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July 6, 2001

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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE A SALES AGREEMENT WITH WILDLANDS, INC., FOR PURCHASE OF ELDERBERRY MITIGATION CREDITS FOR THE SACRAMENTO RIVER WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT (ZF52) FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$173,000

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Sacramento River Water Treatment Plant (City Wide)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to enter into an Agreement with Wildlands, Inc., for the sale of elderberry shrub mitigation credits for the Sacramento River Water Treatment Plant for an amount not to exceed \$173,000.

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FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: July 31, 2001

SUMMARY:

A project to expand the capacity of the Sacramento River Water Treatment Plant (WTP) unavoidably and adversely impacts 38 existing valley elderberry shrubs which must be mitigated. The City has agreed to compensate for the loss of valley elderberry longhorn.



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beetle habitat through the transplanting of elderberry shrubs and purchase of mitigation credits. This report recommends execution of a sales agreement with Wildlands, Inc., as means of mitigating for the removal of elderberry shrubs as a consequence of the expansion of the Sacramento River WTP.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The expansion of water treatment facilities at the Sacramento River WTP will damage or require the removal of 38 elderberry shrubs within the project area. Some of the elderberry shrubs show evidence of possible use by the valley elderberry longhorn beetle, a federally listed threatened species. City and consultant staff have met with individuals of the U S Fish and Wildlife Service and satisfactory measures to minimize impacts to the valley elderberry beetle and its host plant have been developed.

The City has agreed to the following measures to compensate for the loss of valley elderberry beetle habitat:

- * Purchase 173 valley elderberry longhorn beetle (VELB) units from Wildlands Mitigation Bank - Sheridan in Placer County.
- * Transplanting at the Sheridan Wildlands Mitigation Bank site up to 143 stems (one inch or greater in diameter) obtained from the 35 existing elderberry shrubs on the Sacramento River WTP site.
- * Elderberry shrubs that cannot be transplanted are to be replaced with elderberry seedlings at a ratio of three times the number of non-transplanted shrubs, all in accordance with the July 1999 Conservation Guidelines for the Valley Longhorn Beetle by the U S Fish and Wildlife Service.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The payment of up to \$173,000 to Wildlands, Inc., is for the purchase of mitigation credits at the Wildlands Mitigation Bank - Sheridan located in Placer County. A separate consultant services agreement in the amount of \$56,000 has been executed with Wildlands, Inc., for the work of transplanting elderberry shrubs from the Sacramento River WTP site. There is sufficient funds available in the Sacramento River WTP Expansion Project to cover the total \$229,000 estimated cost of the elderberry shrub mitigation work with Wildlands, Inc.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

A draft environmental impact report for the Water Facilities Expansion Project (Sacramento River WTP Expansion and E A Fairbairn WTP Expansion) was prepared and circulated consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act. On November 28, 2000 the City Council adopted the Final Environmental Impact Report, Findings of Fact, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan for expansion projects at the Sacramento River and E A Fairbairn WTPs.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The expansion of capacity at the Sacramento River and the E A Fairbairn WTPs are key components in upgrading the City's water production facilities. The Water Facilities Expansion Project implements applicable provisions of the City's agreement with the Sacramento Area Water Forum.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS

The Wildlands Mitigation Bank is solely owned and operated by Wildlands, Inc., and is a mitigation bank approved by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The nature of the elderberry mitigation is such that there is limited opportunities for ESB participation.

Respectfully submitted,


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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

