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GENERAL PERMIT - PUBLIC AGENCY USE

APPLICANT:

Goleta Water District
4699 Hollister Avenue
Goleta, California 93110

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:

A parcel of approximately 1.3 acres of tide and submerged land in Goleta Slough, Goleta, Santa Barbara County.

LAND USE:

An 18-inch-diameter pipeline for the transportation of reclaimed water.

TERMS OF PROPOSED PERMIT:

Initial period:
Forty-nine (49) years beginning June 1, 1992.

CONSIDERATION:

The public use and benefit; with the State reserving the right at any time to set a monetary rental if the Commission finds such action to be in the State's best interest.

BASIS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Pursuant to 2 Cal. Code Regs. 2003.

APPLICANT STATUS:

Applicant is pending permittee of upland.

PREREQUISITE CONDITIONS, FEES AND EXPENSES:

Filing fee and processing costs have been received.

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STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

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

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

AB 884:

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OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Two environmental assessments were conducted regarding an overall water reclamation and delivery project within the Goleta District of Santa Barbara County. These are identified below:

(a) An EIR (SCH NO. 90010711) was prepared and adopted by the Goleta Sanitary District to provide an overview of the environmental effects of a water reclamation plant and distribution system. The State Lands Commission's staff has reviewed this document. Resolution 91-227 certified the EIR, approved the project, and adopted CEQA findings and a mitigation monitoring plan. A copy of the resolution is attached as Exhibit "C". A copy of the Notice of Determination for the project is attached as Exhibit "C-1".

(b) A supplemental EIR (SCH NO. 90011088) was later adopted by the Goleta Sanitary District. The supplemental EIR was prepared to identify additional users of the reclaimed water distribution system, and to determine the effect of pipeline water delivery to such locations. Staff has also reviewed this document. Resolution 91-245 certified the supplemental EIR, approved revisions in the proposed project, and adopted CEQA findings and a mitigation monitoring plan. A copy of the resolution is attached as Exhibit "D". A copy of the Notice of Determination is attached as Exhibit "D-1".

2. Mitigation measures to avoid or substantially lessen impacts have been adopted by Goleta Sanitary District/Goleta Water District, and staff have received and reviewed a copy of the Mitigation Monitoring and

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Reporting Program. All mitigation measures will be monitored by the Goleta Sanitary District/Goleta Water District. A copy of the Monitoring Program is on file at the Sacramento office of the Commission.

3. The Applicant's plan is intended to reduce water shortages in the Goleta Valley. It will include facilities to transport reclaimed water to various locations. A portion of the State's sovereign lands will be crossed by an 18-inch-diameter pipeline which will be located beneath Goleta Slough.

There are substantial unresolved public trust lands title and boundary issues remaining in the Goleta Slough area. The lease will be without prejudice to resolution of those property interests.

3. Potable water is currently supplied to the area from local sources. In June 1991, voters approved the extension of the State Water Project pipeline to supply the area with additional potable water. The Reclaimed Water Project will increase local supplies thereby reducing the demand for State water.
4. The annual rental value of the site is estimated to be \$100.

APPROVALS OBTAINED:

United States Army Corps of Engineers and County of Santa Barbara.

FURTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED:

State Lands Commission California Coastal Commission, Department of Fish and Game, and Regional Water Quality Control Board.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Land Description
- B. Location Map
- C. Resolution 91-227
- C-1. Notice of Determination/CEQA Findings
- D. Resolution 91-245
- D-1. Notice of Determination/CEQA Findings

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IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT AN EIR (SCH NO. 90010711) WAS PREPARED AND ADOPTED BY THE GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF A WATER RECLAMATION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, AND THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.
2. FIND THAT A SUPPLEMENTAL EIR (SCH NO. 90011088) WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ADOPTED BY THE GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL USERS OF THE RECLAIMED WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND TO DETERMINE THE EFFECT OF THE PIPELINE DELIVERY THERETO, AND THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.
3. ADOPT THE CEQA FINDINGS OF THE CEQA LEAD AGENCY AS CONTAINED IN EXHIBIT "D" AND FIND THAT A MITIGATION MONITORING PLAN WAS ADOPTED BY THE GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT WHICH WILL ENSURE THAT SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS TO LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION WILL BE LESSEMED AND/OR AVOIDED.
4. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF A 49-YEAR GENERAL PERMIT - PUBLIC AGENCY USE, BEGINNING JUNE 1, 1992, TO THE GOLETA WATER DISTRICT, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC USE AND BENEFIT, WITH THE STATE RESERVING THE RIGHT AT ANY TIME TO SET A MONETARY RENTAL IF THE COMMISSION FINDS SUCH ACTION TO BE IN THE STATE'S BEST INTEREST; FOR THE INSTALLATION, USE, AND MAINTENANCE OF AN 18-INCH-DIAMETER RECLAIMED WATER TRANSPORT PIPELINE ON THE LAND DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

