

MINUTE ITEM

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No. C22 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
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meeting.

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PRC 5939
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DREDGING PERMIT

Applicant: County of Fresno
Dept. of Public Works
2220 Tulare St., Sixth Floor
Fresno, CA 93721

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:
Sovereign lands in the bed of the San Joaquin
River near Mendota, Fresno County.

PROPOSED LAND USE:
Continued dredging of 20,000 cubic yards of
material annually for five years. The material
is to be used for county road repair.

TERMS OF PROPOSED PERMIT:
Initial Period: Five (5) years beginning
July 1, 1990.
Royalty: \$0.25 per cubic yard for
material used for private
benefit or sold. No charge
for material used for road
repair for public benefit.

PREREQUISITE CONDITIONS, FEES AND EXPENSES:
Filing fee has been received.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:
PRC: Div. 6, Parts 1 and 2, Div. 14.
Cal. Code Regs.: Title 2, Div. 3, Title 24,
Div. 8.

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AB 884: 08/25/90.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. The project is a continuation of an existing use that has been authorized in the past by permits that have now expired.
2. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. 15025), the staff has prepared a proposed Negative Declaration identified as ND 507, State Clearinghouse No. 90020359. Such proposed Negative Declaration was prepared and circulated for public review pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Based upon the initial study, the proposed Negative Declaration, and the comments received in response thereto, there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment (14 Cal. Code Regs. 15074(b)).

APPROVALS OBTAINED:

United States Army Corps of Engineer, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Department of Fish and Game and The Reclamation Board.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Site Map.
- B. Negative Declaration.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. CERTIFY THAT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION, ND 507, SCH NO. 90020359 WAS PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CEQA AND THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.
2. DETERMINE THAT THE PROJECT, AS APPROVED, WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.
3. AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ISSUE TO THE COUNTY OF FRESNO A DREDGING PERMIT ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION. SAID PERMIT SHALL AUTHORIZE DREDGING A MAXIMUM 20,000 CUBIC YARDS OF MATERIAL FROM MENDATO, FRESNO COUNTY FOR USE OF THE MATERIAL FOR COUNTY ROAD REPAIR. A ROYALTY OF \$0.25 PER CUBIC YARD FOR MATERIAL USED FOR PRIVATE BENEFIT OR

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SOLD. NO CHARGE FOR MATERIAL USED FOR ROAD REPAIR FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT. SUCH ACTIVITY IS CONTINGENT UPON APPLICANT'S COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE PERMITS, RECOMMENDATIONS OR LIMITATION ISSUED BY FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

