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MINUTE ITEM

1. APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY OVER STATE SOVEREIGN LANDS OF SONOMA CREEK, SOLANO AND SONOMA COUNTIES; STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS - W.O. 5504.

During consideration of Calendar Item 1 attached, appearances were made by the following:

Mr. John Meyer of the Division of Highways in Stockton, who recommended approval of the application, and outlined the reasons why the proposed new bridge was an urgent necessity.

Mr. I. A. Vella, Vice Chairman of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, who opposed issuance of the right-of-way easement, outlined the reasons therefor, and read into the record a Resolution of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors dated June 22, 1965, the preamble of which reads:

"RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING POSITION OF THIS BOARD STATED IN RESOLUTION 11566-1 OF THIS BOARD ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 1965, OPPOSING AND REJECTING PLANS FOR A LOW-LEVEL SKAGGS ISLAND AND HIGHWAY 37 SONOMA CREEK BRIDGE."

Action was deferred so that arrangements could be made to have State Senator Rattigan meet with the representatives of the Division of Highways, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and State Lands Division to review the problem, with a further report to be made to the State Lands Commission at its meeting in December 1965, for possible final action at that time.

Attachment

Calendar Item 1 (1 page)

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Lease P.R.C. 439.9 was issued in June 1939 to the Division of Highways for a bridge easement on Route 37 over Sonoma Creek, located 9.4 miles west of Vallejo, in Solano and Sonoma Counties.

The Division of Highways has applied for the reservation of an additional parcel containing 7.68 acres, located adjacent to and southerly of the existing easement (see Exhibit "A"), which is needed for the protection of State Highway Route 10, 04-Sol, Son,-37.

This item appeared on the April 29, 1965, calendar and was put over because of objections interposed by officials of Sonoma County to construction of the bridge as proposed. The objection was based upon the contention that a fixed-span bridge with 20' vertical clearance over ordinary high water would interfere with possible navigational development of Sonoma Creek.

Although negotiations between representatives of the Division of Highways and Sonoma County have continued since April, no agreement has been reached. The Division of Highways reported by letter dated September 13, 1965 (see Exhibit "B"), that reviews by that Division and by the Corps of Engineers do not indicate any need for a change in design of the bridge. It is staff's opinion that no evidence has been offered which would support a denial of the application.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 101.5 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE, FOR RESERVATION FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY PURPOSES OF 7.68 ACRES MORE OR LESS OF STATE SOVEREIGN LANDS OF SONOMA CREEK IN TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, M.D.B.& M., SOLANO AND SONOMA COUNTIES, AS SHOWN ON MAP NO. 10 04-SOL, SON,-37.