

Decision No. 15748.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENTURA  
COUNTY, for construction of Grade  
crossing on Orchard Drive at  
Ortonville, on Ojai Branch Line

Application No. 11,991.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura, State of California, filed the above entitled application with this Commission on the 9th day of November 1925, asking for authority to construct a public road known as Orchard Drive at grade across the tracks of the Ojai Branch of the Southern Pacific Company at Ortonville in said County as hereinafter set forth. Said Southern Pacific Company has signified by letter that it has no objection to the construction of said crossing at grade, and it appears to this Commission that the present proceeding is not one in which a public hearing is necessary; that it is neither reasonable nor practicable at this time to provide a grade separation or to avoid a grade crossing with said track at the point mentioned in this Application, and that this Application should be granted, subject to the conditions hereinafter specified,

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that permission and authority be and it is hereby granted to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura, State of California, to construct

Orchard Drive at grade across the track of Southern Pacific Company at Ortonville as shown by the maps (Los Angeles Div'n Dwg. B-240, Sheet 1 of 1 and D 19 - 1456) attached to the application, said crossing to be constructed subject to the following conditions, namely:

(1) The entire expense of constructing the crossing shall be borne by applicant. The cost of maintenance of said crossing up to lines two (2) feet outside of the outside rails shall be borne by applicant. The maintenance of that portion of the crossing between lines two (2) feet outside of the outside rails shall be borne by Southern Pacific Company. No portion of the cost herein assessed to applicant for the construction or maintenance of said crossing shall be assessed by applicant, in any manner whatsoever, to the operative property of Southern Pacific Company.

(2) The crossing shall be constructed of a width not less than twenty (20) feet and at an angle of seventy-four (74) degrees to the railroad and with grades of approach not greater than three (3) per cent; shall be constructed substantially in accordance with Standard No.2 as specified in General Order No.72 of this Commission; shall be protected by a suitable crossing sign and shall in every way be made safe for the passage thereon of vehicles and other road traffic.

(3) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the completion of the installation of said crossing.

(4) If said crossing shall not have been installed within one year from the date of this order, the authorization herein granted shall then lapse and become void, unless further time is granted by subsequent order.

(5) The Commission reserves the right to make such fur-

ther orders relative to the location, construction, operation, maintenance and protection of said crossing as to it may seem right and proper and to revoke its permission, if, in its judgment, the public convenience and necessity demand such action.

The authority herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1925.

H. B. Brundage

C. L. Seaver

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Commissioners.