

**MINUTE ITEM:**  
This Calendar Item No. C33  
was approved as Minute Item  
No. 33 by the State Lands  
Commission by a vote of 3  
to 0 at its 6/11/90  
meeting.

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GENERAL LEASE - RIGHT-OF-WAY USE

APPLICANT: California Gas Gathering, Inc.  
555 University Avenue, Suite 180  
Sacramento, California 95825

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION: A 0.16-acre parcel of sovereign land in the bed  
of the San Joaquin River located near the town  
of Mendota, Merced and Fresno counties.

LAND USE: Installation and operation of a six-inch  
diameter natural gas pipeline.

TERMS OF PROPOSED LEASE: Initial period: Thirty (30) years beginning,  
July 1, 1990.

Public liability insurance: Combined single  
limit coverage of \$500,000.

Special: Applicant to provide survey  
plat and legal description of  
the pipeline "as-built".

CONSIDERATION: \$100 per annum; with the State reserving the  
right to fix a different rental on each  
fifth anniversary of the lease.

BASIS FOR CONSIDERATION: Pursuant to 2 Cal. Code Regs. 2003.

APPLICANT STATUS: Applicant is permittee of upland.

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PREREQUISITE CONDITIONS, FEES AND EXPENSES:

Filing, processing costs, environmental cost have been received.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

A. P.R.C.: Div. 6, Parts 1 and 2; Div. 13.

B. Cal. Code Regs.: Title 2, Div. 3;  
Title 14, Div. 6.

AB 884: 10/20/90.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. The Applicant, California Gas Gathering, Inc., proposes to construct a natural gas pipeline from two natural gas wells located in Madera County to the Spreckels Sugar Plant located in Fresno County. The pipeline will interconnect the two wells with six-inch-diameter pipe and will be located on the shoulder of existing farm and county roads. The total length of the pipeline is approximately six miles.

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 EIR ND 511, State Clearinghouse No. 9002040. Such Proposed Negative Declaration was prepared and circulated for public review pursuant to the provisions of the CEQA.

Based upon the Initial Study, the amendments made to the project, 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))

3. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to P.R.C. 6370, et seq. Based upon the staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands and through

the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.

APPROVALS OBTAINED:

None.

FURTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Fish and Game, Reclamation Board, Fresno County, and Madera County.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Land Description.
- B. Location Map.
- C. Negative Declaration.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. CERTIFY THAT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION, EIR ND 511, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 90020403, WAS PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE CEQA AND THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED, CONSIDERED, AND ADOPTED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.
2. DETERMINE THAT THE PROJECT, AS APPROVED, WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.
3. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO CALIFORNIA GAS GATHERING, INC. OF A THIRTY-YEAR (30-YR) GENERAL LEASE - RIGHT-OF-WAY USE, BEGINNING JULY 1, 1990 FOR THE PROJECT AS DESCRIBED HEREIN AND IN EXHIBIT "C"; IN CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL RENTAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100 WITH THE STATE RESERVING THE RIGHT TO FIX A DIFFERENT RENTAL ON EACH FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEASE; PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT COVERAGE OF \$500,000; FOR A SIX-INCH-DIAMETER NATURAL GAS PIPELINE ON THE LAND DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A", ATTACHED, AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**W 24472**

**LAND DESCRIPTION**

A strip of sovereign land 10 feet wide in the bed of the San Joaquin River in Section 23, T13S, R15E, MDM, Madera and Fresno Counties, California, the center line of said strip is described as follows:

COMMENCING at the NW corner of Section 26, T13S, R15E, MDM; thence N 16° 27' 57" E 1249.83 feet to the center top of the south levee of said river and the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence N 34° 24' 06" E 270.23 feet; thence N 18° 47' 15" E 399.73 feet to the center top of the north levee of said river and the end of this description.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM any land lying landward of the historic ordinary low water mark of said river.

