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**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

July 1, 1980

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LOWER AMERICAN RIVER PROTECTION ACT OF 1980**

WHEREAS, the Lower American River Protection Act of 1980 authorizes the United States Secretary of Interior to make a one-time three million dollar grant to acquire land for the Lower American River Parkway system; and

WHEREAS, under the proposal, management authority for the river corridor would be retained by the County and City of Sacramento within the guidelines of the National Wild and Scenic River System; and

WHEREAS, designating the Lower American River as a recreational river would officially put the Federal Government on record in support of preserving the river for recreational use and protecting its scenic free-flowing status; and

WHEREAS, even though it never has been part of the State Wild and Scenic River System, since 1972 State Law does not prevent Federal encroachment along the River Corridor, such as dams and channelization projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL that it is in support of amending the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act by designating a segment of the American River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

**APPROVED**  
BY THE CITY COUNCIL

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Hatsui introduced the following bill; which was referred to  
the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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A BILL

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act by designating a segment  
of the American River in California as a component of the  
National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
- 2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

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1 That section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16  
2 U.S.C. 1273(a)) is amended by inserting the following after  
3 paragraph (23):

4       “(24) American, California.--The segment from Eladus  
5 Dam downstream to its confluence with the Sacramento River,  
6 as generally depicted on the map entitled "American River  
7 Parkway Plan" and dated April 7, 1976; to be designated as a  
8 recreational river and administered by the State of  
9 California, the County of Sacramento, and the City of  
10 Sacramento. Subsection (b) of this section shall not apply  
11 to the segment designated by this paragraph. The boundaries  
12 of the designated river area shall be as depicted on the map  
13 referred to in the preceding sentence. Nothing in this Act  
14 shall prevent, prohibit, or otherwise affect the operation  
15 and maintenance of flood control works, including levee and  
16 channel maintenance, associated with the the segment  
17 designated by this paragraph. For purposes of the segment  
18 designated by this paragraph, there are authorized to be  
19 appropriated not more than \$3,000,000 to be used for the  
20 acquisition of certain lands and interests in land which the  
21 Secretary determines to be of critical importance to the  
22 protection and preservation of such segment. Funds  
23 appropriated pursuant to the authorization contained in the  
24 preceding sentence may be made available by the Secretary to  
25 the State, or to the City and County, for the acquisition of

1 lands or interests in land in any area within the river  
2 corridor designated by this paragraph only if the Secretary  
3 determines that State or local authorities, or both, have  
4 provided assurances satisfactory to the Secretary that other  
5 areas within the river corridor which are--

6        " (A) adjacent to, or associated with, the areas to  
7        be acquired through the use of such funds, and

8        " (B) necessary to the protection and preservation  
9        of the river corridor--

10 will be adequately protected through other State and local  
11 action."

MATSUI INTRODUCES BILL  
TO PROTECT LOWER AMERICAN RIVER

WASHINGTON - JULY 1, 1980: Citing the environmental and recreational attributes of the Lower American River, U.S. Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Sacramento) today introduced legislation to include the river in the National Wild and Scenic River System.

Designation of the Lower American as a "recreational river" in the system would officially put the federal government on record in support of preserving the river for recreational use and protecting its scenic, free-flowing status.

"As one of the great treasures of the state of California," said Matsui, "it is important that we include the Lower American River in the national system. While allowing local governments full authority to carry out their plans to protect and preserve the river and surrounding lands, this legislation at the same time provides a federal guarantee that the free-flowing river will be preserved for generations to come."

Matsui's legislation, the Lower American River Protection Act of 1980, authorizes the Secretary of Interior to make a one-time, \$3 million grant to acquire land for the Lower American River Parkway System. Under the proposal, management authority for the river corridor would be retained by the county and city of Sacramento, within the guidelines of the National Wild and Scenic River System.

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Even though the river has been part of the state Wild and Scenic River System since 1972, state law does not prevent federal encroachment along the river corridor, such as dams and channelization projects. Matsui's bill brings the federal government in line with state law and local policy.

