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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Naming The Recreation Trails Project the *Walter S. Ueda Parkway*

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT

North and South Natomas and North Sacramento, City Council Districts 1 and 2

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council, by resolution, name the recreation trails project in the north area of Sacramento the *Walter S. Ueda Parkway*.

CONTACT PERSON

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF

February 13, 1996

SUMMARY

A recreation trails project including ten miles of bicycle, pedestrian and equestrian trails is being planned along the Natomas East Main Drainage Canal and adjoining creeks. This project has been referred to by several unofficial names, including Kakini Parkway. In order to recommend an official name for the project, the Recreation Trails Project Committee conducted several community meetings during 1995 and then met with the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation. The recommendation from these groups is that the official name of this project be the Walter S. Ueda Parkway.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION

The Citizens' Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation, at its meeting of October 19, 1995, recommended that the official name of the recreation trails project be the Walter S. Ueda Parkway.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 1992, Congress authorized the Army Corps of Engineers to proceed with flood control improvements in the Natomas basin and in areas adjacent to the basin in the lower Dry and Arcade Creek watersheds. The

project also authorized the design and construction of recreation facilities and enhancements along the Natomas East Main Drainage Canal, lower Arcade Creek, and lower Dry Creek. The primary feature of these recreational amenities is a network of bicycle, pedestrian and equestrian trails. A map of this project is attached as Exhibit A. Matching federal funds of up to \$4.4 million are authorized. The Recreation Trails Project Committee has developed a draft plan for the parkway, and financing strategies are underway. The Project Committee is comprised of city and county staff, SAFCA representatives and numerous community organizations and residents.

In 1991, the City Council adopted a policy for naming park and recreational facilities (see Exhibit B). The Recreation Trails Project Committee and the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation followed the procedures in the policy to select a name, and now recommend that the City Council adopt the name Walter S. Ueda Parkway. Other names considered for the parkway included: Kakini, Blue Heron, Egret, Steelhead, Gold Rush, Bannon, Salmon, Lauh (Valley Oak), Tapu (California Poppy), Chippa (Willow), Maidu, Discovery, American Basin and Pleasant Grove.

Walt Ueda worked for the City of Sacramento in the departments of Parks and Community Services, Neighborhood Services, and Public Works from 1986 until his death on September 10, 1995. For twenty-three years prior he worked for the County of Sacramento in the Parks and Recreation Department. Within both organizations Mr. Ueda was intricately involved in the development of parks and recreation facilities throughout the county. He worked tirelessly as a park advocate to acquire and preserve open space and park land for the enjoyment of present and future generations. Beyond his official capacity, Walt contributed countless hours to the community as an interested citizen on issues related to preservation of unique open space areas.

The County of Sacramento is making plans to establish a currently-undeveloped portion of the American River Parkway as Walter S. Ueda Park. The Walter S. Ueda Park will be the southern-most entry point to the proposed Walter S. Ueda Parkway. The Rio Linda / Elverta Recreation and Park District has adopted a resolution supporting the naming of the portion of the project in their jurisdiction as the Walter S. Ueda Parkway. A tree grove planting ceremony will be conducted in Ueda Park in the Spring of 1996.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

No funding is required for this action. Funding action to develop the project may be submitted to the City Council at a later date. Naming the project does not obligate the City to expend funds on the project.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The recommendation for naming the project is consistent with the City policy for naming park and recreational facilities.

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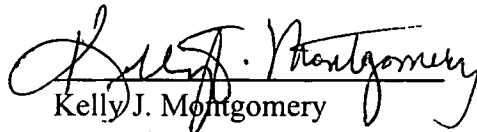
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

This program is exempt from the CEQA requirements because it has been determined that there is no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment [Section 15061(b)(3)].