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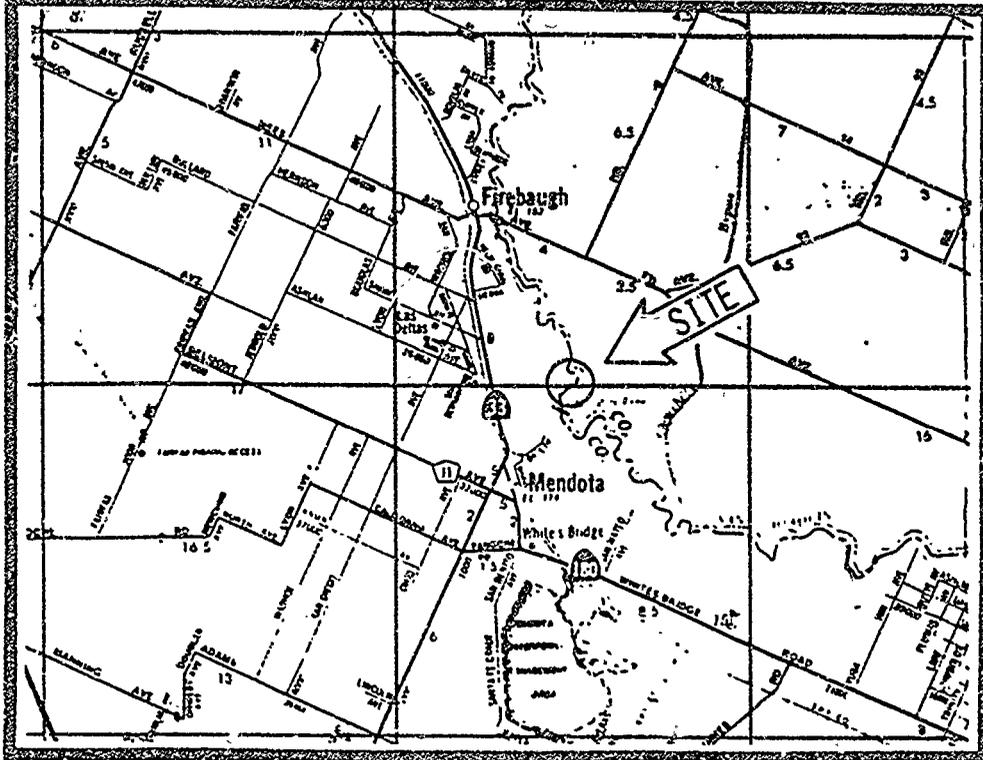
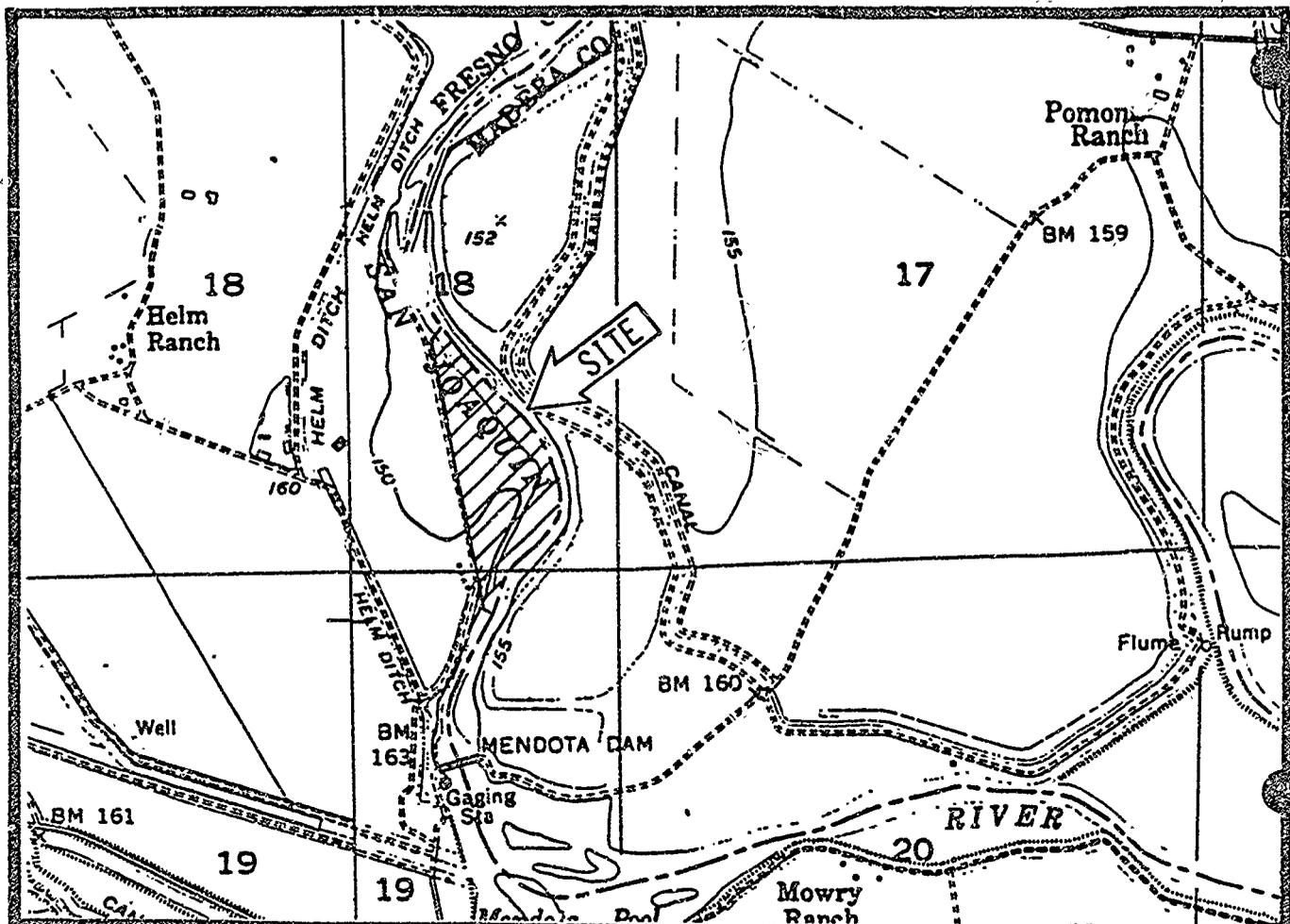


