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Budget and Finance Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: William G. Stone Lock - Discontinue Operation by City

SUMMARY

This report provides information regarding operation of the William G. Stone Lock. Further, this report recommends that: (1) the City of Sacramento Department of Parks and Community Services discontinue the operation and maintenance of the William G. Stone Lock effective June 30, 1987; and (2) that the proposed FY 1987-88 City budget be amended accordingly.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The William G. Stone Lock is a federally owned facility located in the City of West Sacramento connecting the Deep Water Ship Channel and the Sacramento River. The Lock has been operated by the Recreation Division's Waterfront Management Section since 1982. The Lock was completed in 1963 at a cost of \$7.3 million and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers through 1982. Prior to that time, a U.S. Army audit report showed that commercial traffic utilizing the Lock had declined significantly and accordingly, the report explained that the mode of lock operations and scheduling could not be justified economically and recommended that the Lock be placed in caretaker status. (Caretaker status is defined as closing the Lock to all traffic and being minimally maintained to ensure operability.)

Prior to implementing the closure of the Lock, the Corps of Engineers held a public hearing in October of 1981 to inform the general public of their plans. Over 100 interested people were in attendance, including representatives of Congressman Matsui and Congressman Fazio, as well as the State Department of Waterways, Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, City of Sacramento, Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Port of Sacramento, and a number of boating groups. As a result of this meeting and through the efforts of the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, a "Stone Lock Task Force Committee" was formed to investigate the possibility of getting the State or a

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local entity to operate and fund the Lock. Through the efforts of the Task Force, the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency was able to provide funding for the Lock for a two year period. An additional two years of funding was provided through the State of California Department of Boating and Waterways. This funding expires on June 30, 1987, and no additional funding has been identified.

During the last five years in which the Corps operated the Lock, an average of approximately 7,500 vessels used the facility annually. Of that number, 97% were recreational boaters. With a reduced hourly and seasonal schedule (Exhibit A), the City has had an average of approximately 665 recreational boaters annually (Exhibit B).

In an attempt to secure additional funding, the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce has once again assumed the leadership in reconvening the Stone Lock Task Force Committee. It is again the Chamber's goal to solicit support from boaters and interested groups to ask the governing bodies of Yolo and Sacramento cities and counties to support a recommendation that would seek one-year funding of \$25,000 from the personal property tax assessed the boaters of Sacramento and Yolo Counties. This assessment generates over \$1,050,000 total revenue within the two counties.

The Chamber will also request that the Mayors and Board Chairs recommend that the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) do a study within this one year period to determine the effect of development within the City of West Sacramento south of the Stone Lock on the operation of the Lock.

Regardless of the outcome of the funding issue, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has indicated that they will continue to maintain the Lock in a caretaker status (see Exhibit C). Should non-City funding become available, the Waterfront Management Section would again operate the Lock.

FINANCIAL DATA

The proposed FY 1987-88 City budget for the Recreation Division's Waterfront Management Section includes \$25,000 allocated for the operation of the William G. Stone Lock. This was proposed in anticipation of a reimbursement from a non-City funding source. If outside funding is unavailable, this budget must then be reduced by \$25,000.

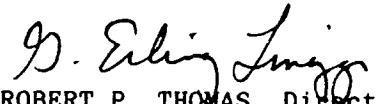
RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Budget and Finance Committee approve this report and refer it to the full City Council for action. Further, it is recommended that the City Council approve, by resolution: (1) that the Department of Parks and Community Services discontinue the operation and maintenance of the William G.

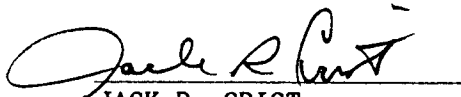
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Stone Lock effective June 30, 1987 unless non-City funding can be secured by the Stone Lock Task Force Committee; and (2) that the proposed FY 1987-88 City operating budget be amended by reducing the allocations to the Waterfront Management Section by \$25,000.

Respectfully submitted,

for 
- ROBERT P. THOMAS, Director
Parks and Community Services

Recommendation Approved:


JACK R. CRIST
Deputy City Manager

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May 26, 1987
District No. 1

RESOLUTION No.

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISCONTINUED OPERATION
OF THE WILLIAM G. STONE LOCK, AMENDING THE FY
1987-88 CITY BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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

- 1. That the discontinued operation of the William G. Stone Lock is hereby authorized effective June 30, 1987.**
- 2. That the proposed City operating budget for FY 1987-88 is hereby amended by reducing the allocation to the Waterfront Management Section of the Department of Parks and Community Services Recreation Division by \$25,000 for the purpose stated in paragraph one above.**

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK



CITY OF SACRAMENTO

SACRAMENTO BOAT HARBOR AT MILLER PARK
 MAILING ADDRESS: 2701 Harbor View Drive, Sacramento, CA 95818 TELEPHONE: 449-5712

Lock Schedule 1986

The William G. Stone Lock connecting the Sacramento River to the Port of Sacramento and the Sacramento Deep Water Ship Channel will operate following the schedule listed below.

January - March	Closed	
April - May	Saturday	9 am - 12 - pm - 3 pm
	Sunday	9 am - 12 - pm - 3 pm
	*Monday	Closed
	Tuesday	Closed
	Wednesday	Closed
	Thursday	Closed
	Friday	9 am - 12 - pm - 3 pm
June - August	Saturday	9 am - 12 - pm - 4 pm - 8 pm
	Sunday	9 am - 12 - pm - 4 pm - 8 pm
	*Monday	9 am - 3 pm
	Tuesday	Closed
	Wednesday	Closed
	Thursday	9 am - 3 pm
	Friday	9 am - 3 pm
September - October	Saturday	9 am - 12 - pm - 3 pm
	Sunday	9 am - 12 - pm - 3 pm
	*Monday	Closed
	Tuesday	Closed
	Wednesday	Closed
	Thursday	Closed
	Friday	9 am - 12 - pm - 3 pm
November - December	Closed	

*Open 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.

Licensed commercial vessels planning to use the locks other than during the regular lock schedule must contact the Harbor office at (916) 449-5712 at least five (5) working days prior to their usage.

LOCKS
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
SACRAMENTO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
650 CAPITOL MALL
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814-4794

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

April 21, 1987

SPKCO-0

City of Sacramento
Waterfront Management Section
ATTN: Mr. Ken Harris
1106 Front Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Harris:

This is in reply to your telephone request of April 15, 1987 regarding the status of the William G. Stone lock should the city decide to discontinue lock operations.

In 1979 a U. S. Army audit report number WE-79-24 showed that commercial traffic utilizing the lock had declined significantly and recommended that the lock be placed in a caretaker status. The office of the Chief of Engineers concurred in this finding and directed the Sacramento District to take necessary steps to place the lock in caretaker status. Accordingly, in the event the Corps is unable to find a governmental entity willing to operate and maintain the lock, the lock will be placed in a caretaker status. Caretaker status means the lock will be closed to all traffic and will be minimally maintained to insure operability.

I trust this information is responsive to your needs. As you requested, I have enclosed a copy of the environmental assessment prepared in 1981.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. A. Dennis".

B. A. DENNIS
Chief, Construction-Operations
Division

Enclosure