MBE/WBE EFFORTS

Not applicable, as no goods or services are being purchased as a result of this report.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly J. Montgomery
Area Director, Area 4
Neighborhood Services Department

Recommendation Approved:



WILLIAM H. EDGAR
City Manager

Exhibit A - Map and written description of proposed parkway limits
Exhibit B - Policy for naming park and recreational facilities

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RESOLUTION NO. 96-071

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

**RESOLUTION NAMING THE RECREATION TRAILS PROJECT
THE WALTER S. UEDA PARKWAY**

WHEREAS, design is occurring for a recreation trails project in the north area of Sacramento along the Natomas East Main Drainage Canal and the Robla / Rio Linda, Dry and Arcade Creeks; and

WHEREAS, the recreation trails project will include bicycle, pedestrian and equestrian trails; and

WHEREAS, Walter S. Ueda worked for the City of Sacramento designing and developing parks and recreation facilities in the departments of Parks and Community Services, Neighborhood Services and Public Works from 1986 until his death on September 10, 1995; and

WHEREAS, Walter S. Ueda worked from 1963 to 1986 for the County of Sacramento in the Parks and Recreation Department where he was responsible for increasing the County's park acreage from 500 to 11,000; and

WHEREAS, Walter S. Ueda was an active supporter of parks, open space and trails to enhance the quality of life of the region's residents; and

WHEREAS, Walter S. Ueda was actively involved in the acquisition and development of the notable American River Parkway; and

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WHEREAS, Walter S. Ueda obtained the trail easement for the Natomas East Main Drainage Canal from the American River Parkway to Placer County and was committed to the development of the recreation trails project; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sacramento is making plans to name a portion of the American River Parkway, the southern entry point into the recreation trails project, as Walter S. Ueda Park; and

WHEREAS, the Rio Linda / Elverta Recreation and Park District has adopted a resolution supporting the naming of the portion of the project in their jurisdiction as the Walter S. Ueda Parkway; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation has recommended that the recreation trails project be named the Walter S. Ueda Parkway;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

That the recreation trails project in the north area of the City of Sacramento, as shown on Exhibit A, shall henceforth be known as the Walter S. Ueda Parkway, in honor of the memory of Walter S. Ueda.

MAYOR

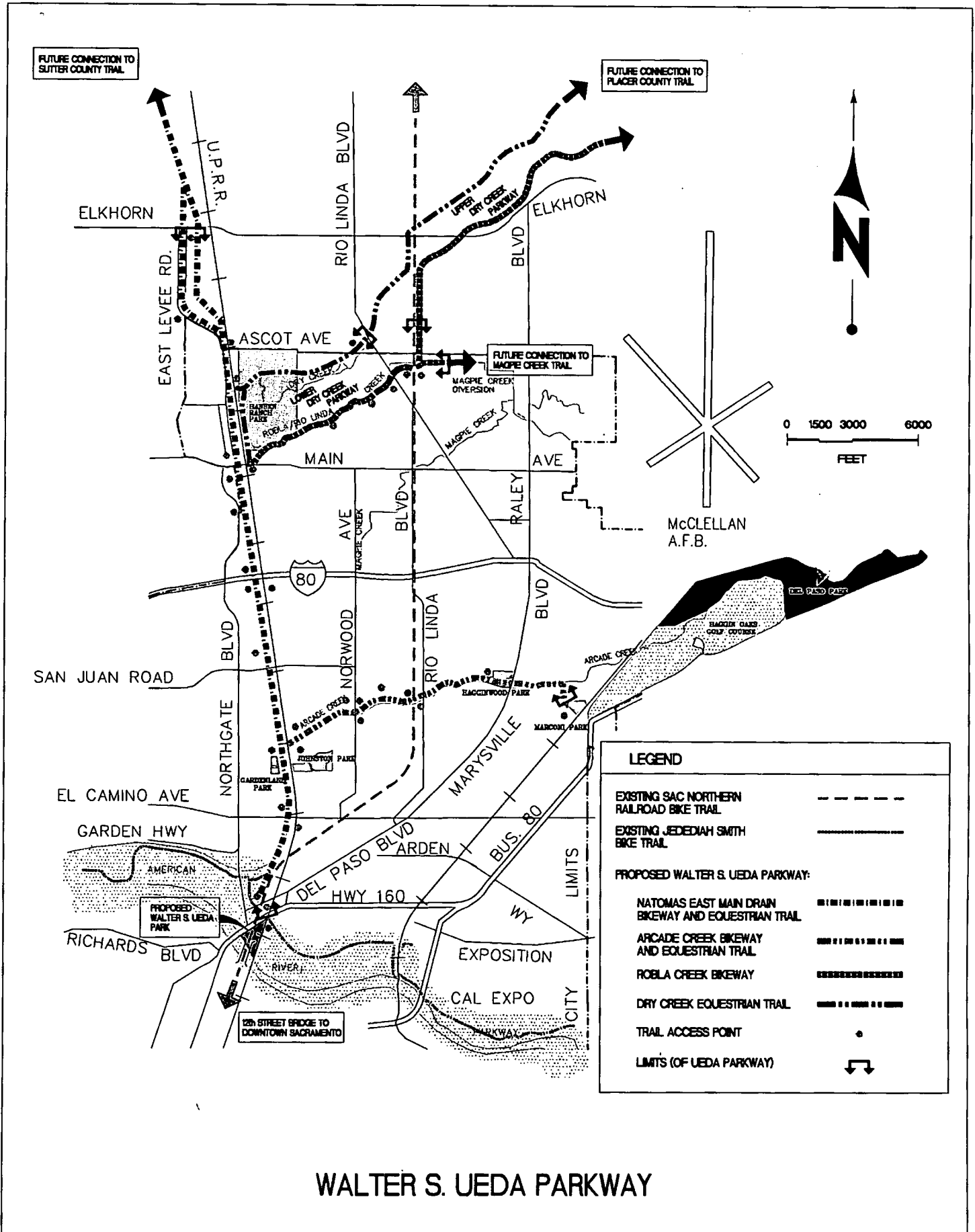
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WALTER S. UEDA PARKWAY



