MINUTE ITEM

41. PROTEST AG JUST LOW-LEVEL BRIDGE, TUOTAMNE RIVER, STANISLAUS COUNTY, JIM SHORT - W.O. 3371.

Mr. Jim Short, a rancher on the south bank of the Tuolumne River downstream from the Waterford Bridge, appeared personally to protest against the existence of a low-level bridge and causeways, 600 feet upstream from his property, spanning the river. These structures were placed by the Warner Sand and Gravel Company without authorization. Due to confinement and diversion of the river flow, it was alleged that damage would occur to downstream property adjoining the river. Therefore, the Commission was requested to direct the removal of all of the subject obstructions.

The Executive Officer informed the Commission that this was the first time the matter had been brought to the attention of the staff and advised that an investigation would be undertaken immediately and that a report will be presented for Commission consideration as soon as possible.