Robert P. Thomas
City Manager

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Director of Utilities

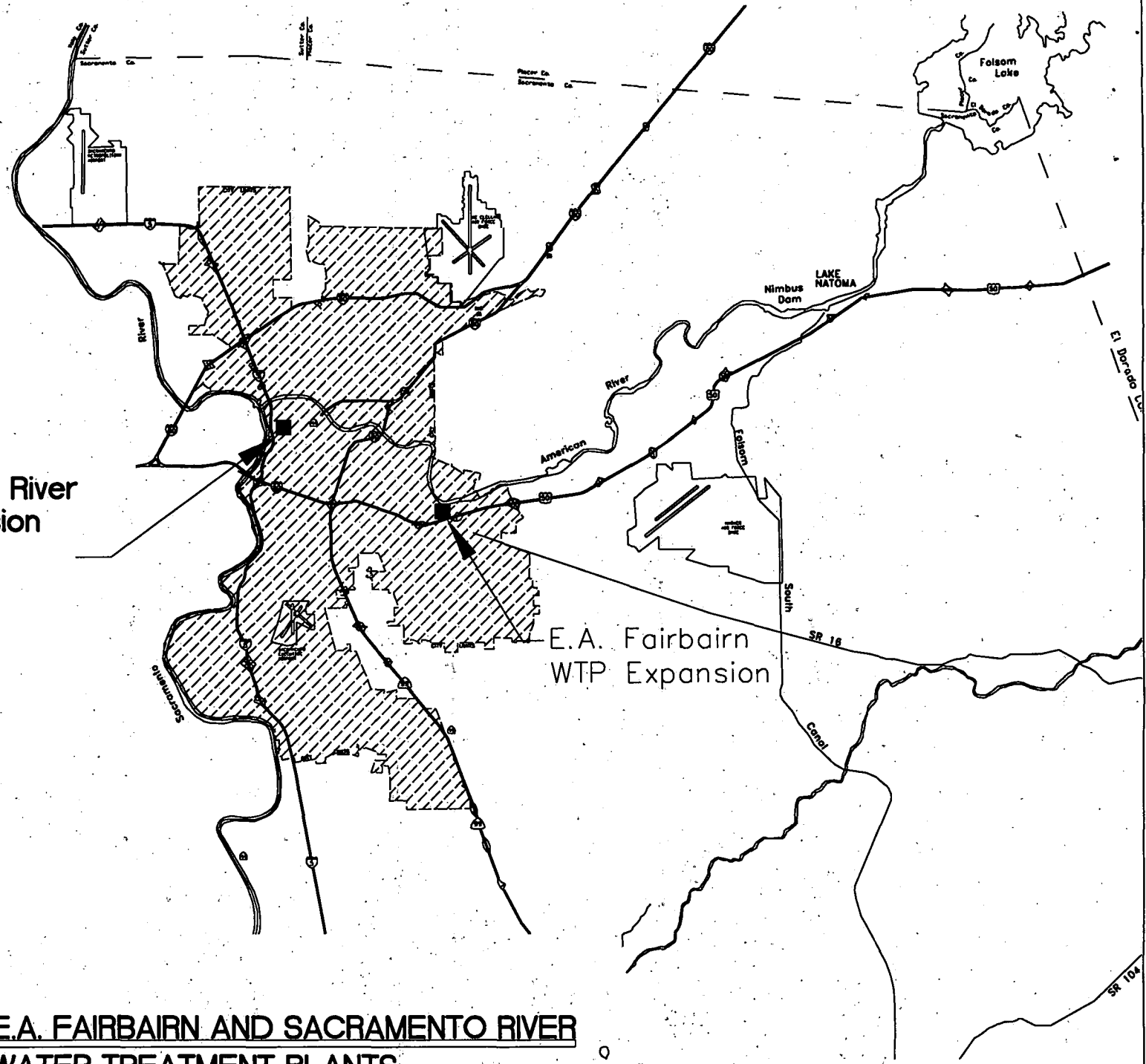


**Sacramento River
WTP Expansion
(PN: ZF52)**

**E.A. Fairbairn
WTP Expansion**

**E.A. FAIRBAIRN AND SACRAMENTO RIVER
WATER TREATMENT PLANTS**

February, 2001



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RESOLUTION NO. 2001-531

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A SALES AGREEMENT BETWEEN WILDLANDS, INC AND THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO FOR THE SALE OF MITIGATION CREDITS FOR THE SACRAMENTO RIVER WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT (ZF52) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$173,000

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL THAT:

The Sales Agreement with Wildlands, Inc provides for the City of Sacramento to purchase 173 valley elderberry longhorn beetle units at the Wildlands Mitigation Bank - Sheridan in Placer County. The City Manager and City Clerk are authorized to approve and sign a Sales Agreement with Wildlands, Inc for the sale of mitigation credits for existing elderberry shrubs on the Sacramento River Water Treatment Plant for an amount not to exceed \$173,000.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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