**END OF DESCRIPTION**

**PREPARED MAY 17, 1990 BY SAS.**

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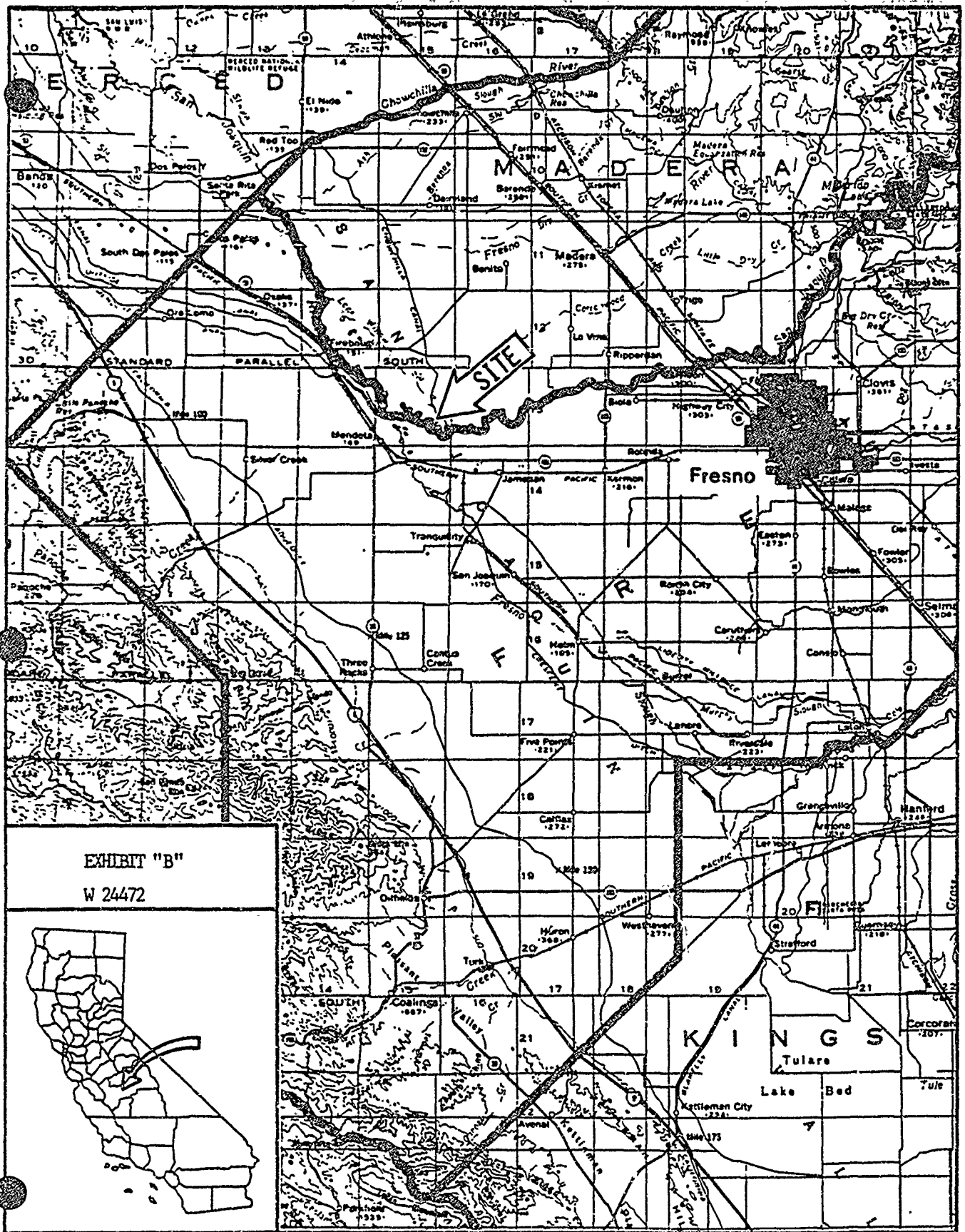


EXHIBIT "B"  
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May 2, 1990  
File Ref: W 24472  
SCH: 90020403

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW  
OF A  
PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
(Section 15073 CCR)**

A Negative Declaration has been 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), for a project currently being processed by the staff of the State Lands Commission.