EXHIBIT "A"

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LAND DESCRIPTION

A strip of submerged land in the State-owned bed of Goleta Slough, Santa Barbara County, State of California, and being a portion of the land described in an Agreement and Grant from the State of California to the County of Santa Barbara recorded November 13, 1970, as Instrument No. 31347 in Book 2327, pages 230 through 237, inclusive, of Official Records, and a portion of the land described in Deed from Pacific Lighting Gas Supply Company to the State of California recorded June 26, 1962, as Instrument No. 26281 in Book, 1937, pages 508 through 529, inclusive, of Official Records, both in the Office of the County Recorder of Santa Barbara County, said strip being twenty (20.00) feet wide and lying ten (10.00) feet on each side of the following described centerline:

COMMENCING at a point on the northerly line of said land described in Instrument No. 31347, said point being distant thereon N 73° 21' 36" E, 185.10 feet from the southwesterly terminus of that certain course described in said land as N 74° 21' 15" E, 379.10 feet; thence leaving said northerly line S 13° 25' 47" E, 117.07 feet; thence S 08° 54' 58" W, 77.92 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence N 08° 54' 58" E, 77.92 feet; thence N 13° 25' 47" W, 243.71 feet; thence N 57° 39' 26" W, 48.44 feet; thence S 74° 10' 37" W, 185.00 feet; thence S 79° 51' 25" W, 100.00 feet; thence N 79° 38' 21" W, 50.00 feet; thence N 68° 17' 47" W, 115.00 feet; thence N 49° 53' 02" W, 45.00 feet; thence N 67° 58' 35" W, 420.00 feet; thence N 62° 16' 56" W, 80.00 feet; thence N 40° 05' 32" W, 90.00 feet; thence N 18° 13' 40" W, 100.00 feet; thence N 01° 01' 50" E, 1265.62 feet; thence S 89° 24' 53" E, 1.19 feet to the end of the herein described centerline

EXCEPTING THEREFROM any portion lying landward of the ordinary high water mark of Goleta Slough.

END OF DESCRIPTION

REVIEWED and REVISED APRIL, 1992 BY LLB

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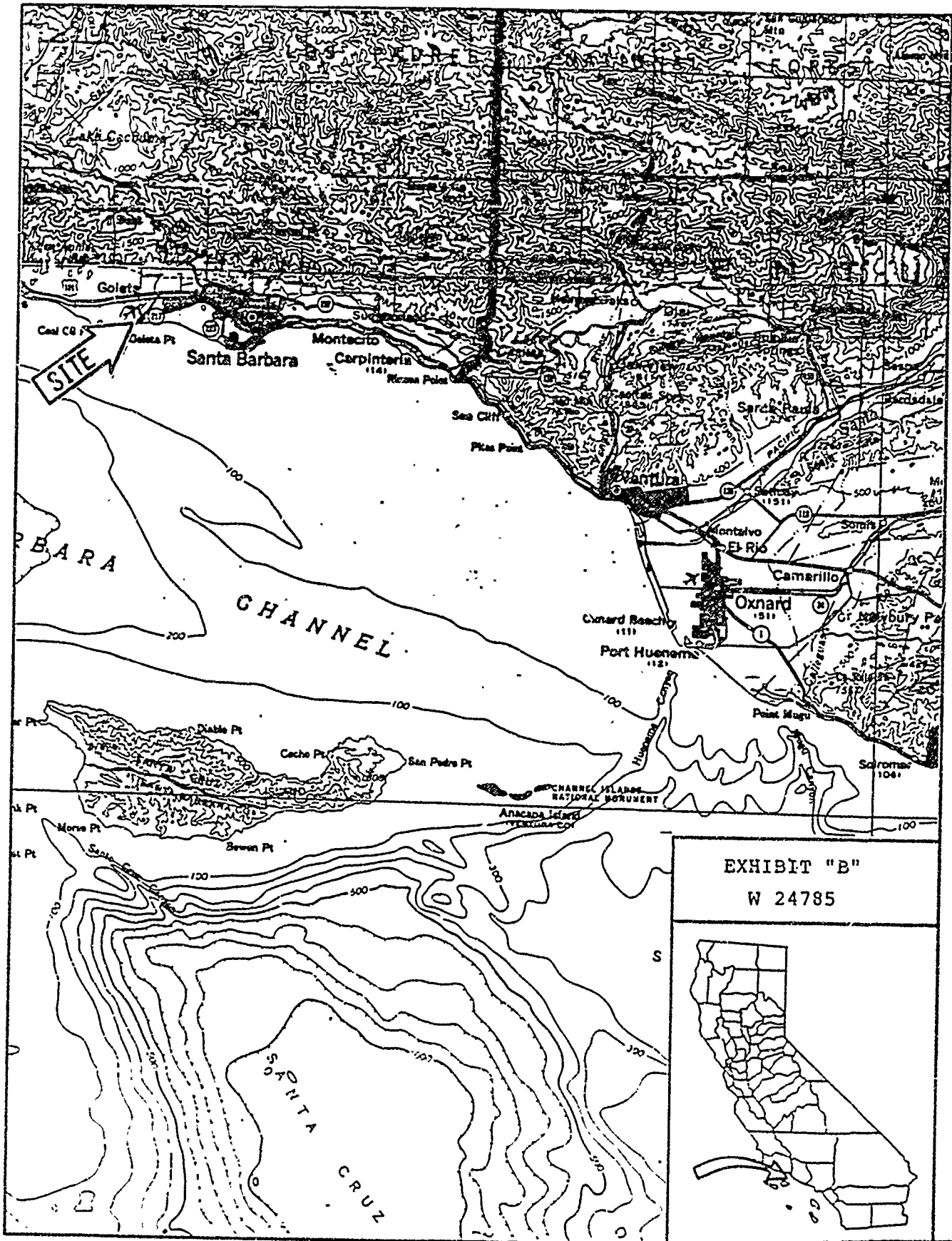


