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November 14, 2000

City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

CONTINUED  
FROM 11-28-00  
TO 12-5-00

**SUBJECT:**

Approval of In-Line Skating as a Permitted Use for the Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail on the American River Parkway

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:**

The American River Parkway which runs through City Council Districts 1, 2, 3 and 6

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve, by resolution, the addition of in-line skating to the list of permitted uses for the Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail in the American River Parkway.

**CONTACT PERSON:** JANET BAKER, SR. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICER, 264-1923

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** November 28, 2000

**SUMMARY:**

On January 1, 2000 the In-Line Skate Trial began on the Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail in the American River Parkway. Both the City of Sacramento and Sacramento County approved a one-year trial period to permit in-line skating on the trail under terms and conditions established by the City Council and the Board of Supervisors. The County Parks Department monitored and surveyed parkway users over the past 11 months and now recommends that in-line skating be permitted to continue. The Board of Supervisors will consider approval for the permanent addition of in-line skating to the list of permitted uses on the parkway trail at their meeting of November 22, 2000. The City Council must also approve the addition of in-line skating.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The California State Legislature approved Senate Bill 923 which amended the American River Parkway Plan to permit in-line skating on the parkway for a trial basis of one year. Both the City and County of Sacramento have jurisdiction over the parkway and agreed that the one-year trial period would begin On January 1, 2000. The County Parks Department agreed to monitor and survey users and report back to the Board of Supervisors and the City Council before December 1, 2000 on the results of the trial period.

In February 2000 the Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with JD Franz Research to implement a study measuring the impacts of adding in-line skating as a permitted use on the parkway trail. JD Franz measured impacts and evaluated the compatibility of in-line skating with previously established uses on the parkway including walking, jogging, cycling and horseback riding. Some specific study objectives included measuring trail congestion, users' safety, commute time, and quality of users' experience.

The survey of 1,119 trail users concluded that more than 95% of users were either very satisfied or somewhat satisfied with their experience on the trail. More than 75% of the respondents felt that the trail was adequate for all the permitted users. Based on the findings of the JD Franz Research study and county staff field observations during the trial period, the addition of in-line skating appears to have generally little to no impact on other trail users or user safety. The American River Parkway Advisory Committee heard this item in October and agreed that in-line skating could continue on the parkway, but cautioned about introducing additional new uses to the trail.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

There are no financial considerations or impacts associated with the approval of in-line skating on the American River Parkway trail.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

There are no environmental impacts associated with this proposal.

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**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

There are no policy considerations to evaluate with this approval. The addition of in-line skating to the parkway allows for residents to enjoy the parkway in a new way, improving recreational opportunities for families and individuals who enjoy in-line skating.

**ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:**

No products or services will be utilized with this approval.

Respectfully Submitted,



DONALD W. MURPHY, Director  
Department of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:



ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager

APPROVED  
DEC 05 2000  
OFFICE OF THE  
CITY CLERK

**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-694**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE  
ADDITION OF IN-LINE SKATING TO THE  
PERMITTED USES OF THE JEDEDIAH SMITH MEMORIAL TRAIL  
ON THE AMERICAN RIVER PARKWAY**

**Whereas**, The California State Legislature passed Senate Bill 923 amending the American River Parkway Plan to permit in-line skating on the Parkway for a trial basis until January 1, 2001 under terms and conditions established by the County Board of Supervisors and the City Council; and

**Whereas**, the City Council approved the trial period for in-line skating to begin on January 1, 2000; and

**Whereas**, the City Council approved the monitoring and survey programs to be established and implemented by the Sacramento County Parks Department; and

**Whereas**, the monitoring and survey programs have concluded and established that there were no major safety or user concerns during the trial period from January 1, 2000 until October 1, 2000;

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Sacramento:**

The City does hereby approve the addition of in-line skating to the permitted uses on the Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail of the American River Parkway as a permanent use.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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DATE ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

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