The document is attached for your review. Comments should be addressed to the State Lands Commission office shown above, with attention to the undersigned. All comments must be received by June 2, 1990.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at (916) 324-4715.

*Judy Brown*  
JUDY BROWN  
Division of Research  
and Planning

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Attachment

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PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

EIR ND #511  
 File Ref.: W 24472  
 SCH#: 90020403

Project Title: Proposed Natural Gas Pipeline

Project Proponent: California Gas Gathering, Inc.

Project Location: Gill Ranch, Sections 18 and 19, T13S, R16E,  
 MDM, Madera County to Spreckels Sugar Plant,  
 Fresno County

## Project Description:

A 6" natural gas pipeline is proposed to be buried from the wellheads at Gill Ranch, then within existing farm roads and through the dry river bed of the San Joaquin River, and then within existing roads south of the San Joaquin River, to the Spreckels Sugar Plant in Mendota, Fresno County.

Contact Person: Judy Brown

Telephone: (916) 324-4715

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST - PART II

Form 13.20 (7/82)

File Ref.: W 24472

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. Applicant: California Gas Gathering, Inc.
555 University Avenue, Suite 180
Sacramento, CA 95825

B. Checklist Date: 04 / 25 / 90

C. Contact Person: Judy Brown
Telephone: ( 916 ) 324-4715

D. Purpose: Bury 6 miles of 6" natural gas pipeline.

E. Location: From the wellhead sites at Gill Ranch, Madera County to Spreckels Sugar Plant in Mendoata, Fresno County.

F. Description: A 6" natural gas pipeline is proposed to be buried within existing farm roads, and through the dry river bed of the San Joaquin River, and then within existing roads south of the San Joaquin River, to the Spreckels plant in Mendota. (ALSO SEE ATTACHED COMMENTS)

G. Persons Contacted: California Dept. Water Resources
California Dept. Fish and Game, Region 4
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento

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 N

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- 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 habitats?  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

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- 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? ..... | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 2. Possible interference with emergency response plan or an emergency evacuation plan? .....  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
- K. Population.** Will the proposal result in:
- |  |                          |                          |                                     |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 The alteration, distribution, density, or growth rate of the human population of the area? ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
- L. Housing.** Will the proposal result in:
- |   |                          |                          |                                     |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Affecting existing housing, or create a demand for additional housing? ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
- M. Transportation/Circulation.** Will the proposal result in:
- |   |                          |                                     |                                     |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Generation of substantial additional vehicular movement? .....                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Affecting existing parking facilities, or create a demand for new parking? .....         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Substantial impact upon existing transportation systems? .....                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Alterations to present patterns of circulation or movement of people and/or goods? ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 5. Alterations to waterborne, rail, or air traffic? .....                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Increase in traffic hazards to motor vehicles, bicyclists, or pedestrians? .....         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
- 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? .....                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Police protection? .....                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Schools? .....   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Parks and other recreational facilities? .....           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Maintenance of public facilities, including roads? ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Other governmental services? .....                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
- O. Energy.** Will the proposal result in:
- |   |                          |                          |                                     |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Use of substantial amounts of fuel or energy? .....  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Substantial increase in demand upon existing sources of energy, or require the development of new sources? ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
- P. Utilities.** Will the proposal result in a need for new systems, or substantial alterations to the following utilities:
- |                                    |                          |                          |                                     |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Power or natural gas? .....     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Communication systems? .....    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Water? .....                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Sewer or septic tanks? .....    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Storm water drainage? .....     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Solid waste and disposal? ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
- Q. Human Health.** Will the proposal result in:
- |  |                          |                          |                                     |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Creation of any health hazard or potential health hazard (excluding mental health)? ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Exposure of people to potential health hazards? .....                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
- 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? ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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- S. Recreation.** Will the proposal result in:
- |  |                          |                                     |                          |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 An impact upon the quality or quantity of existing recreational opportunities? ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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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)**

