

Decision No. 20816.

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application
of the COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA,
State of California, for the
alteration of a crossing at grade
of the tracks of the San Francisco-
Sacramento Railroad Company's main
line at Saranap in the County of
Contra Costa.

Application No. 15355.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Contra Costa, State of California, filed the above entitled application with this Commission on the 26th day of January, 1929, asking for authority to alter the crossing at grade of the county road, leading from Walnut Creek into the territory known as Saranap, and the tracks of the Sacramento-Northern Railway.

Applicant states that the existing grade crossing crosses the tracks of said railroad at an oblique angle creating a hazardous condition which renders it necessary and proper to alter and move the crossing to a point some fifty (50) feet westerly thereof at which point it is proposed to construct a crossing at right angles to the railroad. Applicant has stipulated that this alteration, if authorized by the Commission, shall be at the sole cost and expense of applicant. Said Sacramento-Northern Railway has signified by letter that it has no objection to the alteration 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 tracks 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 Contra Costa, State of California, to alter and move the crossing at grade of a county road leading from Walnut Creek to a territory known as Saranap and the tracks of Sacramento-Northern Railway to a location some fifty (50) feet westerly of the existing crossing as hereinafter particularly described and as shown by the map (Proposed Grade Crossing over San Francisco-Sacramento Railroad - Saranap) attached to the application.

Description of Crossing.

Beginning at the southwest corner of Lot 8, Block A, as said lot and block are so laid down, designated and delineated upon that certain map entitled "Dewing Park Extension, Contra Costa County, California," filed December 20th, 1916, in Map Book 15, page 314, records of Contra Costa County, California; thence running along the southerly line of said Lot 8, N. 65° -07' E., a distance of 1.00 foot to a point; thence leaving the southerly line of Lot 8, S. 20°-57' E., a distance of 110.01 feet to a point; thence S. 58°-32' W., a distance of 40.68 feet to a point; thence N. 20°-57' W., a distance of 115.08 feet to a point; thence N. 65°-41' E., a distance of 39.08 feet to the point of beginning.

The above crossing shall be identified as Crossing No. EM-25.9.

Said crossing shall be constructed subject to the following conditions and not otherwise:

(1) The entire expense of altering and moving the crossings shall be borne by applicant. The cost of maintenance of that portion 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 Sacramento-Northern Railway. 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 Sacramento-Northern Railway.

(2) The crossing shall be constructed of a width not less than twenty-four (24) feet and at an angle of ninety (90) 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 two Standard No. 1 crossing signs as specified in General Order No. 75 of this Commission and shall in every way be made suitable 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 alteration of said crossing.

(4) The existing public crossing as shown by dotted lines upon the map (Proposed Grade Crossing over San Francisco-Sacramento Railroad, Saranap) shall be legally abandoned and effectively closed to public use and travel.

(5) The Commission reserves the right to make such further 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 2nd day
of February, 1929.

David B. Loring

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Commissioners.