

**TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA**

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1988

1:00 P.M.

City Council Chambers  
915 I Street  
Sacramento, California

1. Report regarding Laguna Creek Assessment District. (D7)

**RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:** FILE

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2. Res. approving the recommendation of the Sacramento Commission on Aging relative to the Senior Services Study - Phase II. (D-All)

**RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:** APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND FORWARD TO COUNCIL

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3. Report regarding Child Care. (D-All)

**RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:** FILE

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Robie (Chair), Ferris, Kastanis, Shore

**TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
PENDING ITEMS  
1988**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Responsible Department</u>	<u>Due to PWA</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Meeting Time</u>
Recycling - Report Back	PW	11/16	11/29	1:30 P.M.
Housing Element Task Force Recommendation Re: Receivership Power	Planning			
Report regarding feasibility of relocation assistance for residents of substandard building closure	SHRA			
North Natomas RTIP Projects Requiring Certification for EIR	PW			
Implementation of Zoning Ordinance Amendment Relating to Home Occupations - Report Back	Planning			
Transportation Systems Management Technical Advisory Committee	PW			
ports/Helipads/Helistops - Report Back	Planning			
Metro Airport Master Plan Update Interim Report #1	Planning			
Creation of a Design - Review Process	Planning			
Sacramento Sphere of Influence	Mgr./Planning			
*Update on Master Planning for Drainage	PW	3/21	4/12	2:00 P.M.
*Disabled Exemption - Report Back	PW	4/20	5/03	2:00 P.M.
*Solid Waste Fee Structure - Report Back	PW	4/20	5/03	2:00 P.M.
*Garden Refuse - Report Back	PW	4/20	4/03	2:00 P.M.
*Commercial Garbage Collection - Report Back	PW	10/26	11/08	2:00 P.M.
*Solid Waste Disposal - Report Back	PW	9/29	10/11	2:00 P.M.
*Residential Garbage Collection - Report Back	PW	6/29	7/12	2:00 P.M.
* Combined Budget and Finance and Transportation and Community Development Committee meeting				



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Transportation and Community Development Committee  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members In Session:

SUBJECT: Laguna Creek Assessment District (JN:9671) - Status Report

SUMMARY

The Laguna Creek Assessment District required the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to issue a 404 permit. Because of complex issues raised concerning vernal pools and seasonal wetlands, additional studies and reports were prepared for the Corps of Engineers to evaluate the permit issuance. After many months of coordination with the Corps of Engineers a permit was issued to the City on November 17, 1987. City staff and the consultants are presently revising the plans and specifications for the floodway to conform to the conditions of the Corps' permit. The flood control project construction plans and specifications for the Laguna Creek Assessment District are expected to be advertised in April. Construction should begin by June.

BACKGROUND

The City Council, on February 1, 1985, approved the modified floodplain concept for the Laguna Creek portion of the City. In the spring of 1986 as final contract drawings were nearing completion, a Federal 404 permit from the Corps of Engineers was requested. On May 29, 1986, the City submitted a permit application to the Corps of Engineers. Complex issues related to seasonal wetlands and vernal pools, a primary concern of the Federal Environment Protection Agency, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and State Department of Fish and Game, effectively halted project design work in June of 1986.

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In the ensuing months, the design consultant, Raymond Vail and Associates (RVA), and the environmental consulting firm of Zenter & Zenter working together with City Public Works and Planning staffs, were able to develop a wetlands and vernal pool mitigation program and conditions to the 404 permit which satisfied the Corps of Engineers and the above-mentioned agencies. The permit was issued to the City on November 17, 1987.

The original modified floodplain design prepared by the City was a gently sloped grassland, dotted with trees and contained a band of cattail marsh in the bottom of the creek. This plan required extensive irrigation to ensure the trees survived and annual mowing to reduce fire hazards.

The current modified floodplain design which implements the mitigation program approved by the Corps of Engineers is similar in several aspects to the earlier program: (1) the size and shape of the creek is the same; (2) the trees and marsh areas are retained; and (3) bike and footpaths proposed for the top of the creek banks remain. Major changes from the earlier program include: (1) the substitution of flat, vernal pool terraces for sloped grasslands; (2) the preservation and restoration of various vernal pool areas totaling 116 acres; (3) about 65 acres of vernal pools and marsh will be created on Regional Sanitation lands; (4) a reduction in the amount of heavy vegetation in the lower part of the Creek; (5) placement of post-and-cable between the bike and footpath and creek to reduce foot traffic and eliminate vehicle traffic in the creek; (7) the institution of a 5-year monitoring program examining plant growth, flood coverage, and bird use which may extend an additional three years if parts of the revegetation are unsuccessful.

Essentially, the creek has been changed from a passive and active, grassland corridor with relatively intensive management to a wildlife and native vegetation corridor with minimal maintenance and public recreation mostly limited to the creek borders. Additionally, the City has committed to monitor the creation of an ecological system in the creek and to correct any problems which may arise; if the restoration proves completely unsuccessful, the City will be required to replace the habitat with up to twice the lost acreage. This effort, if required, would be financed through a maintenance district. The maintenance district would also fund annual maintenance costs and environmental monitoring. Actions anticipated in the coming weeks include approval of the EIR, approval of agreements with the County, formation of the assessment district and the maintenance district, and advertising and award of the contract. Construction is anticipated to be substantially completed by late fall.

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FINANCIAL

There is no additional financial commitment from the City at this time. The construction of the modified floodplain will be financed through the formation of an assessment district and sale of the bonds. The monitoring and maintenance of the floodplain will be financed through the establishment of a maintenance district.

RECOMMENDATION

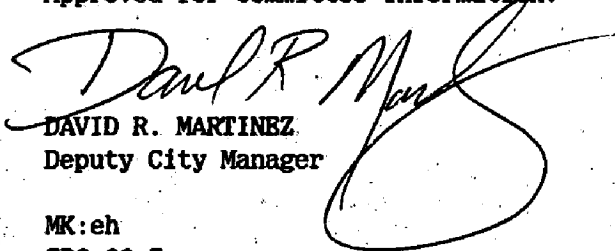
This item is brought before the committee for information only. There is no action required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



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Approved for Committee Information:



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Director of Public Works

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