**COMMENTS ATTACHED.**

**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: 05 / 02 / 90

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 For the State Lands Department

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II. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS  
CALIFORNIA GAS GATHERING  
PROPOSED NATURAL GAS PIPELINE

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Project Description:

California Gas Gathering, Inc. proposes to construct approximately 6 miles of buried 6" natural gas pipeline from two wellhead sites at Gill Ranch, Madera County, crossing Willow Slough and the San Joaquin River, to the Spreckels Sugar Plant in Mendota, Fresno County.

The project is anticipated to take approximately eight weeks, with construction to begin at the end of July, 1990. The proposal includes a nine-member crew, 2 pickup trucks, 2-580 D Case Backhoes, 1-12" Cleveland Wheel Trencher on Tracks, 2 Portable Welding Units mounted on One Ton Pickup Trucks, and 1 Case 850 Side Boom Tractor on Tracks. Construction hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The pipeline will be buried to a depth of 5 feet on the shoulders of existing farm and county roads, and will cross the dry beds of Willow Slough and the San Joaquin River. On the shoulders of the levees of Willow Slough and San Joaquin River, the pipe will be buried one foot deep, and at the crown of the levee, will be buried two feet deep. Existing road widths range from 25 to 50 feet.

The line will be trenched, the pipe placed, and the trench backfilled with the same soil, and then compacted. No onsite staging area will be required. The Spreckels Sugar storage yard may be used if necessary. The construction materials will be delivered to the job site where they will be welded, tested, and placed. No equipment will be stored in or near the river crossing.

This pipeline is proposed to transport natural gas to the Spreckels Sugar Plant from March through December, moving approximately 2,000,000 therms of natural gas each month of the season.

A biological resources assessment has been performed which indicates that areas adjacent to the pipeline corridor contain appropriate habitat which may support sensitive species; however, no endangered species have been identified within the pipeline corridor. Recommendations made from the assessment include that a qualified biologist be present during construction activities to ensure that no inadvertent impacts occur.

- A. Earth
2. The soil in the route of the pipeline consists mainly of various types of loam. The 6" natural gas pipeline is proposed to be buried in a 1' x 5' trench. The proposed route will be trenched, pipeline buried, and backfilled with the original soil.
- E. Animal Life
4. Riparian habitat will be protected in that the pipeline will be located on existing traveled roadways, the construction period will occur beyond the nesting season, and a qualified biologist will be on site daily to ensure that no inadvertent impacts occur.
- F. Noise
1. During the 8 week construction period, the existing noise level will be increased between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. due to the temporary operation of the construction equipment previously mentioned in the project description.
- I. Natural Resources
1. The pipeline, when constructed, is intended to serve the Spreckels Sugar Plant by supplying 2,000,000 therms of natural gas each month from March through December.
- J. Risk of Upset
1. The pipeline will be constructed according to federal and state specifications. The proposal is located in an agricultural area, with the nearest residential community located approximately 1 mile northwest of the wellhead. In the event of a change in the pipeline pressure, the pipeline will be controlled by a pressure sensitized valve to shut off in the event of a drop in pressure.

