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Budget and Finance Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: William G. Stone Lock

SUMMARY

This report provides information on the William G. Stone Lock and recommends that the City of Sacramento, Department of Parks and Community Services discontinue the operation and maintenance of the lock effective November 21, 1987.

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 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 present 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 maintaining the lock minimally to ensure operability.)

Chamber of Commerce Task Force Efforts

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 persons were in attendance, including representatives from Congressmen Matsui's and Fazio's offices as well as the State Department of Boating and 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 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 expired on June 30, 1987; however, the City agreed to provide funding through the end of the current agreement which expires November 21, 1987.

During the last five years in which the Corps operated the lock (1978-1982), 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, the City has had an average of approximately 665 recreational boaters annually (Exhibits A and B).

In an attempt to secure additional funding, the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce once again assumed the leadership in reconvening the "Stone Lock Task Force Committee" in early 1987. It was their 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. The committee was successful in getting several letters of support from interested groups; however, they were unsuccessful in acquiring any financial support.

SACOG Study

In addition to seeking the one-year funding, the Chamber requested that the Mayors and Board Chairs also recommend that the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) do a study within a 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.

SACOG agreed to look into the prospect of undertaking this study. However, after discussions with all of the parties involved, it was determined by SACOG that first, the type of in-depth financial study requested would be very costly; secondly, funds for the study were unavailable and finally, the results of the study could very well be inconclusive. Consequently, a meeting was held on September 4, 1987, with a representative from the SACOG office, representatives from the City Manager's offices of West Sacramento and Sacramento, and the Director of Parks and Community Services. This meeting concluded that Stone Lock should revert back to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers when the City of Sacramento's current contract for operation of the lock expires on November 21, 1987.

The Corps of Engineers have indicated that they will continue to maintain the lock in a caretaker status as indicated in their letter in Exhibit C.


FINANCIAL DATA

The FY 1987-88 approved City budget for the Recreation Division's Waterfront Management Section includes \$25,645 allocated for the operation of the William G. Stone Lock from July 1, 1987 through November 30, 1987. No further action is required.

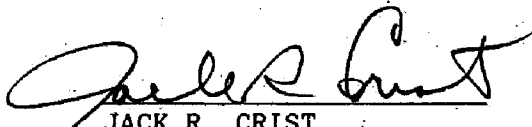
RECOMMENDATION

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, that the Department of Parks and Community Services discontinue the operation and maintenance of the William G. Stone Lock effective November 21, 1987.

Respectfully submitted,


ROBERT P. THOMAS, Director
Parks and Community Services

Recommendation Approved:


JACK R. CRIST
Deputy City Manager

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October 27, 1987
District No. 1

RESOLUTION No.

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DISCONTINUED OPERATION
AND MAINTENANCE OF WILLIAM G. STONE LOCK BY
THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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

That the discontinued operation of the William G. Stone Lock by the Department of Parks and Community Services, Waterfront Management staff, to be effective November 21, 1987, is hereby approved.

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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EXHIBIT B

May				June				July				August				September				October			
1983	1984	1985	1986	1983	1984	1985	1986	1983	1984	1985	1986	1983	1984	1985	1986	1983	1984	1985	1986	1983	1984	1985	1986
58	59	101	130	74	96	111	96	74	125	184	203	82	60	131	256	60	102	125	97	44	33	48	56
139	162	283	302	156	1513	360	263	200	135	1611	1632	1261	138	479	1902	123	1246	1318	1311	90	72	102	125
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1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	1	16	3	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	14	2	0	0
2	32	44	36	33	86	55	50	32	53	66	71	37	40	61	73	28	44	44	46	37	30	35	30
1	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
0	45	14	17	18	19	18	15	21	34	27	33	23	6	21	33	19	9	19	15	20	16	6	12

Lockage Comparison

		1985	1986	+/-
Rec. Vessels	RV	740	837	97
Passengers	Psngrs	2317	2535	218
Tugs	Tugs	16	4	-12
Barges	Brgs	1	2	1
Gov. Vessels	GV	20	5	-15
Total Lockages	Total	327	306	-21
Special Lockages	Special	19	2	-17
Bridge Raisings	Bridge	110	125	15



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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

EXHIBIT C

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,

B. A. DENNIS
Chief, Construction-Operations
Division

Enclosure