"Located in the heart of Sacramento area communities, the Lower American River offers unique recreational and scenic opportunities," said Matsui. "The river parkway is enjoyed by millions every year, including local residents, as well as visitors from throughout the state."

Designation of the river in the Matsui bill includes the 23-mile portion from the Nimbus Dam to its confluence with the Sacramento River.

It was drafted in consultation with state, county and city authorities and has gained the cosponsorship of Rep. Vic Fazio.

The bill will be considered by the House Interior Subcommittee on National Parks and Insular Affairs, chaired by Rep. Phil Burton (D-California). Matsui said it is likely the bill will be included in omnibus river protection legislation to be considered by the Subcommittee later this summer.

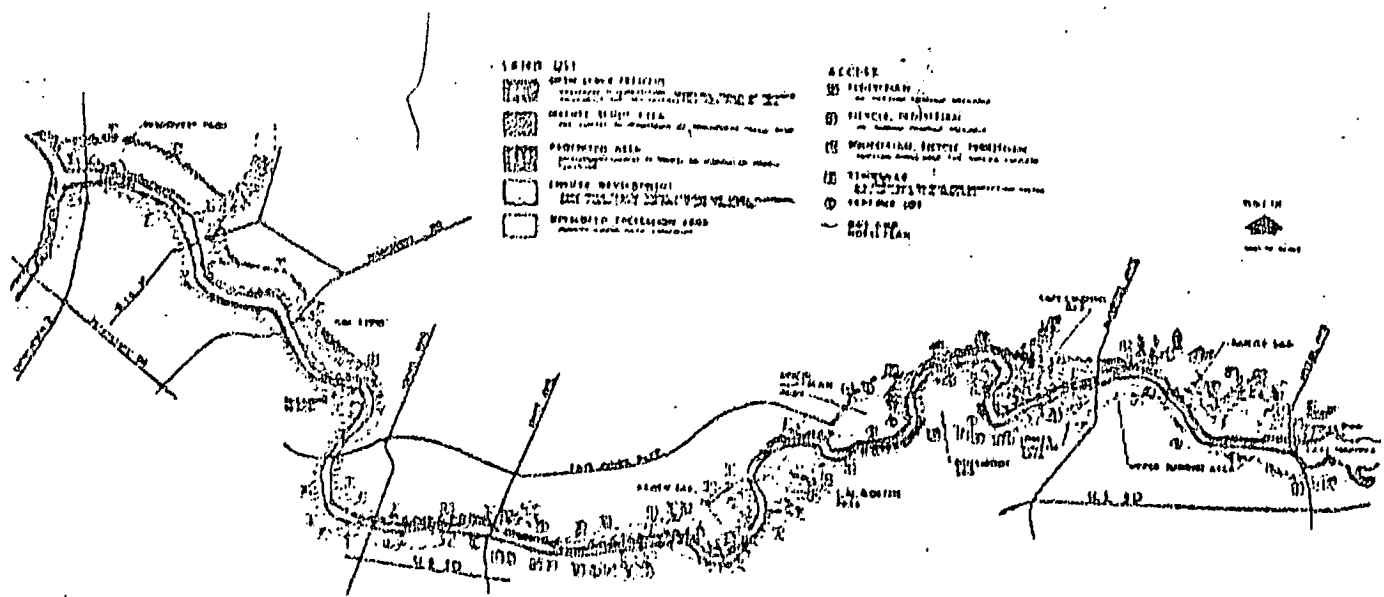


FIG. 3.—American River Parkway

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July 2, 1980

Honorable Robert Matsui  
Member, House of Representatives  
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650 Capitol Mall  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Bob:

In accordance with instructions of the Sacramento City Council, I am enclosing a certified copy of Resolution No. 80-435, supporting the Lower American River Protection Act of 1980.

The City Council respectfully requests your consideration and support of the matter.

Sincerely,

  
Lorraine Magana  
City Clerk

LM:sj

Encl.

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