

MINUTE ITEM

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REQUEST DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO OFFICIALLY ENDORSE THE RIVER CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN (RCMP) FOR THE LOWER AMERICAN RIVER (LAR)

PARTY:

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BACKGROUND:

The Lower American River (LAR) Task Force began meeting in 1994. Its main objective was to identify opportunities for improving existing flood control facilities and management strategies along the LAR, while at the same time protecting and enhancing environmental and recreational resources in the American River Parkway. The California State Lands Commission (CSLC) has served on this Task Force since 1997.

One of the goals of the LAR Task Force was to prepare a multi-objective management plan for the LAR, the River Corridor Management Plan (RCMP). The RMCP outlines goals, objectives and a three-year action plan to implement the recommended actions. The CSLC'S role and responsibilities for the three-year action plan are to oversee various projects that directly affect the CSLC's jurisdiction and to provide technical assistance, as needed, to the LAR Task Force.

The LAR Task Force seeks agency endorsements and approval of the RCMP. The proposed endorsement identifies CSLC as one of the many participating agencies in consensus-based planning process that resulted in the formulation of the Draft RCMP for the LAR. An endorsement would reaffirm CSLC's continued involvement as a member of the multi-agency collaboration and a participant in the coordinated management of the LAR. Implementation of specific actions identified in the RCMP will be subject to further environmental analyses as

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required by CEQA and approval by the individual lead and responsible agencies, as well as any required regulatory approvals. Consequently, it is understood that this endorsement does not constitute a final or binding approval of the RCMP or any specific individual project identified in the plan.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. 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 as a statutorily exempt project. The project is exempt because it involves a feasibility or planning study for possible future action which the Commission has not approved, adopted or funded.

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21102 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15262.

2. 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.

REFERENCES:

- A. Lower American River Draft River Corridor Management Plan Executive Summary. July 2001.
- B. Draft River Corridor Management Plan for the Lower American River. Submitted to the Lower American River Task Force. July 19, 2001.
- C. Resolution of Agencies and Organizations Endorsing the Lower American River Corridor Management Plan (RCMP). Approved by RCMP Core Team July 24, 2001.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15061 AS A STATUTORILY EXEMPT PROJECT PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21102 AND TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS,

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SECTION 15262, FEASIBILITY OR PLANNING STUDY FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION WHICH THE COMMISSION HAS NOT APPROVED, ADOPTED, OR FUNDED.

2. 21065 AND TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15378.
3. 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.
4. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO OFFICIALLY ENDORSE, ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION, THE LOWER AMERICAN RIVER/RIVER CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN.

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