EXHIBIT "A"

Application For
Dredging Permit
County of Fresno
PRC5939
San Joaquin River
Fresno County



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PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

EIR ND: 507

File Ref.: PRC 5939

SCH. NO.: 90020359

Project Title: Fresno County Dredging Project
Project Proponent: County of Fresno, Public Works Department
Project Location: San Joaquin River near Mendota, Fresno County
Project Description: Continued dredging of 20,000 cubic yards of material annually for five years to be used for road repairs by the County.

Contact Person: Linda Martinez Telephone: (916) 322-6375

This document is prepared pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Section 21000 et seq., Public Resources Code), the State CEQA Guidelines (Section 15000 et seq., Title 14, California Code Regulations), and the State Lands Commission regulations (Section 2901 et seq., Title 2, California Code Regulations).

Based upon the attached Initial Study, it has been found that:

that project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

mitigation measures included in the project will avoid potentially significant effects.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The County of Fresno has requested authorization from the State Lands Commission to continue dredging 20,000 cubic yards of material annually for five years from sovereign lands in the bed of the San Joaquin River near Mendota, Fresno County. The material is needed for road maintenance.

The project is a continuation of an existing use that has been authorized in the past by permits which have now expired. The attached Negative Declaration prepared by the County of Fresno Planning Department at the time of the original authorization discusses the project in detail.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST - PART II

Form 13.20 (7/82)

File Ref.: PRC 5939

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. Applicant: Fresno County Public Works Department
2220 Tulare St., Sixth Floor
Fresno CA 93721

B. Checklist Date: 4/13/90

C. Contact Person: K. D. Swarts
Telephone: (209) 453-5140

D. Purpose: Dredge material to be used for County road maintenance.

E. Location: San Joaquin River near Mendota.

F. Description: Continued dredging of 20,000 cu. yds. of material
annually for five years to be used for County road repairs.

G. Persons Contacted: Mike Mulligan, Fish and Game Region IV

II. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. (Explain all "yes" and "maybe" answers)

- A. Earth. Will the proposal result in:
1. Unstable earth conditions or changes in geologic substructures?
2. Disruptions, displacements, compaction, or overcovering of the soil?
3. Change in topography or ground surface relief features?
4. The destruction, covering, or modification of any unique geologic or physical features?
5. Any increase in wind or water erosion of soils, either on or off the site?
6. Changes in deposition or erosion of beach sands, or changes in siltation, deposition or erosion which may modify the channel of a river or stream or the bed of the ocean or any bay, inlet, or lake?
7. Exposure of all people or property to geologic hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, mudslides, ground failure, or similar hazards?

Yes Maybe No

Grid of checkboxes for environmental impact questions.

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Yes Maybe No

B. Air. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. Substantial air emissions or deterioration of ambient air quality? Yes Maybe No
- 2. The creation of objectionable odors? Yes Maybe No
- 3. Alteration of air movement, moisture or temperature, or any change in climate, either locally or regionally? Yes Maybe No

C. Water. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. Changes in the currents, or the course or direction of water movements, in either marine or fresh waters? Yes Maybe No
- 2. Changes in absorption rates, drainage patterns, or the rate and amount of surface water runoff? Yes Maybe No
- 3. Alterations to the course or flow of flood waters? Yes Maybe No
- 4. Change in the amount of surface water in any water body? Yes Maybe No
- 5. Discharge into surface waters, or in any alteration of surface water quality, including but not limited to temperature, dissolved oxygen or turbidity? Yes Maybe No
- 6. Alteration of the direction or rate of flow of ground waters? Yes Maybe No
- 7. Change in the quantity of ground waters, either through direct additions or withdrawals, or through interception of an aquifer by cuts or excavations? Yes Maybe No
- 8. Substantial reduction in the amount of water otherwise available for public water supplies? Yes Maybe No
- 9. Exposure of people or property to water related hazards such as flooding or tidal waves? Yes Maybe No
- 10. Significant changes in the temperature, flow or chemical content of surface thermal springs? Yes Maybe No

