

MINUTE ITEM

4/27/67

5. 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, P.R.C. 3747.9.

After consideration of Calendar Item 10 attached, and upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED 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 OF STATE SOVEREIGN LAND OF SONOMA CREEK IN T. 4 N., R. 5 W., M.D.M., SOLANO AND SONOMA COUNTIES, AS SHOWN ON MAP 10 04-SOL, SON-37.

Attachment

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On January 28, 1965, the Division of Highways applied for the reservation of 7.68 acres of State sovereign land in Sonoma Creek located 9.4 miles west of Vallejo in Solano and Sonoma Counties (see Exhibit "A" for location). The land is required for a new bridge to be constructed adjacent to and southerly of an existing bridge, which was constructed in 1939.

This item appeared on calendars for April and November 1965 and was put over each time because of objections interposed by Sonoma County officials to the proposed 20-foot vertical clearance at mean higher high water. They maintained that this clearance would interfere with possible navigational development of Sonoma Creek.

Inasmuch as all protests concerned vertical clearance for navigational purposes, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers assumed the role of coordinator in an effort to resolve all differences among interested parties. This culminated in a public hearing in Sonoma on November 30, 1966, following the issuance of a public notice which showed a change in vertical clearance from 20 to 24 feet. All prior protestants except Sonoma County officials again objected, and requested a clearance of 40 or 50 feet. The State was represented at the hearing by Resources Agency personnel.

On March 2, 1967, the Corps of Engineers issued a permit for construction of a bridge having a vertical navigational clearance of 24 feet, after concluding that prospective future navigation in Sonoma Creek is insufficient to warrant additional expenditure necessary to meet the request of protestants for increased navigational clearance or to provide a drawbridge. Staff concurs in the conclusion.

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 OF STATE SOVEREIGN LAND OF SONOMA CREEK IN T. 4 N., R. 5 W., M.D.M., SOLANO AND SONOMA COUNTIES, AS SHOWN ON MAP 10 04-SOL, SON-37.