



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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CONSENT  
May 9, 2006

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Subject:** Agreement: Reclamation District 1000 for the Walt Ueda Parkway Bike Trail  
Phase I, CIP HB16

**Location/Council District:**  
Main Avenue to West El Camino Avenue Bridge, Council District 1

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution: 1) Approving the agreement between the City of Sacramento and Reclamation District 1000 (RD1000) for Phase I development of the Walt Ueda Parkway Bike Trail, CIP HB16; and 2) Authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.

**Contact:** Janet Baker, Park Development Manager, 808-8234

**Presenters:** None

**Department:** Parks and Recreation

**Division:** Park Planning, Design and Development

**Organization No:** 4727

### **Summary:**

The Walt Ueda Parkway Bike Trail consists of approximately 12.5 miles of paved recreation trails that are mostly on the crown of levees and offers visual access to the natural habitat of Steelhead, Arcade, Dry and Robla Creeks; there are also 3.5 miles of unpaved trails. Phase I development of this trail will be for approximately 4 miles of paved trail. RD1000 currently manages and maintains the levees on which the trail will be located. RD1000 and the City of Sacramento will enter into an agreement to address levee and trail maintenance and operation, trail closures, and emergency response during flood events.



**Committee/Commission Action:**

Not applicable. The Parks and Recreation Commission is periodically updated as to the status of the project.

**Background Information:**

The Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for the development of off-street recreation trails. The Walt Ueda Parkway Bike Trail is an important part of a regional trail system that offers both recreation and commuter opportunities.

This parkway consists of approximately 12.5 miles of paved recreation trails that are mostly on the crown of levees and offers visual access to the natural habitat of Steelhead, Arcade, Dry, and Robla Creeks. The project also has approximately 3.5 miles of non-paved trail in the Hansen Ranch area which is a natural setting that includes Dry Creek, Robla Creek, wetlands, and oak woodlands. The Ueda Parkway Bike Trail's purpose is to integrate a recreation trail within creek corridors in the northern area of Sacramento. The trail would thereby provide key connections to the popular American River Parkway and the Dry Creek Parkway, further linking Downtown, Natomas, and established neighborhoods in the region north of the American River. This trail also provides a significant leg to a 60 mile regional trail loop that extends to the American River Parkway and to Placer County through Folsom. Phase I development of this trail will be for approximately 4 miles of paved trail from Main Avenue to the West El Camino Bridge (Attachment 1, page 5). It will include ADA accessible ramps at Gardenland Park and North Market Road as well as access points at Main Avenue and West El Camino Bridge.

The environmental requirements are near completion and the final draft of the construction documents are being circulated for review. This will lead to a construction contract which will be brought to City Council at a later date. The City worked with the County of Sacramento on an agreement that will allow the City to use their parcels and recreation easements along the trail alignment which was brought to Council on May 4, 2006. Construction of Phase I of the Ueda Parkway trail system is expected to be completed by November, 2006.

While this project offers strong recreation and commuter opportunities, it is a complex project that crosses multiple neighborhoods and jurisdictions. The design of the project must take many factors into consideration, including sensitive habitat, natural amenities, ramps that are ADA accessible, appropriate access to neighborhoods, and a flood control infrastructure that includes levees and flood easements. Additionally, there are many regulatory agencies who are participating in the design of this project that identified the need to develop the construction documents that offer more engineering detail in order to assure the project does not compromise the integrity of the flood management system. The RD1000 is such an agency.

RD1000 owns, manages, and maintains the levees on which the trail will be located. Before allowing the City to construct the trail on the levee crown, RD1000 requires an agreement with the City to address the maintenance and operations of the trail and trail closures during levee maintenance and flood fighting events. The City's responsibilities will include the maintenance of trail and immediate replacement of damaged asphalt.

**Financial Considerations:**

No new capital funds are associated with the approval of this agreement. Associated annual maintenance and operation activities will be provided by Park Maintenance services.

**Environmental Considerations:**

The action of approving an agreement between two regulatory agencies to protect natural resources is exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15307. Specifically, this section states that actions taken by regulatory agencies as authorized by state law or local ordinance to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment is exempt. No construction activities are included in this exemption. Any further actions requiring construction under this agreement have been adequately analyzed within the Negative Declaration for the Ueda Parkway project approved on October 13, 1999, by City Council. Mandatory mitigation measures, as specified in the Mitigation Monitoring Plan, have been incorporated into the project plans to avoid identified impacts or to mitigate such impacts to a point where clearly no significant impacts will occur.

This project is partially funded with federal funds; therefore, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements must be met. In this case, a biological opinion is needed before a Categorical Exclusion can be issued by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). It is expected the biological opinion will be issued and staff will return to City Council at that time for final CEQA/NEPA approval.