D. Plant Life. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. Change in the diversity of species, or number of any species of plants (including trees, shrubs, grass, crops, and aquatic plants)? Yes Maybe No
- 2. Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare or endangered species of plants? Yes Maybe No
- 3. Introduction of new species of plants into an area, or in a barrier to the normal replenishment of existing species? Yes Maybe No
- 4. Reduction in acreage of any agricultural crop? Yes Maybe No

E. Animal Life. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. Change in the diversity of species, or numbers of any species of animals (birds, land animals including reptiles, fish and shellfish, benthic organisms, or insects)? Yes Maybe No
- 2. Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare or endangered species of animals? Yes Maybe No
- 3. Introduction of new species of animals into an area, or result in a barrier to the migration or movement of animals? Yes Maybe No
- 4. Deterioration to existing fish or wildlife habitat? Yes Maybe No

F. Noise. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. Increase in existing noise levels? Yes Maybe No
- 2. Exposure of people to severe noise levels? Yes Maybe No

G. Light and Glare. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. The production of new light or glare? Yes Maybe No

H. Land Use. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. A substantial alteration of the present or planned land use of an area? Yes Maybe No

I. Natural Resources. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. Increase in the rate of use of any natural resources? Yes Maybe No
- 2. Substantial depletion of any nonrenewable resources? Yes Maybe No

J. Risk of upset. Does the proposal result in:

Yes. Maybe. No

- 1. A risk of an explosion or the release of hazardous substances (including, but not limited to, oil, pesticides, chemicals, or radiation) in the event of an accident or upset conditions?
- 2. Possible interference with emergency response plan or an emergency evacuation plan?

K. Population. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. The alteration, distribution, density, or growth rate of the human population of the area?

L. Housing. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. Affecting existing housing, or create a demand for additional housing?

M. Transportation/Circulation. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. Generation of substantial additional vehicular movement?
- 2. Affecting existing parking facilities, or create a demand for new parking?
- 3. Substantial impact upon existing transportation systems?
- 4. Alterations to present patterns of circulation or movement of people and/or goods?
- 5. Alterations to waterborne, rail, or air traffic?
- 6. Increase in traffic hazards to motor vehicles, bicyclists, or pedestrians?

N. Public Services. Will the proposal have an effect upon, or result in a need for new or altered governmental services in any of the following areas:

- 1. Fire protection?
- 2. Police protection?
- 3. Schools?
- 4. Parks and other recreational facilities?
- 5. Maintenance of public facilities, including roads?
- 6. Other governmental services?

O. Energy. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. Use of substantial amounts of fuel or energy?
- 2. Substantial increase in demand upon existing sources of energy, or require the development of new sources?

P. Utilities. Will the proposal result in a need for new systems, or substantial alterations to the following utilities:

- 1. Power or natural gas?
- 2. Communication systems?
- 3. Water?
- 4. Sewer or septic tanks?
- 5. Storm water drainage?
- 6. Solid waste and disposal?

Q. Human Health. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. Creation of any health hazard or potential health hazard (excluding mental health)?
- 2. Exposure of people to potential health hazards?

R. Aesthetics. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. The obstruction of any scenic vista or view open to the public, or will the proposal result in the creation of an aesthetically offensive site open to public view?

S. Recreation. Will the proposal result in:

- 1. An impact upon the quality or quantity of existing recreational opportunities?

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T. Cultural Resources.

Yes Maybe No

- 1. Will the proposal result in the alteration of or the destruction of a prehistoric or historic archeological site?
- 2. Will the proposal result in adverse physical or aesthetic effects to a prehistoric or historic building, structure, or object?
- 3. Does the proposal have the potential to cause a physical change which would affect unique ethnic cultural values?
- 4. Will the proposal restrict existing religious or sacred uses within the potential impact area?

U. Mandatory Findings of Significance.

- 1. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?
- 2. Does the project have the potential to achieve short term, to the disadvantage of long-term, environmental goals?
- 3. Does the project have impacts which are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable?
- 4. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

III. DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION (See Comments Attached)

The project will periodically and temporarily change the channel configuration of the San Joaquin River in the vicinity of the project. These minor modifications have been occurring for several years with no apparent significant impacts to the river or erosive aspects of the river.

The project has the potential for causing minor changes in water currents and increasing the sediments in this section of the river. The sand is extracted during periods of low flow or no flow and will not have any significant effects on water quality in the area.

The project may have some effects on the recreation potential of the project area. The access to the site is adjacent to the Mendota Pool County Park. Trucks passing the park may disturb some people using the facility. The duration of traffic each year is limited to a few weeks during the winter months when the recreation facilities receive the least amount of use. The impact to the existing recreation facilities will not be significant.