EXHIBIT "B"
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January 21, 1991
(91-01-04)

EXHIBIT C

RESOLUTION NO. 91-227

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, APPROVING
WASTEWATER RECLAMATION PROJECT, ADOPTING STATEMENT OF FINDINGS
AND ADOPTING MITIGATION MONITORING PLAN

GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, an emergency water shortage exists in the Goleta area due to a sustained drought;

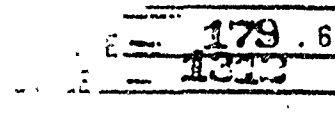
WHEREAS, the Goleta Sanitary District, in cooperation with the Goleta Water District, has developed and designed a plan for the construction of wastewater reclamation facilities consisting of treatment plant improvements and a distribution system capable of supplying approximately 3,000 acre feet per year of reclaimed water (the "Project");

WHEREAS, an Environmental Impact Report dated January 1991 has been prepared which describes the Project and analyzes its environmental effects (the "EIR").

WHEREAS, a mitigation monitoring plan has been prepared to insure that the mitigation measures set forth in the EIR are implemented.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Governing Board hereby certifies that the EIR has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. The Governing Board hereby certifies that the EIR has been presented to it and that it has reviewed and considered the information contained in the EIR.



3. The Governing Board hereby adopts the Statement of Findings attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

4. The Governing Board hereby adopts the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program dated January 1991, prepared by Interface Planning and Counseling Corporation and incorporates said Program herein by reference.

5. The Governing Board hereby approves the Project as described in the EIR, subject to those certain conditions and mitigation measures set forth in the EIR and in the attached Statement of Findings.

6. The Governing Board hereby authorizes and directs the Secretary to file a Notice of Determination relating to the approval of the Project.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 21st day of January, 1991, by the following vote:

AYES: Carter, Fox, Lane, Majoewsky, and Trantow

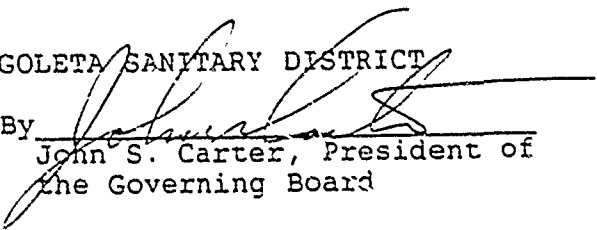
NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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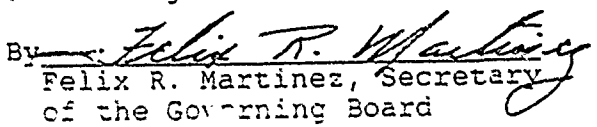
GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT

By


John S. Carter, President of
the Governing Board

Countersigned

By


Felix R. Martinez, Secretary
of the Governing Board

STATEMENT OF FINDINGS
REGARDING GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT/GOLETA WATER DISTRICT
WASTEWATER RECLAMATION PROJECT

I. Findings that significant environmental impact are avoided or substantially lessened.

The Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") for the proposed Goleta Sanitary District/Goleta Water District Water Reclamation Plant and Distribution System (the "Project") identifies the following significant environmental effects which can be avoided or substantially lessened: geology and soils, archaeological resources, biological resources, traffic and circulation, air quality and noise. The Goleta Sanitary District (the "District") finds that these environmental effects are avoided or substantially lessened by approved revisions in the Project and/or conditions of approval as discussed below.

A. Geology and Soils. Significant ground shaking could occur on or near the reclamation plant site due to the plant's close proximity to the More Ranch Fault. To mitigate potential significant ground shaking impacts, a fifty foot non-structural setback zone shall be established from the southern fence line of the Project's site northward and a site coefficient (S) of 1.0 shall be used for the design of the proposed structures.

Groundwater may be encountered during excavation and grading for structures twenty feet below grade. To mitigate this impact, proper grading of the bottom of each deep excavation will be done and submersible pumps will be used.

Significant impacts could also occur from differential settlement of structures. To reduce this potential impact, each structure will bear entirely on either bedrock or engineered fill, but not on a combination of the two. In addition, the existing artificial fill in the area of the proposed structures will be removed and recompactd.

Significant impacts may also occur with lateral load resistance resulting from passive pressure against the vertical sides of footings or friction acting at the base of the foundations of structures. This impact will be mitigated by placing footings at a minimum depth of 2 feet below the lowest adjacent grade and using a minimum footing width of 24 inches.

The existence of moderately expansive soil at the Project site has a potential to create significant impacts. These impacts can be reduced by using bearing pressure of 2,000 pounds per square foot in engineered fill and 3,000 pounds per square foot in competent bedrock.

Significant impacts to subterranean walls could occur due to lateral earth pressure from native or compacted soils. This impact will be mitigated by using allowable passive earth pressure of 350 pounds per square foot per foot of depth in the design of the structures. In addition, allowable passive earth pressure values will not exceed 3,000 pounds per square foot. Footings will be placed a minimum of 24 inches below the lowest adjacent grade and will be reinforced with no. 4 bar, top and bottom.

Impacts associated with temporary cut slopes will be mitigated by designing any walls with level backfill and no

restraint at the top for an active equivalent fluid pressure of 45 PSF per foot of depth, above the ground water level, and 85 PSF per foot of depth, below the ground water level. Impacts to subterranean walls from lateral earth pressure will be mitigated by designing lateral restraint for an at rest equivalent fluid pressure of 65 PSF per foot of depth, above the ground water level, and 95 PSF per foot of depth, below the ground water level. Walls will be designed to resist surcharge loads applied at the ground surface within a distance of one-half the wall height and recommended static earth pressure will be increased under seismic loading conditions.

Impacts associated with potential over-stressing of buried walls will be mitigated by using suitable hand operated equipment for compaction within a 3 foot wide zone adjacent to buried walls.

During the excavation of the reclaimed water storage tank, temporary cut slopes will be constructed at an inclination no steeper than 1:1 in soil and 3/4:1 in competent bedrock. In addition, heavy construction equipment and spoil piles will be kept at least 20 feet away from the top of the slopes and all surface water shall be diverted away from the excavation. If vertical sided excavations are necessary due to limited lateral clearance from existing structures or utilities, temporary shoring will be used to reduce potential impacts.

To mitigate potentially significant corrosion impacts to both concrete and steel, all metal elements of the Project in contact with soil will be designed for corrosion protection.

Finally, installation of the distribution pipeline under San Pedro Creek could disturb the bed of the creek, potentially creating significant erosion impacts. To mitigate this impact, this pipeline segment will be installed during lowest flow or no flow conditions.

This District finds that significant environmental effects relating to geology and soils will be avoided or substantially lessened by the mitigation measures to be implemented which are outlined above.

B. Archaeological Resources. Impacts to archaeological site GS-1 will be avoided by placing the pipeline along the west side of Lopez Street. To mitigate impacts to archaeological site SBa-1965, all excavations will be monitored throughout the entire Project and Native American consultation will be continued throughout Project planning.

