

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 25**  
**George and Elizabeth Smith**  
**Trust**

**GEOTECHNICAL EXPLORATION**  
**NOVEMBER 9, 2011**

**Background:** The initial parcel selections were based on utilizing the most current available data, which included aerial photos, previously drilled holes and other pertinent data to assist in the proposed hole location.

Sites were selected with respect to the alignments identified in the Conceptual Engineering Report (CER) and after consultation with the members of the DHCCP team, which included staff from the environmental, real estate, engineering, and geotechnical disciplines. The criteria established by the team was to obtain relevant soil information for preliminary and final design of facilities and permitting requirements (US Army Corps of Engineers, Division of Safety of Dams, etc.), providing consistency with temporary entry permit language and landowner concerns, to implement and follow the Mitigated Negative Declaration language and required permits, and species to minimize overall impacts. A majority of the sites were selected to provide information and data primarily for the intakes, river crossings, Intermediate Forebay, and the Byron Tract Forebay. Additional sites were selected for the Pipeline/Tunnel Option.

After the Superior Court issued Order, DWR filed a renewal motion requesting two entry days to conduct surveys solely for the purpose of hole placement. Most of the landowners opposed this motion. The Superior Court declined to rule on the motion on the grounds that the matter was stayed pending DWR's appeal of the Order.

<b>AGENDA ITEM NO.</b>	<b>25.</b>
<b>LAND OWNER</b>	<b>George Smith</b>
<b>DWR PARCEL NO.</b>	<b>DCAP-600</b>
<b>APN</b>	<b>132-0200-032</b>
<b>EXPLORATION NO.</b>	<b>DCIF-TP-003</b>
<b>FACILITY</b>	<b>Within Footprint of Proposed Intermediate Forebay</b>
<b>METHOD</b>	<b>TP</b>
<b>DEPTH</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>REMARKS</b>	<b>Intermediate Forebay; the proposed test pit is located at the NW corner of the planned Intermediate Forebay. The location of this TP is essential to allow the collection of geologic data to help identify the vertical profiles along the perimeter of the Intermediate Forebay embankment, to evaluate the needs to safely support the forebay embankment, to address the necessary measures and methods that proposed Intermediate Forebay meets the safety and long-term performance requirements in accordance with DSOD criteria, and its potential impact due to requirement of soft ground foundation improvements.</b>

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

1416 NINTH STREET, P.O. BOX 942836  
SACRAMENTO, CA 94236-0001  
(916) 653-5791



August 2, 2011

George W. G. Smith, Trustee  
Elizabeth A. Smith, Trustee  
George and Elizabeth Smith Trust  
11933 State Highway 160  
Courtland, California 95615

DWR No.: DCAP-600  
County: Sacramento  
APN(s): 132-0200-032-0000

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Smith:

Our records indicate that you are the owner of certain property situated in Sacramento County, identified as Assessor's Parcel No. 132-0200-032-0000. The State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR), proposes to purchase property rights over this property, identified as DWR Parcel No. DCAP-600, to accomplish the goals of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

Section 7267.2 of the California Government Code and the California Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Guidelines require that each property owner from whom the State of California purchases real property, or an interest therein, be provided with a summary of the appraisal of the real property, or interest therein, as well as the following information:

1. You are entitled to receive full payment prior to vacating the real property rights being purchased, unless you have heretofore waived such entitlement. You are not required to pay recording fees, transfer taxes, or the pro rata portion of the real property taxes which are allocable to any period subsequent to the passage of title or possession.
2. The State will offer to purchase any remnant considered by the State to be an uneconomical unit which is owned by you and which is contiguous to the land being conveyed.
3. The rights to be acquired include a 10,000 square foot Temporary Construction Easement and a 45,150 square foot Temporary Access Easement.



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4. The market value of the property rights being purchased is based upon a market valuation, which is summarized in the enclosed Valuation Summary Statement. As full just compensation for the property rights to be acquired, we offer you \$ [REDACTED], as shown on the enclosed Right of Way Contract.

