

State of California
SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY

RESOLUTION 17-02

Regarding River West Fresno, Eaton Trail Extension Project, Approval of Proposed Project and Adoption of CEQA Findings of Fact and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan for Proposed Project

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin River Conservancy Board (Conservancy Board) certified the Final Environmental Impact Report for River West Fresno, Eaton Trail Extension Project in Resolution 17-01, and hereby incorporates by reference the defined terms and statements contained in that Resolution;

WHEREAS, the Final EIR includes an analysis of a proposed Project that would extend the existing Lewis S. Eaton Trail by constructing a multipurpose trail extension, approximately 2.4 miles, from the Perrin Avenue alignment near State Route 41 on the east to Spano Park on the west, provide a parking lot (Perrin Avenue parking lot) for 50 vehicles, and pedestrian and bicycle access at four locations: Perrin Avenue, Spano Park, and the West Riverview Drive and Churchill Avenue entrances to the existing Bluff Trail;

WHEREAS, the Final EIR also includes a full analysis of six action alternatives (in addition to the No Project Alternative): Alternatives 2 and 3 analyzed different trail alignments, with no change to the vehicular access or parking lot; Alternatives 1, 5, and 5B each analyzed a design with an additional vehicle entrance and parking lot (in addition to the Perrin Avenue access and parking lot), with no changes to the proposed Project trail alignment; and Alternative 4 analyzed a design with no vehicular access or parking lot;

WHEREAS, the Conservancy Board has considered the information in the Final EIR and input provided through public comments, and recognizes the benefits of proceeding with approving the project as proposed and in its judgement reserving any decisions on approval of any additional vehicular access point and parking lot as analyzed in Alternatives 1, 5, and 5B to a future date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, in consideration of the Final EIR and the entirety of the record, the Conservancy Board adopts the Findings of Fact set forth in Attachment A to this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Conservancy Board adopts the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program as set forth in Attachment B to this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that in consideration of all of the foregoing, and the entirety of the record, the Conservancy Board approves the River West Fresno, Eaton Trail Extension project as described in the Final EIR as the proposed Project (in Chapter 3), along with the project design features, which have been incorporated into the project, and the mitigation measures described in the Findings of Fact attached as Attachment A and reflected in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program attached as Attachment B.

Resolution 17-02 Approval of Proposed Project

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that Conservancy staff file the Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse and post it on the Conservancy's webpage within five days, and to take any other necessary steps to obtain all additional permits, approvals, and rights that would allow construction and operation, when funding and other considerations permit.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that Conservancy staff continue to work with the City of Fresno, relevant landowners, and regulatory agencies regarding issues that need to be resolved to develop an additional vehicular entrance and parking lot as analyzed as Alternatives 1, 5, or 5B and report back to the Conservancy Board at a future public meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Findings of Fact

Attachment B - Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

Passed this day of _____, 2017, by the following roll call vote of the San Joaquin River Conservancy governing board:

Attest:

Melinda S. Marks, Executive Officer