



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
August 15, 2006

**Honorable Mayor and
 Members of the City Council**

**Title: Mitigation for the Giant Garter Snake Habitat Impacted by the Ueda
 Parkway Project, CIP HB19**

Location/Council District: Main Avenue to West El Camino Avenue Bridge/Council
 District 1

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) approving an agreement with Gilsizer
 Slough, LLC, for \$164,850 of mitigation credits for Ueda Parkway Phase I, CIP HB19.

Contact: Janet Baker, Park Development Manager, 808-8234

Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Park Planning, Design & Development

Organization No: 4727

Description/Analysis

Issue: An environmental review of the project area by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service determined 4.71 acres of giant garter snake habitat is being impacted and have mitigation requirements associated with the Ueda Parkway project. To compensate for such impacts, the City may purchase sufficient suitable conservation credits to offset the identified impacts.

A summary of the project history is included as Attachment 1 (page 4) and an aerial map is included as Attachment 2 (page 5).

Policy Considerations: Providing parks and recreation facilities is consistent with the City's strategic plan to enhance livability in Sacramento's neighborhoods by expanding park, recreation, and trail facilities throughout the City.

Committee/Commission Action: Not applicable. The Parks and Recreation Commission is periodically updated as to the status of the project.

Environmental Considerations: The environmental review, right-of-way, and design have been completed and approved by the City Council in Resolution 2004-834.

Rationale for Recommendation: Staff had contacted several existing mitigation banks in the area, but all others have expended their credits. The Gilsizer mitigation bank for this project is currently being established and the mitigation fund will be held in an escrow account until the bank is set up.

To fulfill mitigation requirements, staff proposes purchasing covered species conservation credits from Gilsizer Slough, LLC (Gilsizer). An agreement needs to be completed with Gilsizer before construction of the Ueda Parkway Phase I project may begin. The construction contract has already been put out to bid and will be awarded by the end of August.

Financial Considerations: The cost of credits is \$35,000 per acre. Therefore, the cost of credits for the 4.71 acres needing to be mitigated is \$164,850. This cost covers acquisition, setting up the bank, and maintenance and operation. Funding from the federal Congestion and Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds will be used to cover this item.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Not applicable.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____



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Director of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:



RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

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Background Information

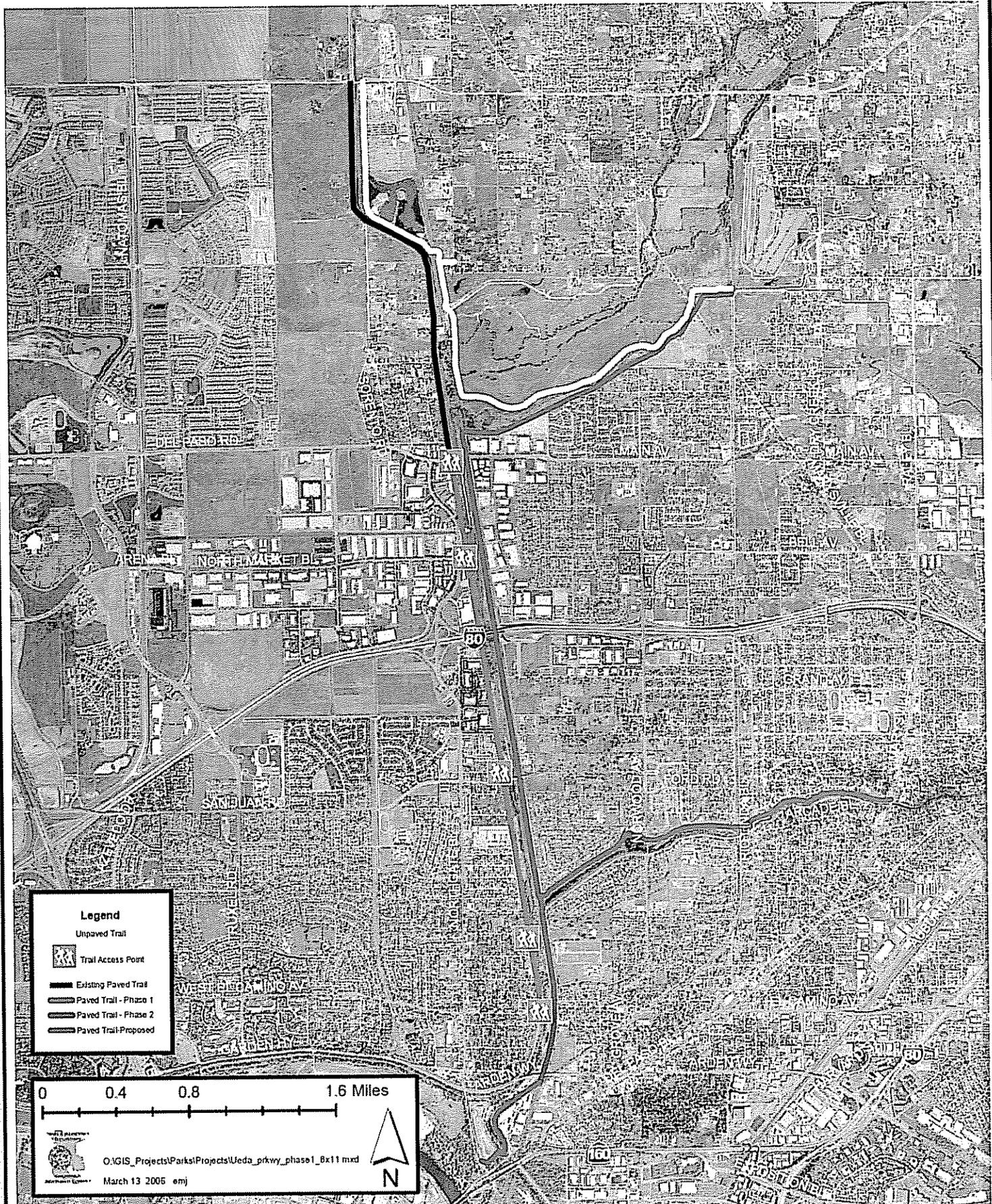
The Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for the development of off-street recreation trails. The Ueda Parkway is an important part of a regional trail system that offers both recreation and commuter opportunities.

Ueda Parkway consists of approximately 12.5 miles of paved recreation trails that are mostly on the crown of levees; Phase I will be approximately four miles of paved trail from Main Avenue to West El Camino Avenue. The Ueda Parkway's purpose is to integrate a recreation trail within creek corridors in the northern area of Sacramento. This trail also provides a significant leg to a 60 mile regional trail loop that extends to the American River Parkway and to Placer County through Folsom. Sacramento County holds a recreation easement along the entire levee-top alignment of Phase I of the parkway which the City of Sacramento is allowed to use their real estate interests through a use agreement approved by Council on May 4, 2006.

Construction of Phase I of the Ueda Parkway is expected to begin in August and be completed by November 2006.



City of Sacramento
Department of Parks of Recreation
Ueda Parkway Aerial



Legend

- Unpaved Trail
- Trail Access Point
- Existing Paved Trail
- Paved Trail - Phase 1
- Paved Trail - Phase 2
- Paved Trail - Proposed

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RESOLUTION NO. 2006-

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

August 15, 2006

**APPROVING THE MITIGATION AGREEMENT FOR THE GIANT GARTER SNAKE
HABITAT IMPACTED BY THE UEDA PARKWAY PROJECT, CIP HB19**

BACKGROUND

- A. The Ueda Parkway is an important part of a regional trail system that offers both recreation and commuter opportunities.
- B. An environmental review of the project area determined 4.71 acres of giant garter snake habitat is being impacted and have mitigation requirements associated with the Ueda Parkway project.
- C. To fulfill mitigation requirements, staff proposes purchasing covered species conservation credits from Gilsizer Slough, LLC. The cost of credits is \$35,000 per acre.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. An agreement is approved with Gilsizer Slough, LLC, for \$164,850 of mitigation credits for Ueda Parkway Phase I, CIP HB19.