The State's offer:

- a. Represents the full amount of just compensation for the property rights to be purchased;
  - b. Is not less than the approved valuation of the fair market value of the property as improved;
  - c. Does not reflect any consideration of, or allowance for, any relocation assistance and payments or any other benefits to which you may be entitled; and
  - d. Disregards any decrease or increase in the fair market value of the real property rights to be acquired prior to the date of valuation caused by the public improvement for which the property is to be acquired, or by the likelihood that the property would be acquired for such public improvement, other than that due to physical deterioration within the reasonable control of the owner or occupant.
5. In accordance with Section 1263.025 of the California Code of Civil Procedure you are entitled to seek a second opinion on the value of your property and to receive reimbursement of up to \$5,000 to pay for reasonable appraisal costs. In order to be reimbursed, you must sign an Appraisal Costs Reimbursement Agreement and engage an appraiser licensed by the State of California with the Office of Real Estate Appraisers. The appraiser must be either a MAI designated appraiser or hold an equivalent designation recognized by the Appraisal Foundation. For further information on the requirements for reimbursement and to ensure that you are aware of proper procedures, please contact DWR prior to engaging an appraiser. The request for an Appraisal Costs Reimbursement Agreement may be submitted to the Department of Water Resources, Real Estate Branch, 1416 Ninth Street, Room 425, Sacramento, California 95814.
  6. The owner of a business conducted on a property to be acquired, or conducted on the remaining property, which will be affected by the purchase of the required property, may be entitled to compensation for the loss of goodwill. Entitlement is contingent upon the Grantor's ability to prove such loss in accordance with the provisions of Sections 1263.510 and 1263.520 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

7. If you ultimately elect to reject the State's offer for your property, you are entitled to have the amount of compensation determined by a court of law in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

Included as part of this package, you will find the following information relating to this proposed acquisition:

- Valuation Summary Statement
- Right of Way Contract
- Easement Deed
- Map of the Proposed Acquisition Area
- Comparable Data List
- Comparable Sales Map
- Payee Data Record

Please sign and date the Deed **exactly** as shown in the designated location and have your signature **notarized**. If needed, a Public Notary can be made available to notarize your signature. Also, sign and date **two** copies of the Right of Way Contract and complete Sections 2-5 of the Payee Data Record. The Payee Data Record is needed in order for the State to issue payment. Please return the signed Right of Way Contracts and the Payee Data Record along with the notarized Deed in the envelope provided. A fully executed copy of the Contract will be forwarded to you at a later date.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact me directly by telephone at (916) 657-5129, toll free at (866) 688-3227, or by email at [dvasquez@water.ca.gov](mailto:dvasquez@water.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



Daniel Vasquez  
Associate Land Agent

Enclosures

RECORDING REQUESTED BY

WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**  
Division of Engineering  
Real Estate Branch  
1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 425  
Sacramento, CA 95814

SPACE ABOVE THE LINE FOR RECORDER'S USE

**TEMPORARY NON-  
EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT**  
(TO THE STATE)

Project Bay Delta Conservation Plan

Parcel No. DCAP- 600 (Units A and B)

**We, George W.G. Smith and Elizabeth A. Smith, Trustees of the George and Elizabeth Smith Trust dated July 8, 1991, GRANT to the STATE OF CALIFORNIA, its successors or assigns, hereinafter called STATE, an EASEMENT and right of way, upon, over, and across that real property in the County of Sacramento, State of California, identified in the records of the Department of Water Resources as:**

<u>DWR Parcel No.</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Estate</u>
DCAP-600 (Unit A)	10,000 square feet	Temporary easement
DCAP-600 (Unit B)	45,150 square feet +/-	Temporary easement

(In the event of any discrepancy between the above identification and the real property described herein, the real property described will control.)

DCAP - 600

Temporary easements over, upon, under and through that parcel of land as conveyed in that Gift Deed recorded in Book 920518, at Page 1568 in the Official Records of Sacramento County, on May 18, 1992 and more particularly described as follows:

UNIT A

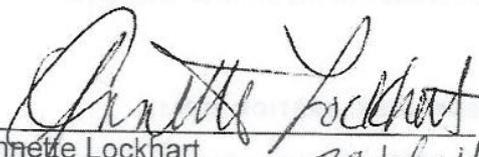
A temporary construction easement for the purpose of geotechnical testing, moving and/or maneuvering construction equipment and vehicles, the temporary storage of equipment, and materials necessary for excavation, together with the equipment used in the excavation of earthwork, the temporary storage of spoil or excavated material during the period of excavation and related construction work, and any other operations necessary and appurtenant to the excavation, over, through, and across the following described parcel of land shown on attached Exhibit "A".

UNIT B

**TOGETHER WITH** a 10 foot wide temporary access easement for the purpose of moving and/or maneuvering construction equipment and vehicles, during the period of drilling and related construction over and across an existing access and/or service road shown on attached Exhibit "A".

Temporary easements for access and construction shall terminate on October 31, 2013.

All works, structures and facilities remaining on said parcel of land after said termination date shall become the property of Owner and the State shall have no obligation to remove, operate, or maintain any works, structures, or facilities on said parcel of land.

