



CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE  
CITY MANAGER

February 17, 1981

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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Funding the Small Farm Projects

SUMMARY

On February 3, 1981 the Budget and Finance Committee approved the allocation of \$5,800 to be used as the start up cost for the Small Farms Project managed by the Cooperative Agricultural Extension, University of California, County of Sacramento.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following:

1. Resolution transferring \$5,800 from the Administrative Contingency funds to the Contributions to Other Agencies budget.
2. Instruct staff to negotiate an agreement between the City and the Cooperative Agricultural Extension, University of California, County of Sacramento. *STANFORD SETTLEMENT.*
3. Resolution authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to execute said agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

*John L. Whitehead, Jr.*  
John L. Whitehead, Jr.  
Associate Management Analyst

Recommendation Approved:

*Walter J. Slipe*  
Walter J. Slipe, City Manager.

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL *AS AMENDED*

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OFFICE OF THE  
CITY CLERK

*A-80178-A*

February 24, 1981

Exhibit 1

**COOPERATIVE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

FARM AND HOME ADVISORS  
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January 21, 1981

Mr. Lloyd G. Connelly, Chairperson  
Budget and Finance Committee  
Sacramento City Council  
City Hall, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Northgate Park  
Small Farms Project

Dear Mr. Connelly:

Ten limited income families have visited and want to farm approximately six undeveloped acres at Northgate Park. More applicants are expected if and when the site is developed for small scale farming.

There is community and citizen support of this project and a number of people have indicated their willingness to serve on a coordinating-advisory committee. Stanford Settlement has agreed to be the coordinating agency. The California Youth Corps will provide labor to install the water distribution system and fencing. University of California Cooperative Extension will provide technical assistance and arrange for initial plowing and/or discing. The Sacramento County Welfare Department will provide liaison with Indo-Chinese refugee applicants.

Planting time for Spring and Summer crops is between February 15 and May 15, so it is important that the site be developed as rapidly as possible. The applicants and the organizations willing to assist in the project do not have any funds for the minimum initial development.

I would like to request that the Sacramento City Council approve this project and provide funding of \$5,800.00 to establish the project and carry it through the 1981 growing season. After that time the project should be able to finance its ongoing expenses or it should be abandoned.

Funds are needed for the following minimum development:

Irrigation H <sub>2</sub> O 24 acre feet @ approximately \$70.00 per acre foot	\$1,680.00
Materials for Irrigation System	\$1,100.00
Trencher Rental 2 days @ \$110.00 per day	\$ 220.00
2 1/2" Water Tap by Water Department	\$ 400.00
Fencing Materials	\$2,000.00
Initial Soil Tillage	\$ 100.00
Contingencies	\$ 300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,800.00</b>

We have considered a "V" ditch in lieu of fencing but we feel that the area should be fenced to reduce theft and vandalism.

The \$1,680.00 for water will reimburse the Water Department for water used. The Department of Engineering has offered to remove an old pump on Natomas School property and install a 15 HP pump owned by the City. Since this first growing season is a test, I would recommend that we use the available City water.

If you appropriate funds, a coordinating committee will be organized immediately. This committee will work closely with the City in the development of the site.

Proposed committee membership could include representatives from: Stanford Settlement, South Natomas Residents Committee, California Youth Corps, Sacramento County Welfare Department, Catholic Social Services, University of California Cooperative Agricultural Extension, City of Sacramento, and a project farmer. Their tasks would include:

Arranging for water supply, water distribution and initial soil tillage.

Dividing the land into farming parcels.

Screen applicants - assign plots.

Organize farmers into a cooperative to continue the project if it is successful.

Arrange for a tool storage shed.

Assist farmers with marketing of surplus produce.

Prepare reports for the City Council and the community.

When this item is placed on the Council's agenda, we will be pleased to have representative available to answer questions.

Sincerely,

*T.S. Torngren*

T. S. Torngren  
County Director

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cc: Members of Committee



CITY OF SACRAMENTO

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING

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CITY ENGINEER

J. F. VAROZZA  
ASSISTANT CITY ENGINEER

December 2, 1980

Budget and Finance Committee  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Small Farm Projects

SUMMARY:

The Committee has under discussion the possibility of using presently unused City property for small farm projects. City staff has recently met with Mr. Ted Torngren, County Director of the Cooperative Agricultural Extension, University of California and other interested parties concerning this matter. After discussing several possible locations for the projects it was generally agreed that the future park site at Brewerton Drive and Mendel Way in the Northgate area, comprising approximately 6 acres, would be appropriate for the initial project.

There is an existing well adjacent to the property belonging to the Natomas School District, which could be utilized for irrigation if it can be put in working condition. If not, the City has in storage a small pump and motor which could be loaned for that purpose. It would cost approximately \$2,000 for fencing material for the site.

The attached letter from Mr. Torngren indicated that he would like the City Council's conceptual approval of the project at this time in order to ascertain if there is sufficient interest to pursue the project further.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that conceptual approval be given to using the Northgate area future park site for small farm projects based upon a one year renewable lease for one dollar provided that the City of Sacramento incurs

no financial obligation or commitment beyond the possible in-kind contribution of the loan of a small pump.

Respectfully submitted,



R. H. PARKER  
City Engineer

FOR COMMITTEE INFORMATION:



Jack R. Crist, Director of Finance

**RESOLUTION NO. 81-131**

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

February 24, 1981

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR  
1980-81 FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER AGENCIES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

That the City budget for fiscal year 1980-81 is hereby amended  
by transferring the sum of \$5,800 from the Administrative Contingency  
budget (1-01-5057) to the Contributions to Other Agencies (1-01-5220)  
for the start up cost of the Small Farm Projects.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

**APPROVED**  
BY THE CITY COUNCIL

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**RESOLUTION NO. 81-132**

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

February 24, 1981

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER AGENCIES AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

That the City Manager and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Sacramento, the Contributions to Other Agencies agreements with the agency listed below, providing payment during the 1980-81 fiscal year of the amount designed herein.

~~Cooperative Agriculture Extension,  
University of California, County  
of Sacramento~~ *STANFORD SETTLEMENT* \$5,800

The said agreement shall be substantially in the form used in prior years and approved by the City Attorney.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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