Potentially significant impacts could occur to archaeological site SBa-48. The District will undertake a Phase II testing program to assess the nature and significance of the deposits at this site lying within the proposed pipeline route. If significant archaeological resources are determined to exist, an alternative pipeline alignment will be sought in consultation with UCSB planners. If a suitable alternative alignment is not available, impacts on this site will be mitigated by incorporating mitigation measures identified in the Phase II program into the Project description.

Impacts to archaeological site SBa-47 will be mitigated by placing the pipeline on the west and south side of University Road

and within the portion of the road that has been determined to be secondary fill.

Due to the archaeological sensitivity of the entire area, the possibility also exists that impacts may result to undiscovered resources along the pipeline corridor. To mitigate these potential impacts, all excavations will be monitored for the entire project. If the monitor finds significant archaeological deposits, the monitor will proceed in accordance with County archaeological guidelines.

The District finds that the significant environmental effects from the Project relating to archaeological resources will be avoided or substantially lessened by the foregoing mitigation measures.

C. Biological Resources. Indirect, short-term impacts could occur to wildlife activity in the immediate vicinity of the construction zone. To mitigate this impact, construction operations in sensitive areas will be scheduled to avoid the spring nesting season, generally from March 1 to May 1.

A large cottonwood tree located on the east bank of San Pedro Creek could be adversely impacted by the construction of the pipeline within the root zone. To avoid this potential impact, the cottonwood tree will be preserved and will be fenced at the dripline during construction. Potential impacts to San Pedro Creek from debris runoff during construction will be mitigated by the placement of a temporary berm on the east side of Verhelle Road. Impacts to riparian areas such as San Pedro Creek and

Goleta Slough will be mitigated by revegetating any areas disturbed by construction with native plants.

Fencing of the Project construction area could impact wildlife by acting as a barrier to movement. To avoid this impact, the District will utilize a fence design which does not restrict movement of wildlife.

The District finds that the significant environmental effects relating to biological resources will be avoided or substantially lessened by the mitigation measures discussed above.

D. Traffic and Circulation. Traffic impacts and disruption to circulation patterns from the Project would result if more than one traffic lane or if any entire roadway were to be closed or blocked by construction activities at any point along the pipeline corridor at any time of day. To mitigate this potential impact, no more than one lane of any roadway near pipeline construction will be closed at one time during the construction and the pipeline will be placed as close to the shoulder or median strip as possible. In addition, traffic supervision of roadways during construction will be provided.

The construction of the pipeline could result in the closure of bike paths and could potentially create hazards for bike riders forced off the bike paths. This impact will be mitigated by redirecting any bike path affected by construction in order to provide safe passage for bike riders. All damage caused to any bike path or roadway during construction will be replaced or repaired.

The District finds that significant environmental effects relating to traffic and circulation will be avoided or substantially lessened by the mitigation measures discussed above.

E. Air Quality. Construction activities associated with the Project would generate significant amounts of particulate matter. To mitigate this impact, all APCD standard dust mitigation measures will be complied with during construction. The District finds that the foregoing significant environmental effects relating to air quality will be avoided or substantially lessened by this mitigation measure.

F. Noise. Construction activities could result in the generation of short-term noise. To mitigate this impact, construction activities will be limited to the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Construction will be prohibited on weekends and holidays. The District finds that the foregoing significant environmental effects relating to noise will be avoided or substantially lessened by this mitigation measure.

II. General Findings In Support of Project.

The EIR for this Project does not identify any environmental effects which cannot be avoided or substantially lessened. Accordingly, the District is not required to adopt a statement of overriding considerations. The District nevertheless makes the following findings which support the approval of the Project:

A. Drought emergency. Public officials have declared that an emergency situation currently exists in the Project area due to

the sustained drought. An urgent need therefore exists for developing new water supplies.

B. Long-Term Water Shortage. According to the Water White Paper published by the Santa Barbara Board of Realtors dated November 1990 which was distributed to members of the District's Governing Board at an earlier public meeting, even in years with normal rainfall, southern Santa Barbara County has an annual water deficit of 10,000 acre feet. Therefore, a clear need exists for developing new long-term water supplies.

C. Drought Relief. The proposed Project can provide a significant supply of new water to the area sooner than other alternatives. The Project should therefore be pursued at this time to provide some level of relief from the drought as soon as possible.

D. Long-Term Water Shortage Relief. The proposed Project will provide a reliable long-term source of affordable water to the area which will address the annual water deficit. Accordingly, it would be important to pursue the Project at this time even if the area were not currently experiencing a drought.