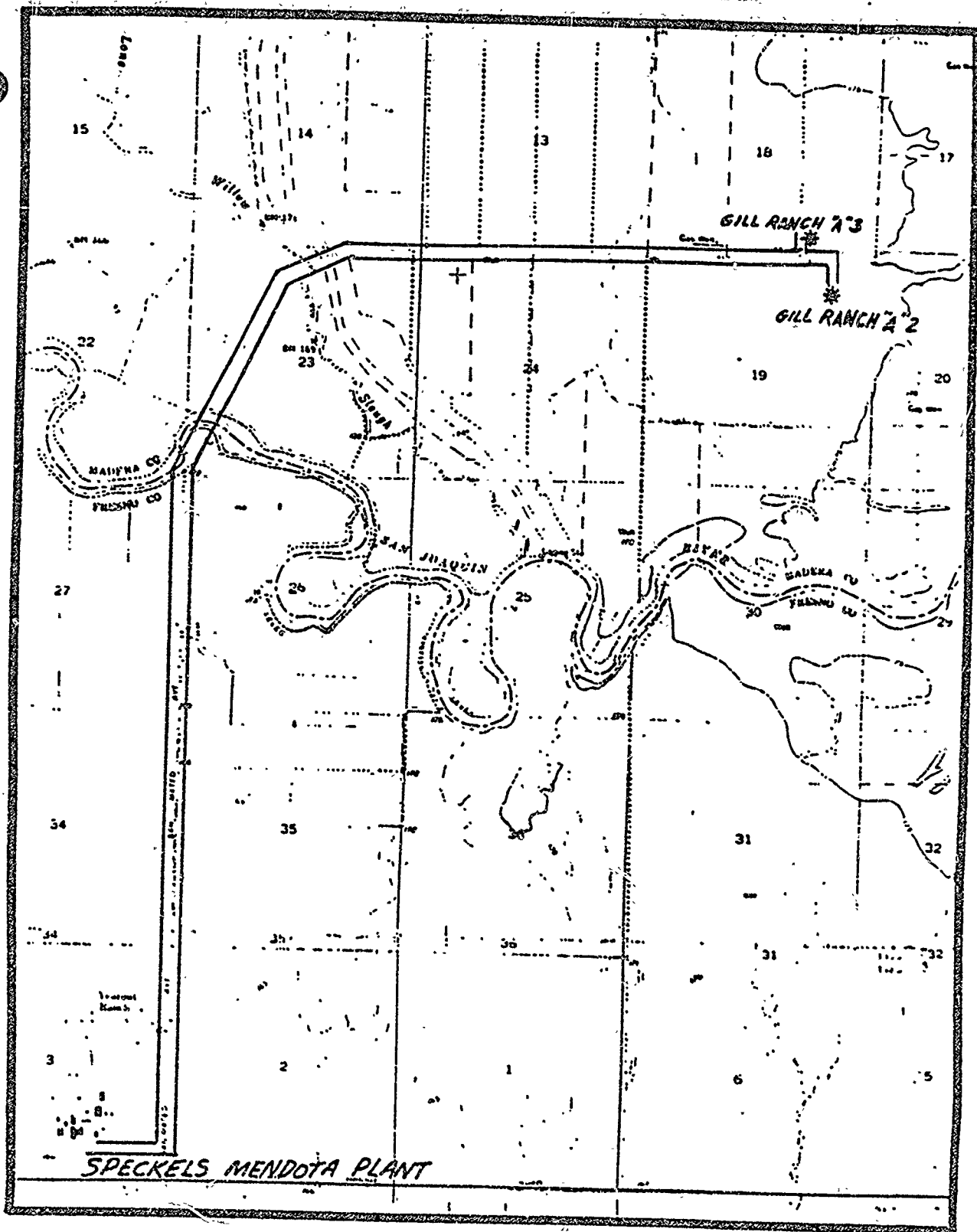
The pipeline corridor consists of mostly unimproved county and farming roads, with the exception of a small stretch of unnamed, unmaintained county road south of County Road 16 extending to just north of the San Joaquin River, and again south of the San Joaquin River on San Mateo Avenue to the Spreckels Sugar Plant.

**M. Transportation**

4. During the 8-week construction period, local traffic will be diverted around the project within the existing roadways, with the exception of the portion of the project that crosses the dry San Joaquin River bed. The road widths are typically 25 feet wide, with some areas as wide as 50 feet. The disturbed portion of the dry riverbed of the proposed pipeline crossing is approximately 25 feet wide. Traffic will be controlled so as not to create any further disturbance during the construction period in the dry river bed.

