



REPORT TO COUNCIL

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April 3, 2007

**Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council**

**Title: Adoption of Negative Declaration and Approval of Construction Plans for
Del Paso Regional Park Filtration Wetland Basin (PN: WM66)**

Location/Council District: Del Paso Regional Park/District 2

Recommendation: Adopt the Revised Initial Study/Negative Declaration and approve the construction plans for the Del Paso Regional Park Detention and Filtration Wetland Project (WM66)

Contact: David L. Brent, 808-1420, Engineering Manager, Bill Busath 808-1434, Supervising Engineer

Presenters: None

Department: Utilities

Division: Engineering

Organization No: 3330

Description/Analysis

Issue: The City has performed environmental review and prepared construction plans for the Arcade Creek filtration wetland to be constructed on Norris Tributary, a tributary to Arcade Creek. This project will be funded by a State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Proposition 50/CALFED grant. The SWRCB requires that the City adopt the environmental document and approve the construction plans prior to the SWRCB reviewing and approving the documents. City adoption/approval and SWRCB approval of these documents will allow bidding and construction of the filtration wetland to be completed by the end of 2007, as required by the terms of the SWRCB grant.

Policy Considerations: This action supports the City of Sacramento General Plan Conservation Element, and Smart Growth Principals, to preserve natural beauty and open space, critical environmental areas, promote livable communities, and cultivate passive recreation opportunities. The recommended actions also support the City's Strategic Plan goals of establishing and strengthening regional partnerships to enhance the quality of life, and preserving neighborhoods, urban forest, parks, and recreation.

Environmental Considerations: The Environmental Services Manager determined that the Del Paso Regional Park Detention and Filtration Wetland Project, as proposed, will not have a significant impact to the environment; therefore, an Initial Study and Negative Declaration were prepared and circulated in April 2004.

The 'Revised Initial Study/Negative Declaration' (Revised IS/ND) (2/23/05) is the result of public agency and private citizen comments on the first Initial Study and Negative Declaration, released by the City in April 2004. The Revised IS/ND addressed concerns of public safety due to West Nile Virus. Staff incorporated design recommendations from the Sacramento-Yolo County Mosquito and Vector Control District into the construction plans and Revised IS/ND for the filtration wetland.

City staff received two comment letters on the Revised IS/ND. One letter expressed continued concern regarding West Nile Virus. No written response was made since the individual was aware that the Sacramento-Yolo County Mosquito and Vector Control District was involved in the design of the wetland. The other letter was in opposition to a design element that was removed from the wetland filtration construction plans prior to publishing the Revised IS/ND. City staff met with this person and reviewed the new construction plans showing that the design element was removed.

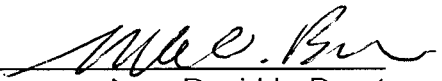
An Errata to the Revised IS/ND has been prepared to incorporate the additional project component proposed for the project, which involves the construction of an ADA compliant parking area located off Auburn Blvd. The additional project component does not require the revisions to the findings in the Revised Negative Declaration or the recirculation of the Revised Negative Declaration under CEQA Section 15073.5.

Commission/Committee Action: None Required

Rationale for Recommendation: Construction of the wetland filtration basin is a critical component of the grant the City received from the SWRCB. The basin is designed to lower the levels of pollution entering Arcade Creek as a result of stormwater runoff and residential land uses in the area that drains to Norris Tributary. The SWRCB requires that the City adopt the environmental document and approve the constructions plans and specifications prior to the SWRCB reviewing and approving the documents. The grant prohibits the City from bidding the plans until the SWRCB reviews and approves the environmental document and construction plans and specifications.

Financial Considerations: No additional City funding is required.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): No good or services are requested with this report.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
For David L. Brent
Engineering Manager

Approved by: 
Gary A. Reents
Director of Utilities

Recommendation Approved:


for Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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Attachment 1

Background

In February 2004, City Council directed staff to apply to the State Water Resources Control Board for a State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Proposition 50/CALFED grant to benefit the Arcade Creek watershed. The State approved the grant application and in February 2005, the City Council accepted the grant (City of Sacramento Resolution 2005-053).

Under the California Environmental Quality Act, a Revised Initial Study/Negative Declaration was prepared for the filtration wetland component of the grant and publicly noticed on February 23, 2005 for a 30-day public review/comment period. Once the Negative Declaration process was complete, a consulting firm drafted plans for the filtration wetland under direction from City staff.

If adopted by City Council, the wetlands will be constructed on Norris Tributary, a tributary to Arcade Creek. The plans are now complete and ready to be put out to bid by City staff so that construction of the filtration wetland may be completed by the end of 2007, as required by the terms of the SWRCB grant.

Attachment 2

Document Availability:

Revised Initial Study/Negative Declaration – Del Paso Regional Park Detention and Filtration Wetland Project (February 2005)

This information/document is available on the City of Sacramento Website:
http://www.cityofsacramento.org/webtech/streaming_video/live_council_meetings.htm
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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

Adoption of Negative Declaration and Approval of Construction Plans for Del Paso Regional Park Wetland/Filtration Basin

BACKGROUND

- A. The City Council has previously approved the acceptance of a grant from the State Water Resources Control Board for the purpose of environmental improvements along Arcade Creek in Del Paso Regional Park and throughout the Arcade Creek watershed
- B. The Del Paso Regional Park Wetland Filtration system is designed to reduce the amount of runoff pollution that reaches Arcade Creek. The wetland project is a major component of the grant awarded to the City from the State
- C. The City of Sacramento has prepared an Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the project
- D. The Initial Study and Negative Declaration have been circulated for public review and comment from March 3, 2005 through April 1, 2005 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- E. On the basis of the whole record before it, the City has determined that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment
- F. The Initial Study and Negative Declaration reflect the City's independent judgment and analysis.

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

- Section 1. The City Council adopts the Negative Declaration, finding on the basis of the Initial Study that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.
- Section 2. The City approves the constructions plans and special provisions for the Del Paso Regional Park Detention and Filtration Wetland Project.