E. Appropriate Design. Numerous design alternatives for the Project have been considered, including alternative pipeline alignments. The proposed Project has been found to be the one that best meets the needs of the area, supplies reclaimed water at the lowest possible cost and results in the least adverse environmental impacts.

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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: (Public Agency) _____
Goleta Sanitary District
P.O. Box 908
Goleta, California 93116

 County Clerk
County of Santa Barbara
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Goleta Sanitary District/Goleta Water District Water Reclamation Project
Project title

State Clearinghouse Number _____ Contact Person _____ Area Code/Number/Extension _____
(If Submitted to Clearinghouse)
1000 Fowler Road, Goleta, CA 93116
Project Location

Construction wastewater reclamation treatment facilities and distribution system.
Project Description

This is to advise that the Goleta Sanitary District
(Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)
has approved the above described project on 1/21/91 and has made the follow-
(Date)

ing determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project will, will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were, were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A statement of Overriding Considerations was, was not adopted for this project.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

Goleta Sanitary District, 1000 Fowler Road, Goleta, CA 93116

Date Received for Filing and Posting at CPR _____

Felix R. Martinez
Signature (Public Agency)
Felix R. Martinez

General Manager/District Engineer
Title

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EXHIBIT D

RESOLUTION NO. 91-245

GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT
RESOLUTION CERTIFYING SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT,
APPROVING REVISIONS TO WASTEWATER RECLAMATION PROJECT, ADOPTING
STATEMENT OF FINDINGS AND ADOPTING MITIGATION MONITORING AND
REPORTING PLAN

WHEREAS, a long term water shortage exists in the Goleta area, the severity of which has increased in recent years due to a sustained drought;

WHEREAS, the Goleta Sanitary District, in cooperation with the Goleta Water District, has developed and designed a plan for the construction of wastewater reclamation facilities consisting of treatment plant improvements and a distribution system capable of supplying approximately 3,000 acre feet per year of reclaimed water (the "Project");

WHEREAS, an Environmental Impact Report dated January 1991 which describes the Project and analyzes its environmental effects was certified by the Goleta Sanitary District Governing Board on January 21, 1991;

WHEREAS, the Goleta Sanitary District Governing Board approved the Project on January 21, 1991;

WHEREAS, a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (the "SEIR") has been prepared to review the second phase of the Project which consists of extending the original reclaimed water distribution system to serve additional users. The SEIR also reviews an alternative to the Verhelle Road pipeline alignment analyzed in the EIR and an alternative method for the pipeline to cross the Goleta Slough at the Sandspit Road entrance to Goleta Beach. A final component of the Project which is reviewed in the SEIR is the development of a new disinfection system located at the Goleta Sanitary District site. Said pipeline extension, alternative alignment, revised Goleta Slough Crossing and disinfection system are referred to herein as the "Revised Project";

WHEREAS, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan has been prepared by the firm Interface to insure that the mitigation measures set forth in the SEIR are implemented.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Governing Board hereby certifies that the SEIR has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. The Governing Board hereby certifies that the SEIR has

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been presented to it and that it has reviewed and considered the information contained in the SEIR.

3. The Governing Board hereby adopts the statement of Findings attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

4. The Governing Board hereby adopts the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan prepared for the Revised Project by Interface.

5. The Governing Board hereby approves the Revised Project as described in the SEIR, subject to those certain conditions and mitigation measures set forth in the SEIR and in the attached Statement of Findings.

6. The Governing Board hereby authorizes and directs the Secretary to file a Notice of Determination relating to the approval of the Revised Project.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of October, 1991, by the following vote:

AYES: Carter, Fox, Lane, Majoewsky and Trantow

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

GOLETA/SANITARY DISTRICT

By John S. Carter
John S. Carter, President of
the Governing Board

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Countersigned

By Felix R. Martinez
Felix R. Martinez, Secretary
of the Governing Board

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STATEMENT OF FINDINGS
REGARDING GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT/GOLETA WATER DISTRICT
WASTEWATER RECLAMATION PROJECT
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

I. Findings that significant environmental impacts are avoided or substantially lessened.

The Supplemental Environmental Impact Report ("SEIR") for the second phase of the Goleta Sanitary District/Goleta Water District Water Reclamation Plant and Distribution System (the "Project") identifies the following significant environmental effects which can be avoided or substantially lessened: archaeological resources, biological resources, traffic and circulation, air quality, noise and hazardous materials. The Goleta Sanitary District (the "District") finds that these environmental effects are avoided or substantially lessened by approved revisions in the Project and/or conditions of approval as discussed below.