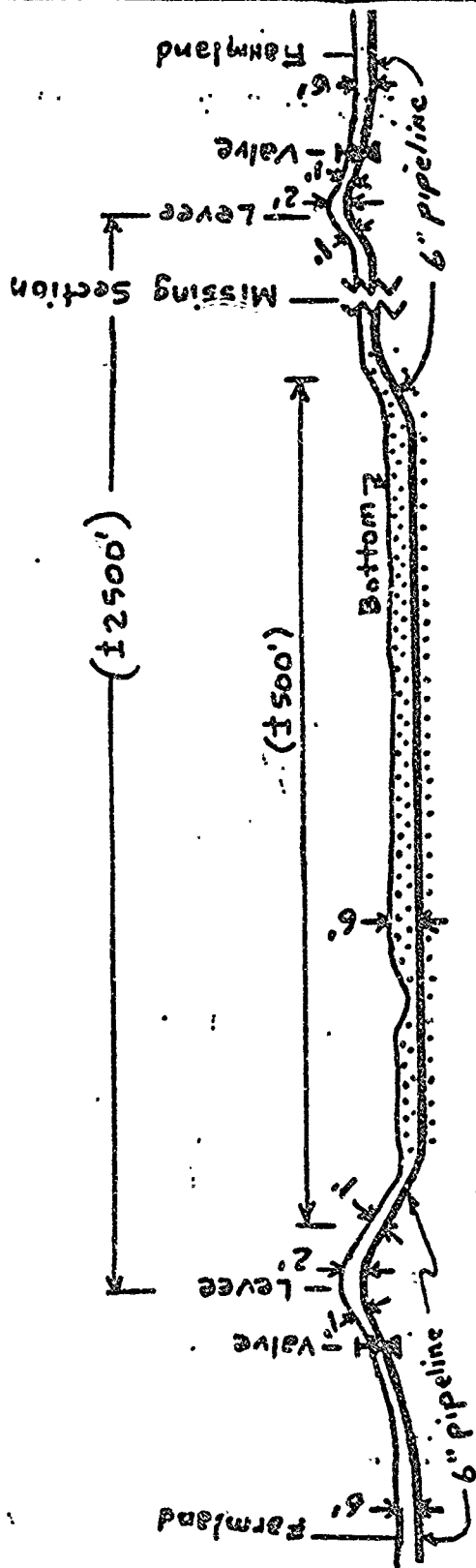
**R. Aesthetics**

1. The construction of the pipeline will be visible to local traffic. This effect is expected to be minimal due to the short duration of the project.

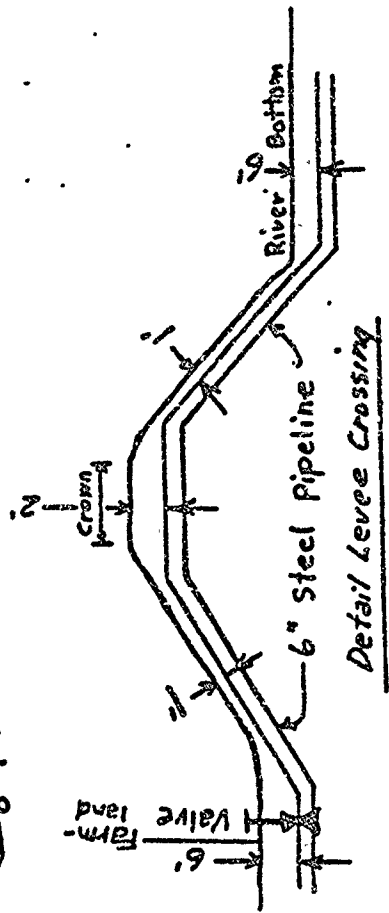


MAP SHOWING PROJECT AREA FOR ALTERNATE  
ROUTE "A" (Underground Pipeline)

