



Quick Recap of September 13, 2016, Board of Supervisor's (BOS) Hearing

Item	Report
Revised "no mining at Mather" language	In response to the BOS's direction for staff to identify an appropriate mechanism that prohibits mining on the 67.9 Extensive Industrial area in the southwest portion of the Mather Field Specific plan. Staff provided 2 options for language (original FEIR or alternate). The BOS adopted staff's alternate language that clearly restricts mining in not only the Industrial zoned area, but also elsewhere in Mather.
Douglas Bypass	The County Department of Transportation, Department of Airports, and Economic Development staff plans to provide a more detailed plan at a BOS hearing before the end of 2016. Their plan will include funding sources, prioritization, potential constraints, and timing of delivery for the Douglas Road extension project. Supervisor Nottoli added that the Jackson corridor projects include the need to use the bypass.
Vehicular Bridge over South Canal	County staff requested a meeting for preliminary discussions with the Bureau of Reclamation to identify what they need to gain permits. Supervisor Nottoli said that whatever direction the BOS takes, they need to make the South Canal crossing a priority. A report-back to the BOS will be scheduled before the end of 2016.
Helmets to Hardhats Proposal	Staff consulted with the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA) to determine which existing programs to use to help provide job opportunities within Mather for veterans. SETA is positioned through the Veteran Employment Assistance program and with other organizations to train and place veterans into jobs in the energy and utility industry.
Hardpan Restoration Plan	The revised FEIR included a mitigation measure that requires a plan for preparation of hardpan restoration before construction activity begins for the sewer trunk line on Zinfandel Drive adjacent to the proposed preserve. The County retained expert hydrogeologists and geotechnical consultants to develop the plan. The identified appropriate areas for test excavations. Supervisor Nottoli said that before the staff gets too far into the process and commit to a certain method, they must check with the BOS to get approvals for the methods, impacts, costs, and how they may establish a template for trenching for future Mather projects.
Preserve Management	Stakeholders expressed concerns regarding the five- to ten-year interim management period for the proposed preserve, as well as the preliminary work and funding needed to make progress on the priority preserve management tasks. To address and hopefully resolve some of those issues, discussions continue with the Department of Regional Parks, Economic Development, the current preserve manager, Planning and Environmental Review, and stakeholders. They plan to identify key tasks to manage the preserve's long-term health and vitality. This must happen quickly because degradation is occurring at an accelerated rate, especially with invasive weeds and trespassers.