

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Newcastle Road and Airport Way Water Main, Phase 2 Project, Buffer Reduction

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to Allow a Revision to the Incidental Take Minimization Measures for Giant Garter Snake (GGS) and Western Pond Turtle (WPT) Buffers

DISCUSSION:

SUMMARY:

The project applicant, City of Stockton Public Works Department, is requesting coverage under the San Joaquin Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan (SJMSCP). Although the project is in a mapped area of the plan, the project is requesting a Giant Garter Snake (GGS) and Western Pond Turtle (WPT) buffer reduction. The project is located south of Arch Road and west of Austin Road, Stockton in the Central Zone (attachment 1 & 2).



RECOMMENDATION:

SJCOG, Inc. staff and the HTAC recommend the SJCOG, Inc. Board to:

- 1) allow a revision to the Incidental Take Minimization Measures for Giant Garter Snake and Western Pond Turtle buffers.

FISCAL IMPACT:

SJCOG, Inc. to be provided mitigation for the project impacts as required under the SJMSCP for approximately 14.94 acres at the appropriate rate at time of disturbance under the Plan. The impacts for this project would consist of:

- 1.42 acres of Urban (U) and;
- 13.52 acres of Agricultural (C34)

BACKGROUND:

The City of Stockton intends to install a 24-inch water transmission main starting at the south end of Newcastle Road west across State Route 99, and tie into the existing 24-inch water transmission line at South Airport Way (attachment 3).



The project will impact Giant Garter Snake (GGS) habitat within the suggested 200-foot buffer and Western Pond Turtle (WPT) within the 300-foot buffer. As identified in section 5.59 of the plan, HTAC, on a case by case review, can establish a setback and buffer zone in place of the 200 and 300 feet suggested. Because construction of portions of the project will be within the suggested buffer areas, the project proponent has requested a reduction in the buffer to a 15-foot setback for the construction site impacts. All other ITMM measures for GGS (*e.g. construction window between May and October and required survey work*) and WPT

will remain standard.

The SJMSCP GIS habitat layer classifies the project site as Urban (U) and Agriculture (C34).

If allowed to participate in the SJMSCP with the revised ITMM, the total disturbed area will consist of 1.42 acres of Urban (U) and 13.52 acres of Agriculture (C34) habitat impacts. The project applicant will be responsible for mitigating for the habitat impacts incurred by this project by either paying the appropriate fees at the time of ground disturbance or dedicating land in lieu of a fee at the appropriate SJMSCP ration.

Adjacent Vegetation and Land Use

Location	SJMSCP Vegetation Map Classification	Habitat Type Category	Actual Use Of Property
Site	Urban (U), Agriculture (C34)	Urban (U), Agriculture (C34)	Urban (U), Agriculture (C34)
North	Urban (U), Agriculture (C34)	Urban (U), Agriculture (C34)	Urban (U), Agriculture (C34)
South	Agriculture (C34)	Agriculture (C34)	Agriculture (C34)
East	Agriculture (C34)	Agriculture (C34)	Agriculture (C34)
West	Agriculture (C34)	Agriculture (C34)	Agriculture (C34)

COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

- Habitat Technical Advisory Committee: Recommended Approval
- SJCOG, Inc. Board: Action Required

ATTACHMENTS:

1. General Location Map
2. Project Location Map
3. Project Site Map

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ATTACHMENT 1





