

Decision No. 87143

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the application of
the County of Yolo to realign Willow
Point Road across the Rights of Way of
the Sacramento Northern Railway Company
in the County of Yolo

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) Application No. 56989
(Filed January 6, 1977)
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O P I N I O N

The County of Yolo requests authority to realign Willow Point Road, at grade, across the tracks of Sacramento Northern Railway's Holland Branch Line, Crossing 8J-5.7, in Yolo County.

The realignment would eliminate the existing curve in Willow Point Road easterly of the crossing and improve visibility and safety at the crossing.

The County of Yolo is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. On April 6, 1976 applicant filed a Notice of Exemption with the Yolo County clerk. Applicant alleges that this project "is a non-major action which will not have a significant effect on the quality of the environment" and is therefore categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA as a Class 1 activity (Existing Facilities) pursuant to Title 14 (Natural Resources), Division 6, Section 15101 of the California Administrative Code.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on January 10, 1977. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

F I N D I N G S

After consideration, the Commission finds:

1. Applicant should be authorized to realign Willow Point Road, Crossing 8J-5.7, at grade, across the Holland Branch Line of the Sacramento Northern Railway in Yolo County, at the location and substantially as shown by the plan attached to the application.

2. Protection at the relocated crossing should be two Standard No. 1-R signs (General Order 75-C). The signs should be lettered on both sides with black letters on a white reflectorized background.

3. Construction of the crossing should be equal or superior to Standard No. 1 (General Order 72-B).

4. Clearances should be in accordance with General Order 26-D. Walkways should conform to General Order 118.

5. Construction cost of the relocated crossing and installation cost of the warning signs should be borne by the applicant.

6. Maintenance of the crossing should be in accordance with General Order 72-B.

7. After completion of the relocated crossing, and its opening to vehicular traffic, the existing crossing should be abandoned and physically removed.

8. Construction plans of the crossing approved by the Sacramento Northern Railway, together with a copy of the agreement entered into between the parties involved, should be filed with the Commission prior to commencing construction.

9. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

C O N C L U S I O N S

On the basis of the foregoing findings, we conclude that the application should be granted as set forth in the following order:

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The County of Yolo is authorized to realign Willow Point Road, at grade, across the tracks of Sacramento Northern Railway in Yolo County, as set forth in the findings of this decision.

2. Within thirty days after completion pursuant to this order, applicant shall so advise the Commission in writing.

3. This authorization shall expire if not exercised within two years unless time be extended or if the above conditions are not complied with. Authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity or safety so require.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29th day of MARCH, 1977.

Robert B. Burton
President
William J. Quinn
Thomas L. Sturgeon
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Richard D. Gwally
Commissioners