IV. PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described on an attached sheet have been added to the project. A NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

Date: 4/13/90

Lenora Mestres, *Deedona Wood*
For the State Lands Commission

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**LOCAL AGENCY
NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

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Fresno County

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Fresno

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Willy J. Teck, Staff Analyst III

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Fresno County Public Works

CUP 1505

Continue to excavate and stockpile sand along the San Joaquin River one-half mile north of Kanasta Dam.

The project will not have any significant impacts on the natural and cultural elements of Fresno County. Potential effects to water, the river channel and vegetation were identified and were determined not to be significant.

Approved: March 5, 1978
Approved: March 15, 1978

Type of Print Signature
Richard R. Allen

Richard R. Allen

**LOCAL AGENCY
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
(Not to Exceed One Page)**

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PREFACE

The proposed project was reviewed under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines of 1970, as amended, and under the regulations and procedures adopted by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors. The purpose of this assessment is to determine the significance and magnitude of the environmental consequences of the project and to provide sufficient information to determine if the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report should be required or a Negative Declaration filed.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Location: North end of Bass Avenue 2.6 miles northeast of Highway 99
(Site is approximately two miles north of the City of Mendota)

Area: 32 acres

Zoning: AE-20

Existing Use: Sand extraction

Project Description:

The project is a continuation of an existing use which consists of excavating sand from the San Joaquin River by use of a drag line. The site is bordered on the north, east, and south by the San Joaquin River. Farmland lies to the west which is separated from the site by a flood control levee.

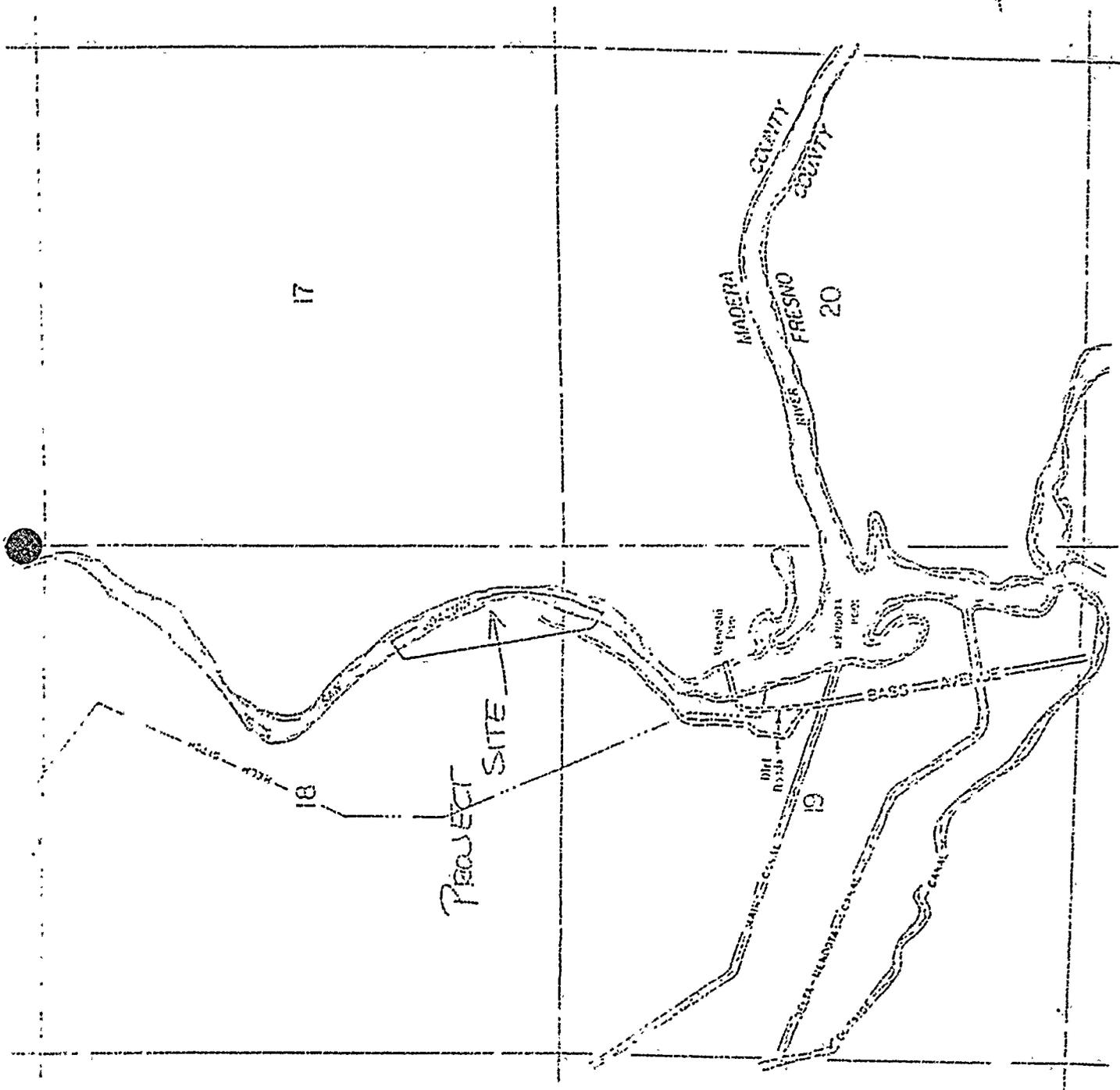
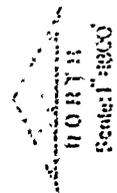
The sand is placed in a long stock pile approximately 10 feet high by 30 feet wide and 2,300 feet long on the river side of the excavation site. About 20,000 tons of sand are removed yearly. The excavation from which the sand is removed is flooded by the river each spring and summer during peak flows. The river deposits more sand and completely reclaims the excavated area. Because of this continual reclamation it is possible to excavate annually.