**Policy Considerations:**

Providing Parks and Recreation facilities is consistent with the City's strategic plan to enhance liveability in Sacramento's neighborhoods by expanding park and recreation facilities throughout the City.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):**

Not applicable.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
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ROBERT G. OVERSTREET II  
Director of Parks and Recreation

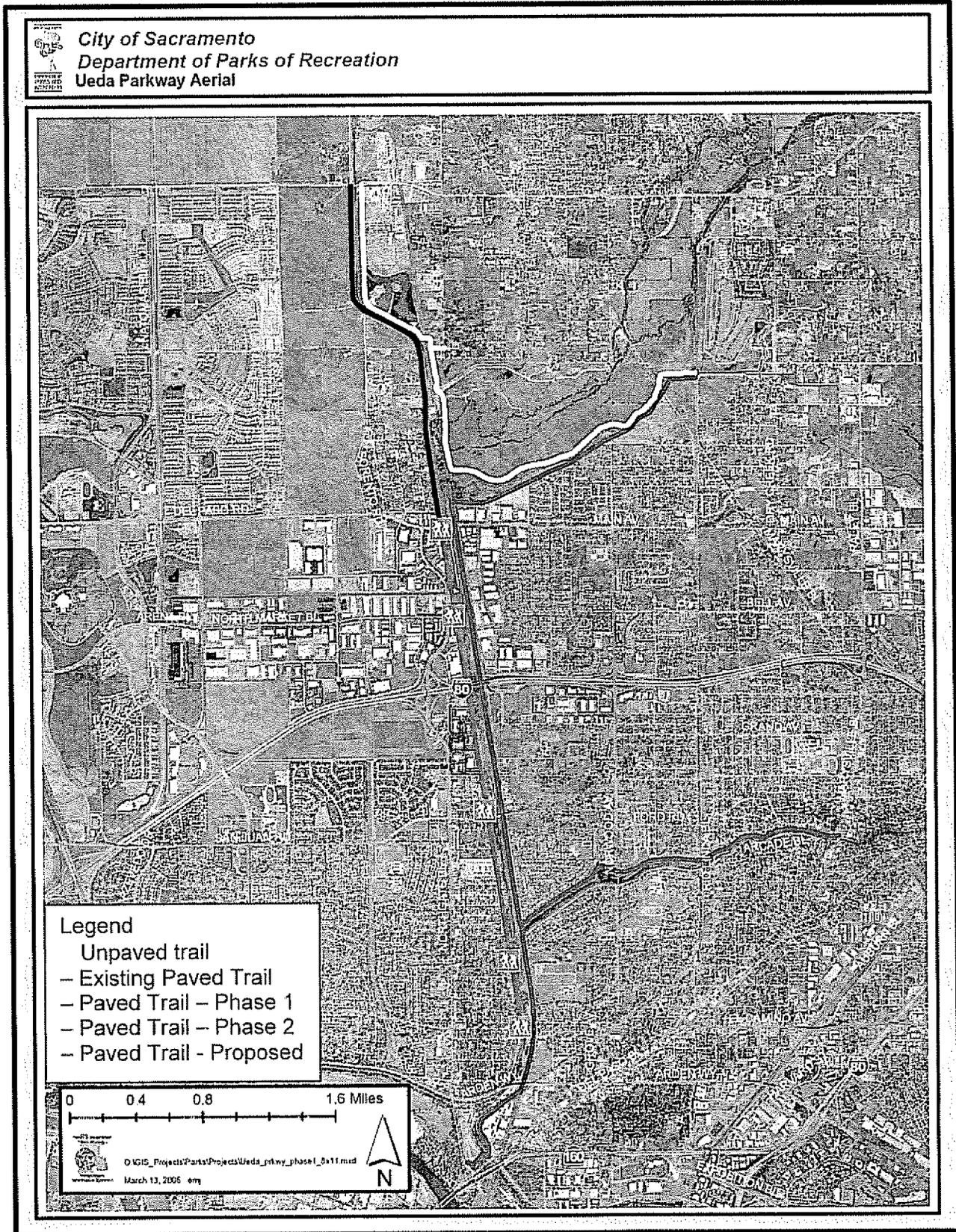
Recommendation Approved:

  
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for RAY KERRIDGE  
City Manager

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Attachment 1 – Ueda Parkway Aerial



**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-XXXX**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

May 9, 2006

**APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
AND RECLAMATION DISTRICT 1000 (RD 1000)  
FOR PHASE I DEVELOPMENT OF THE WALT UEDA PARKWAY BIKE TRAIL, CIP  
HB16 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT**

**BACKGROUND:**

- A. The Walt Ueda Parkway Bike Trail consists of approximately 12.5 miles of paved recreation trails that are mostly on the crown of levees and offers visual access to the natural habitat of Steelhead, Arcade, Dry and Robla Creeks; Phase I development of this trail will be for approximately 4 miles of paved trail.
- B. The design of the project must take many factors into consideration, including sensitive habitat, natural amenities, ramps that are ADA accessible, appropriate access to neighborhoods, and a flood control infrastructure that includes levees and flood easements.
- C. The County owns easements on much of the trail alignment. RD 1000 maintains the levees on which the trail will be located. RD1000 and the City of Sacramento need to enter into an agreement to address levee and trail maintenance and operation, trail closures, and emergency response during flood events.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. Approves the Agreement between the City of Sacramento and Reclamation District 1000 (RD 1000) for Phase I development of the Walt Ueda Parkway Bike Trail, CIP HB16.
- Section 2. Authorizes the City Manager to execute the Agreement.

