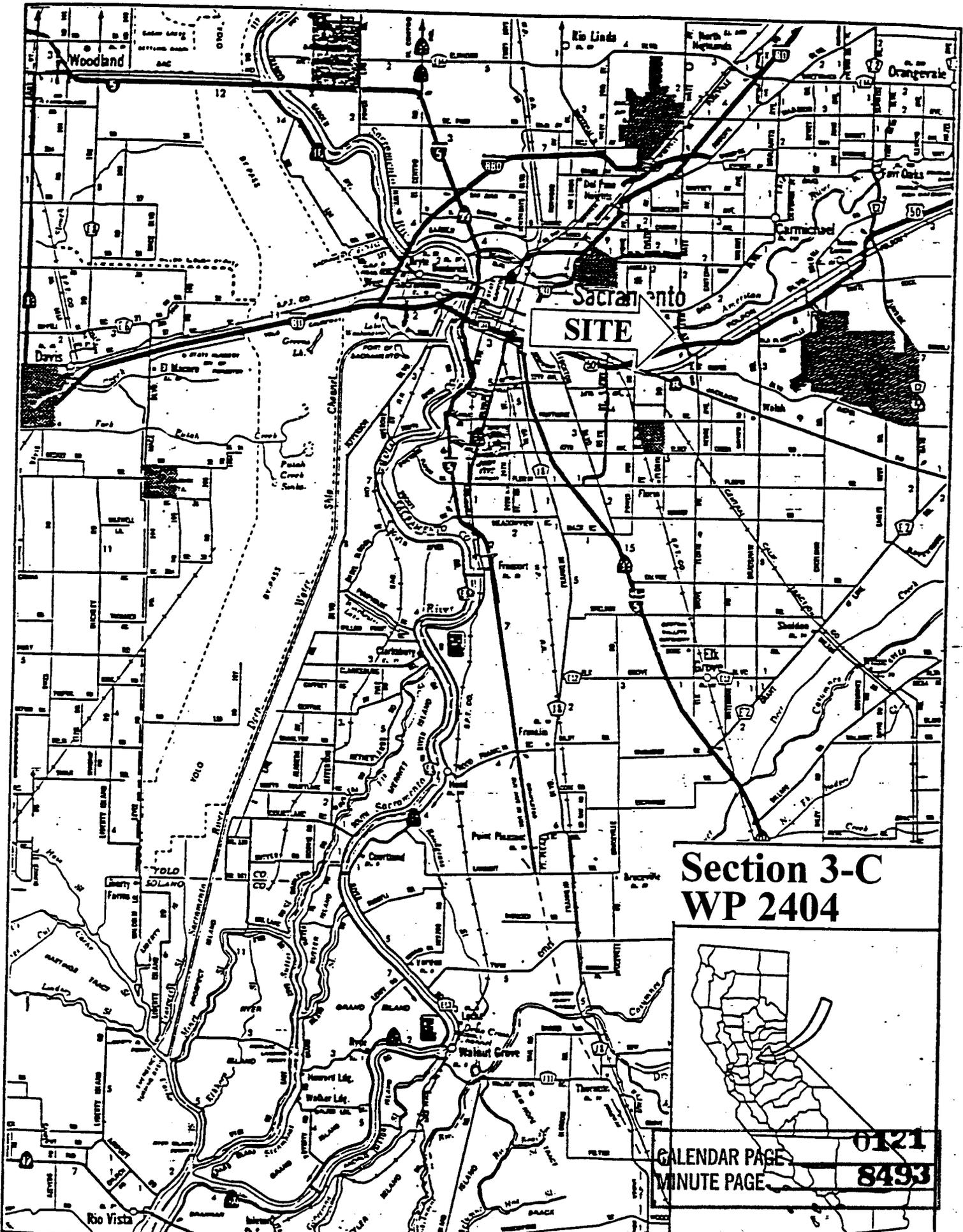
FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE LAND PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTIONS 6370, ET SEQ.

**AUTHORIZATION:**

1. AUTHORIZE THE TERMINATION OF A LIFE OF STRUCTURE PERMIT PRC 2404.9, EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 2000, ISSUED TO THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, AND APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION ON MAY 28, 1959.
2. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO OF A GENERAL LEASE - RIGHT OF WAY USE, BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2000, FOR A TERM OF 3 YEARS, FOR A BRIDGE ON THE LAND DESCRIBED ON EXHIBITS A AND B 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.







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**Section 3-C  
WP 2404**



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RECORDING REQUESTED  
WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:

County of Sacramento, Department of  
Environmental Review and Assessment  
827 Seventh Street, Room 220  
Sacramento, CA 95814

CONTACT PERSON: Dennis E. Yeast  
TELEPHONE: (916) 874-7914

EXHIBIT C

FILED

JUN 12 1998

JOHN DARK, CLERK-RECORDER 9500432  
By *[Signature]*

SPACE ABOVE THIS LINE RESERVED FOR RECORDER'S USE

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF DETERMINATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 21108 OR 21152 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

PROJECT TITLE: WATT AVENUE WIDENING PROJECT (U.S. 50 TO FAIR OAKS BOULEVARD)
CONTROL NUMBER(S): 94-PWE-0422
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (IF SUBMITTED): 95112044
PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located on Watt Avenue between U.S. 50 and Fair Oaks Boulevard.
ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER(S): N/A
DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The proposed project consists of the necessary roadway widening to provide for six (6) through lanes of vehicular traffic, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and a raised center median on Watt Avenue between U.S. 50 and Fair Oaks Boulevard. The project will also provide auxiliary lanes for northbound and southbound traffic between La Riviera Drive and American River Drive.

This is to advise that the County of Sacramento ( Lead Agency  Responsible Agency) has approved the above described project on June 10, 1998 and has made the following determinations concerning the above described project:

1. The project [ will  will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2.  An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [ were  were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation monitoring and reporting program [ was  was not] adopted.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [ was  was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [ were  were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
7. California State Department of Fish and Game Fees (AB 3158)
  - a.  The project has been found to be de minimis thus not subject to the provisions of AB 3158.
  - b.  The project is not de minimis and is, therefore, subject to the following fees:
    - \$1,250 for review of a Negative Declaration
    - \$ 850 for review of an Environmental Impact Report
    - \$ 25 for County Fish and Game program processing fees.

This is to certify that the environmental document and record of project approval is available to the General Public at: 827 Seventh Street, Room 220, Sacramento, CA 95814.

ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR OF  
SACRAMENTO COUNTY  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

BY: *Robert J. De Morales*  
for Dennis E. Yeast  
Environmental Coordinator

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 County of Sacramento  
County Clerk  
600 8th Street, Room 101  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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