The excavation in late fall and winter usually take three to five men and equipment for about 40 days. The stockpiled sand is removed throughout the year for approximately 25 more days. Equipment used at the site include: one tractor, one dragline, four bottom dump trucks-trailer units and two end-dump trucks. Maximum number of truck trips will be about 85 per day for a 24 day period.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND THEIR SIGNIFICANCE

Three areas of potential adverse environmental impacts were identified and are discussed below:

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1. Earth

The proposed project will periodically and temporarily change the channel configuration of the San Joaquin River in the vicinity of the project. These minor modifications have been occurring for several years with no apparent impacts to the river or erosive aspects of the river.

2. Water

The project has the potential to cause minor changes in water currents and increase the sediments in this section of the river. The sand is extracted during periods of low flow or no flow and will not have any significant effects on water quality in the area.

3. Recreation

The proposed project may have some effects on the recreation potential of the project area. The access to the site is adjacent to the Mendota Pool County Park. Trucks passing this park may disturb some people using the facility. The duration of traffic each year is limited to a few weeks during the winter months when the recreation facilities receive the least amount of use. The impact to the existing recreation facilities will not be significant.

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RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES CONSULTED

Comments regarding the potential impact of the proposed project were solicited from the following agencies, organizations, and individuals. Responses received are attached or summarized below. All entities that responded are marked with an asterisk.

Fresno County

- *Environmental Health System
- Public Works Department - Director
- Public Works Department - Traffic Engineer
- *Natural Resources Coordinator
- Department of Agriculture
- *Planning Department - Plan Development Section

Other Agencies

- Fresno Mosquito Abatement District
- *California Regional Water Quality Control Board
- *California Department of Transportation
- California State Lands Commission
- *California Reclamation Board
- California Department of Fish and Game
- *District Archaeologist
- *U.S. Soil Conservation Service
- *Mid-Valley Fire Department
- *Fresno County Staff Geologist

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES NOT ATTACHED

1. Mid-Valley Fire Protection District, Robert Keepers, Chief Fire Protection Engineer
Response: No comments
2. California Department of Transportation, R. L. Binger, District Planning & Programs Engineer
Response: No comment
3. Fresno County Planning Department, Bruce O'Neal, Staff Analyst
Response: No comment
4. Natural Resource Coordinator, Eldred Bliss
Response: A justifiable use of a resource, looks ok. Possible problem if land pile is hit by a flood. No EIR required.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

The Project Evaluation Section of the Fresno County Planning Department has determined, based on this Environmental Assessment (initial study) that the proposed project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment, and a Negative Declaration can be filed.

FIELD INSPECTIONS

Name - Billy J. Peck, Staff Analyst III

INITIAL STUDY

Performed by - Billy J. Peck, Staff Analyst III