A. Archaeological Resources. Excavation, trenching or soil recompaction exceeding the depth of previously disturbed soil horizons within the boundaries of archaeological sites SBa-53, SBa-58, SBa-59 and Locus 1 would adversely affect the integrity of cultural deposits. To mitigate this impact, to the maximum extent feasible all known and suspected archaeological resources and loci of undetermined origin and/or cultural affiliation will be avoided by the proposed pipeline. In addition, all trenching within areas of archaeological sensitivity will be monitored by a professional archaeologist

pursuant to the guidelines set forth in the SEIR. All trenching within areas which may contain cultural deposits associated with sites SBA-53, SBA-58 and SBA-59 will also be monitored by representatives of the Native American community. The construction schedule will be organized so that the earliest work begins within the areas identified as being archaeologically sensitive. All construction personnel will be alerted to the possibility of encountering buried cultural deposits within the project area. If any portion of an identified archaeological site or loci of undetermined origin and/or cultural affiliation cannot be avoided by pipeline trenching, a Phase II subsurface testing program will be completed to evaluate the nature, extent and significance of the identified cultural resources.

The District finds that the significant environmental effects from the Project relating to archaeological resources will be avoided or substantially lessened by the foregoing mitigation measures.

B. Biological Resources. Construction of the alternative Fairview pipeline alignment could impact ornamental pine trees. To mitigate this impact, the row of pine trees adjacent to the east side of the pipeline will be avoided during placement of boring pits and pipeline construction.

Cumulative impacts to the Goleta Slough could result from reclaimed water draining from sites 1, 2, 22 and 30 through 34. Cumulative impacts to the Devereux Slough could result from reclaimed water draining from sites 18, 20, 21, 23 through 27.

and 29. To mitigate these impacts, individual user agreements will be developed to assure proper application rates and management of the reclaimed water irrigation systems. Guidelines set forth in the User Manual will be followed to minimize potential runoff from leaving the application sites and eventually entering the Goleta and Devereux Sloughs.

Incorrect amounts of water applied during specific seasons could adversely impact vernal pools. To mitigate this potential impact, no irrigation water will be applied to site 19, the Del Sol Vernal Pool. The pickleweed wetland adjacent to site 21 could be adversely impacted by the introduction of large amounts of fresh water. To mitigate this impact, the amount of irrigation water used on the athletic field adjacent to the pickleweed marsh will not exceed existing levels of irrigation. The introduction of large amounts of fresh water could also adversely impact the pickleweed wetland adjacent to site 22. To mitigate this impact, runoff will be prevented from entering any portion of the slough through enforcement of user agreements. In addition, a buffer area that will not receive any irrigation will be established around the athletic field to protect the existing pickleweed wetland.

Pipeline construction to serve the Devereux School could adversely impact a row of blue gum trees along Camino Majorica Road. To mitigate this impact, the pipeline alignment will be selected to avoid the largest blue gum trees and use existing gaps in the windrow. Any trees which are removed will be

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replaced in accordance with ratios acceptable to the County of Santa Barbara.

The introduction of reclaimed water at site 31, the University Business Center, could adversely impact Tecolotito Creek. To mitigate this impact, individual user agreements will be developed to insure proper application rates and management of the reclaimed water irrigation systems. Use guidelines stipulated in the User Manual will be followed to minimize the potential of runoff from leaving the application site and eventually entering the Tecolotito Creek.

Boring of the pipeline under the Goleta Slough could adversely impact the Slough. To mitigate this potential impact, jacking and receiving pits will be located to avoid channel banks and berms will be placed along the top of both banks to prevent sediment from draining in to the channel. In addition, construction will be scheduled to avoid the spring nesting season.

The District finds that the significant environmental effects relating to biological resources will be avoided or substantially lessened by the mitigation measures discussed above.

C. Traffic and Circulation. Traffic impacts and disruption to circulation patterns from the Project would result if more than one traffic or parking lane or if any entire roadway were to be closed or blocked by construction activities at any point along the pipeline corridor. To mitigate this potential impact, the pipeline will be placed as close to the

shoulder or median strip as possible to avoid affecting more than a single lane of traffic during construction. In addition, during peak traffic hours (7:00 to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.) at least one traffic lane in each direction will remain open. At all other times, at least one travel lane will remain open.

The construction of the pipeline could result in the closure of bike paths and could potentially create hazards for bike riders forced off the bike paths. This impact will be mitigated by redirecting any bike path affected by construction in order to provide safe passage for bike riders. All damage caused to any bike path or roadway during construction will be replaced or repaired.