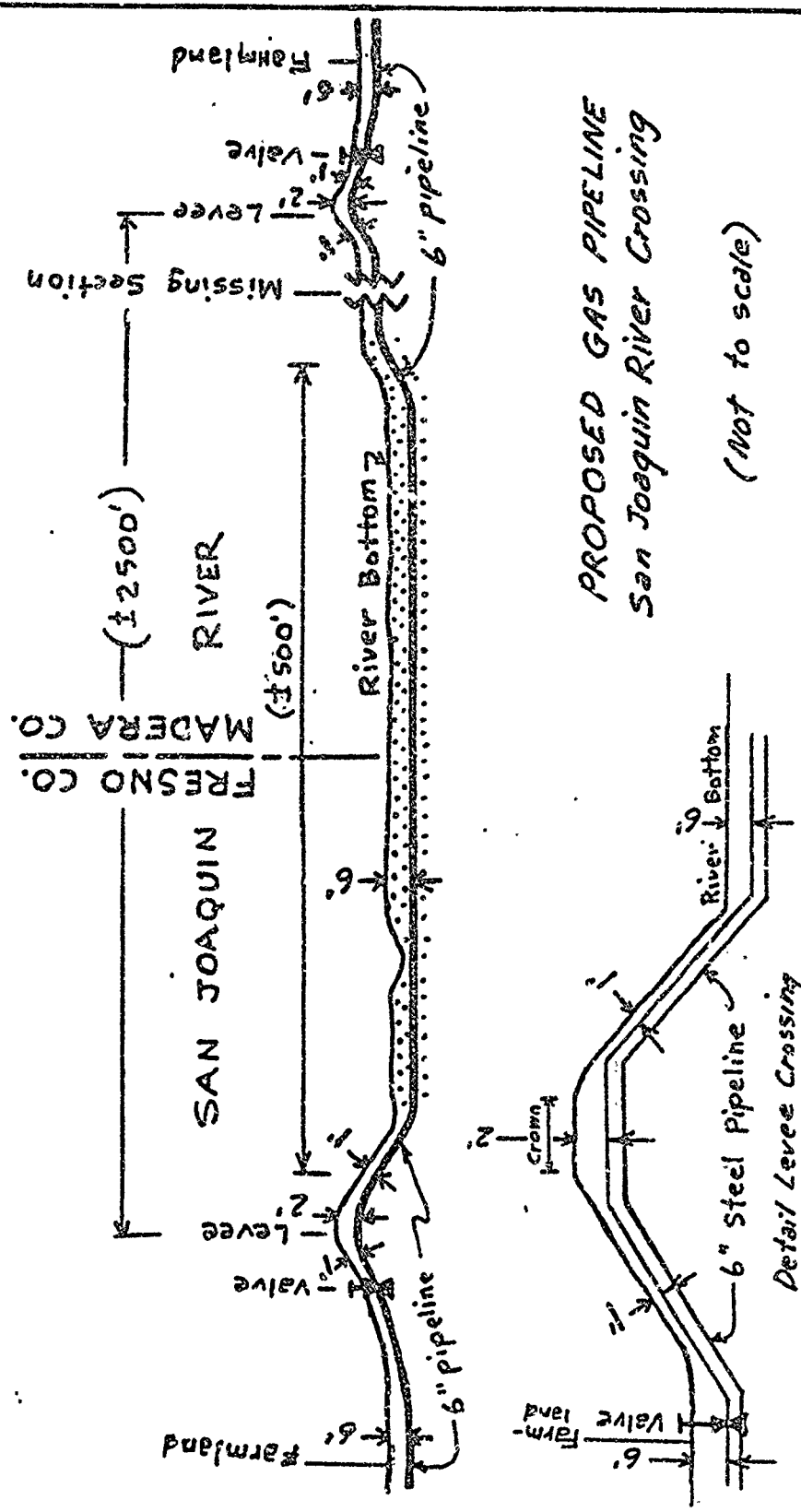
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**PROPOSED GAS PIPELINE  
WILLOW SLOUGH CROSSING**  
(Not to scale)







**PROPOSED GAS PIPELINE**  
**San Joaquin River Crossing**

(Not to scale)