Limits of the proposed Walter S. Ueda Parkway

Location	Limits	Facilities
Natomas East Main Drainage Canal (NEMDC)	From the Jedediah Smith Trail immediately southeast of Del Paso Boulevard, north to the City limits (south of Elkhorn Boulevard)	bicycle trail equestrian trail
Robla / Rio Linda Creek	From the NEMDC northeast to 200 yards east of Rio Linda Boulevard	bicycle trail
Dry Creek	From the NEMDC northeast to the City limits (west of Rio Linda Boulevard)	equestrian trail
Arcade Creek	From the NEMDC east to Hagginwood Park	bicycle trail
Arcade Creek	From the NEMDC east to the Marconi / Kenwood park site	equestrian trail

POLICY FOR NAMING PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

PURPOSE

To establish a formal policy which outlines the Department's procedures regarding the naming of existing and future parks and recreational facilities.

POLICY

- 1) Park sites should be named as soon after acquisition as possible to avoid the use of a temporary designation which becomes difficult to discontinue.
- 2) Parks located adjacent to schools shall be given the same name as the school.
- 3) Factors of importance in naming or renaming parks, recreational facilities and/or special features within a park (i.e. playgrounds, gazebos, picnic areas, groves of trees, lakes, ball fields, etc.) shall include, but not be limited to the following categories:
 - a) Names of living individuals or in memory of individuals who have gained stature in the Department, community, County, State or national affairs or have made significant contributions relative to the facility or area in question.
 - b) Names of civic groups or organizations which have made a substantial and significant contribution of land, money, or involvement toward the construction and/or improvement of a park or recreational facility.
 - c) Names which serve to identify by reference to distinct geographic, environmental or developmental features.
 - d) Names of subdivisions, communities, or access streets.
 - e) Names of historical significance.

PROCEDURE

- 1) The Department of Parks and Community Services shall solicit names from the surrounding neighborhood and community groups as soon as the City has acquired title to the property or funds are approved by the City Council for financing the project.
- 2) Requests for naming or renaming parks or recreational facilities shall be submitted in writing to the Director of Parks and Community Services.
- 3) The Department will review the suggested names according to the policy established above and submit their recommendations to the Park and Recreation Citizen's Advisory Committee or appropriate advisory/support group for review and comment to the Director. The Director will forward recommendations to the City Council for approval.
- 4) The decision made by the City Council shall be final and shall be implemented by the adoption of a resolution naming or renaming the park and/or recreational facility.