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RESOLUTION NO. 216457 JUL 21 1976

WHEREAS, Environmental Impact Report EQD No. 75-12-16C regarding the construction of the Morrell Street Drain determined the following direct and indirect adverse environmental impacts would result if the proposed project is implemented:

A. The drainage outfall would partially extend into the salt marsh, destroying a small amount of valuable habitat;

B. Additional portions of the marsh could be destroyed by operating and maneuvering construction equipment in the marsh during installation of the outfall;

C. There is potential for scouring of the marsh habitat due to high water velocities during storms;

D. Storm runoff would contain urban pollutants such as rubber, hydrocarbon, fertilizers and pesticides, and would be discharged to sensitive and productive areas of the marsh. Siltation and eutrophication would result, interfering with nutrient and oxygen exchange in the tidal channels and create an accumulation and concentration of toxic materials in the food chain of the marsh;

E. The project was proposed for construction in May, 1976, which may have disrupted breeding birds;

and

WHEREAS, the environmental impact report determined there were mitigating measures that were available to this project; and

WHEREAS, the project has been modified to incorporate the following features which will mitigate the severity of the adverse impacts:

A. The project has been redesigned so as to terminate the outfall in a sparsely vegetated dirt area located between the toe of the roadway embankment and the marsh vegetation to the south. The rock slope protection energy dissipator will be limited to a 25-foot distance from the toe of the roadway embankment and although small amounts of marsh vegetation will be destroyed, it will not extend into the vegetated area of the marsh nor encroach into the water areas;

B. The project specifications restrict the use of construction equipment to the unvegetated dirt area adjacent to the roadway embankment to reduce the habitat destruction;

C. The project has been redesigned at the outfall to provide for a level section of pipe nine feet in length prior to the exit at the headwall and along with the rock slope protection will dissipate the excess energy and reduce the possibility of scouring

within the marsh area;

D. Neither the volume nor water quality of the runoff entering the marsh will be significantly altered from that at present. Present runoff overflows existing curb and sheet flows into the marsh. This project would collect this runoff and discharge it at a single point near one of the larger tidal channels where pollutants would be more readily diluted and carried away by the tidal waters of Mission Bay;

E. Project schedule now indicates that award for construction would be in July 1976 and work would not begin until August 1976 which would reduce potential disturbance to nesting and breeding birds in the marsh;

and

WHEREAS, it is hereby determined that the following factors would result in benefits to the City and its residents:

A. This facility would augment an existing inadequate drain system thus eliminating the problem of flooding of the intersection of Crown Point Drive and Fortuna Avenue and the adjacent private property;

B. The project would reduce the amount of storm water flow into the bird sanctuary where the existing system now terminates;

NOW, THEREFORE,

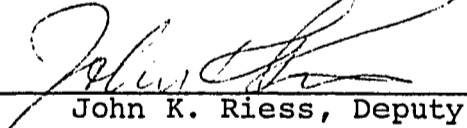
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, as follows:

1. That with regard to the Morrell Street Drain and Environmental Impact Report EQD No. 75-12-16C, this Council hereby finds the above-specified factors will result in benefits to the City and its current and future residents, which benefits outweigh the adverse impacts described in said environmental impact report.

2. That it be and it is hereby certified that the information contained in the environmental impact report on file in the office of the City Clerk as EQD No. 75-12-16C has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 and the State guidelines pursuant thereto, and that said environmental impact report has been reviewed and considered by this Council.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

By


John K. Riess, Deputy

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Passed and adopted by the Council of The City of San Diego on JUL 21 1976,
 by the following vote:

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Gil Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Floyd L. Morrow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tom Gade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mayor Pete Wilson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

AUTHENTICATED BY:

PETE WILSON
 Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

EDWARD NIELSEN
 City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By Edward J. Sutter, Jr. Deputy.

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