The District finds that significant environmental effects relating to traffic and circulation will be avoided or substantially lessened by the mitigation measures discussed above.

D. Noise. Construction activities could result in the generation of short-term noise. To mitigate this impact, construction activities will be limited to the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Construction will be prohibited on weekends and holidays. The District finds that the foregoing significant environmental effects relating to noise will be avoided or substantially lessened by this mitigation measure.

E. Hazardous Materials. Pipeline construction along Fairview Avenue could significantly interfere with present or

future remediation efforts with respect to contaminated soils. To mitigate this impact, contaminated soils encountered during pipeline construction will be remediated or will be removed and disposed of at an appropriate disposal facility. The pipeline excavation will be filled solely with clean, uncontaminated soil materials. In addition, the County Department of Environmental Health Services will be informed of the construction schedule so County staff may be present for excavation of the trench in the immediate vicinity of the Fairview Avenue/Hollister Avenue intersection.

The District finds that the significant environmental effects relating to hazardous materials will be avoided or substantially lessened by the mitigation measures discussed above.

II. General Findings In Support of Project.

The SEIR for this Project does not identify any environmental effects which cannot be avoided or substantially lessened. Accordingly, the District is not required to adopt a statement of overriding considerations. The District nevertheless makes the following findings which support the approval of the Project:

A. Current Drought. The Goleta area is currently experiencing a serious drought which has lasted several years. An urgent need therefore exists for developing new water supplies.

B. Long-Term Water Shortage. According to the Water White Paper published by the Santa Barbara Board of Realtors dated November 1990 which was distributed to members of the District's Governing Board at an earlier public meeting, even in years with normal rainfall, southern Santa Barbara County has an annual water deficit of 10,000 acre feet. Therefore, a clear need exists for developing new long-term water supplies. The need for new water supplies is also evidenced by the long-term water moratorium enacted by the Goleta Water District.

C. Drought Relief. The proposed Project can provide a significant supply of new water to the area sooner than other alternatives. The Project should therefore be pursued at this time to provide some level of relief from the current drought as soon as possible.

D. Long-Term Water Shortage Relief. The proposed Project will provide a reliable long-term source of affordable water to the area which will address the annual water deficit. Accordingly, it would be important to pursue the Project at this time even if the area were not currently experiencing a drought.

E. Appropriate Design. Numerous design alternatives for the Project have been considered, including alternative pipeline alignments. The proposed Project has been found to be the one that best meets the needs of the area, supplies reclaimed water at the lowest possible cost and results in the least adverse environmental impacts.

F. New Disinfection Facilities. The District's existing disinfection system utilizes chlorine gas, which is an acutely

hazardous material. The new disinfection facilities described in the SEIR would utilize liquid sodium hypochlorite and sodium bisulfate, neither of which are listed as acutely hazardous materials. The approval of the Project described in the SEIR will therefore eliminate the risks and potential adverse environmental impacts associated with the use of acutely hazardous chlorine gas.

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APPENDIX H

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: X Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: (Public Agency) _____
Goleta Sanitary District
1000 Fowler Road
Goleta, CA 93117

____ County Clerk
County of Santa Barbara

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

GSD/GWD Reclaimed Water Distribution System Extensions & Improvements

<u>Project Title</u>		
<u>90011088</u>	<u>Goleta Sanitary District</u>	<u>(805) 967-4519</u>
<u>State Clearinghouse Number</u>	<u>Lead Agency</u>	<u>Area Code/Number/Extension</u>
<u>(If Submitted to Clearinghouse)</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	
<u>1000 Fowler Road, Goleta and Southern Goleta Valley, Santa Barbara County</u>		

Project Location
The project includes extension of the original, reclaimed water distribution system to serve additional users, construction of alternative pipeline alignments to serve

Project Description
initial-phase users and development of a new disinfection system at the GSD site.

This is to advise that the Goleta Sanitary District
(Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)
has approved the above described project on 10/3/1991 and has made the following
(Data)

- ing determinations regarding the above described project:
1. The project will, XX will not have a significant effect on the environment.
 2. XX An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
____ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 3. Mitigation measures XX were, ____ were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
 4. A statement of Overriding Considerations ____ was, XX was not adopted for this project.
 5. Findings XX were, ____ were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

Goleta Sanitary District, 1000 Fowler Rd., Goleta, CA 93117

Data Received for Filing and Posting at OPK _____

<u>Teresa Murray</u>	<u>Interface Planning</u>	<u>10/7/1991</u>	<u>Agent/Associate Environmental</u>
Signature (Public Agency)	Date	Title	Specialist

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