  
Annette Lockhart  
PLS 8246  
29 July 11



Executed on \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

GRANTOR(S)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }

SS

County of \_\_\_\_\_

On \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_

personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

[SEAL]

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

(CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE, GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 27281)

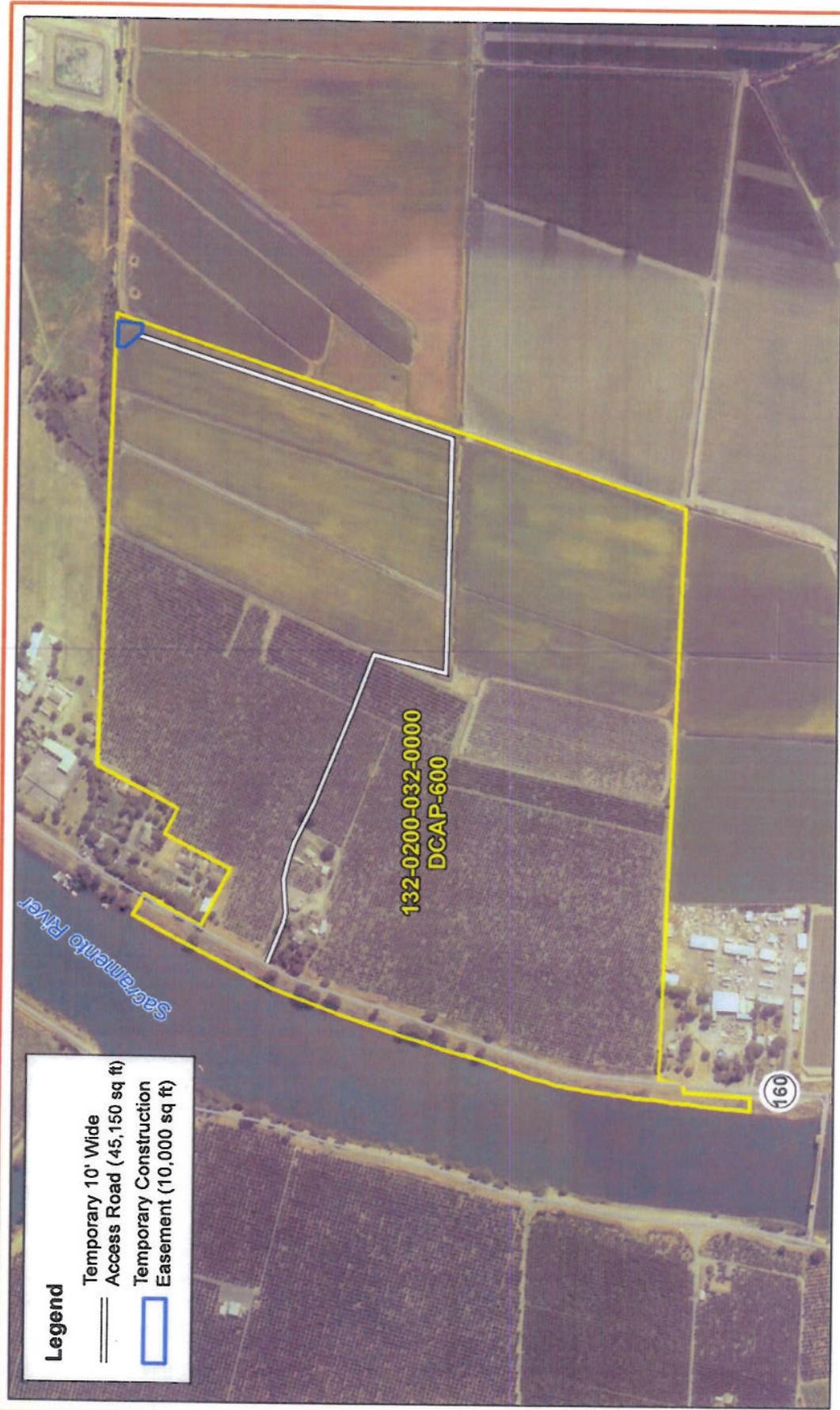
This Is To Certify, That the State of California, grantee herein, acting by and through the Department of Water Resources, hereby accepts for public purposes the real property, or interest therein, described in the within deed and consents to the recordation thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Water Resources

By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney in Fact



**Legend**

Temporary 10' Wide  
Access Road (45,150 sq ft)

Temporary Construction  
Easement (10,000 sq ft)

Sacramento County

**DELTA HABITAT CONSERVATION  
AND CONVEYANCE PROGRAM  
EXHIBIT A**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
THE RESOURCES AGENCY

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**  
DIVISION OF ENGINEERING - GEODETIC BRANCH



N.T.S.

This exhibit does not represent a Survey and is for informational purposes only

**SUPPLEMENT TO STAFF REPORT: NEGOTIATION FACT SHEET**  
**PROPOSED ACTION IN EMINENT DOMAIN**  
**CALIFORNIA WATER COMMISSION**  
 November 16, 2011

**RON #:** 2011-18  
**Project:** Geotechnical Activities in support of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)  
**APN:** 132-0200-032-0000 (Sacramento County)  
**DWR #:** DCAP-600  
**Owner:** **George W. G. Smith, Trustee; Elizabeth A. Smith, Trustee; George and Elizabeth Smith Trust**

**Statistics**

AS OF NOVEMBER 9, 2011					
# of Parcels to be Acquired	# of Parcels Acquired	Remaining Parcels to Acquire	# of Owners to Appear	# of Owners to Settle	Remaining Number of Owners to Appear
59	2	57	46	2	44

**Property Rights to be Acquired**

<u>DWR Parcel No.</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Rights</u>
Unit A	10,000 sq. ft.	Temporary Construction Easement
Unit B	45,150 sq. ft.	Temporary Access Easement

**Parcel Information**

**Current Use:** Irrigated Field Crops and pear orchard  
**Zoning:** AG 80 (Agriculture, 80-acre minimum)  
**Date of First Written Offer:** August 2, 2011  
**Amount of Agency's Latest Written Offer:** Offer made pursuant to approved staff appraisal.  
**Amount of Owner's Latest Counteroffer:** N/A  
**Type of Geotechnical Activity:** One (1) test pit

**Previous Contacts**

**Temporary Entry Permit (TEP) Phase**

**LETTERS (6)**

- Initial mailing of TEP, follow-up letters, and referral to AG letter (7/12/10, 8/12/10, 9/03/10, 9/10/10, 1/27/11, and 2/02/11).

**SITE VISITS (1)**

- Conducted site visit for general observation and verification of land use. (10/13/10)

## Recent Contacts

### **First Written Offer (FWO) Phase**

- **FWO package included the following documents: Cover Letter, Valuation Summary Statement, Right of Way Contract, Easement Deed, Map of the Proposed Acquisition Area, Comparable Data List, Comparable Sales Map, and Payee Data Record**
  - **Agent confirmed receipt of the FWO package.**

### **LETTERS (11)**

- Notice to Appraise Letter, First Written Offer, follow-up letters, invitations to Commission meeting, Temporary Easement Alternative (twice), Notices of Intent to Adopt Resolution of Necessity, and Letter providing clarification regarding permanent easement and hazardous materials (5/23/11, 8/02/11, 8/22/11, 8/30/11, 9/06/11, 9/09/11, 9/13/11, 9/27/11, 10/13/11, 10/25/11, and 11/09/11).

### **TELEPHONE CALLS (10)**

- DWR called and left messages requesting return call. (8/08/11, 8/18/11, 8/31/11, 9/28/11, 10/11/11, 10/04/11, and 10/17/11)
- DWR called and spoke with owner and discussed FWO; owner inquired as to why his parcel was chosen for geotechnical studies rather than the school property north of his property and would like the answer before proceeding with negotiations. (10/11/11)
- DWR called and spoke with owner and explained that the parcel north of his property was actually privately owned rather than owned by the school. Owner inquired as to why his parcel was selected for a test pit and asked if any construction would impact his property's drainage. (10/28/11)
- DWR called and spoke with owner to discuss the purpose of the test pit and to inform owner that no construction is currently planned on the property; property is being considered for a borrow site. Owner requested and DWR resent Temporary Easement Contract. (11/08/11)

### **SITE VISITS (2)**

- DWR stopped by property; left door hanger. (8/26/11)
- DWR stopped by property and spoke with owner's sister; gave business card and obtained owner's cell phone number. (9/02/11)

### **Areas of Main Concern to Owner and DWR's Response**

- Owner requested DWR perform drilling activities on adjacent school property rather than his own property.

According to DWR's research, the land adjacent to the owner's property is owned by a private party and the school property is improved with a high school.

- Owner concerned that construction would negatively impact property's drainage.

DWR said that construction may impact property's drainage. However, no construction activities are planned by DWR on owner's property.

**No specific concerns identified in relation to the location of the proposed test pit.**

### **Why Necessary to Initiate Eminent Domain Action**

DWR has been unable to reach an agreement to acquire the necessary property rights through either negotiation or attempted negotiation. DWR desires to initiate eminent domain action to ensure that DWR meets its geotechnical schedule.

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TEST PIT. ✓

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