

CONSENT CALENDAR

11-19-02

Date:

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Dona Spring

Subject: COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT EAST SHORE STATE PARK
PLAN

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council 1) authorize that the City Manager to include in the letter to the California State Parks Commission the City Council's strong support for protecting bird and wildlife and for creating additional habitat for birds, wildlife, threatened and endangered species, especially in the Meadow, Albany Bulb, Neck, and Beach, and the North Basin Cove areas of the proposed East Shore State Park; and 2) that the Council waive its rules and take action on this matter on November 19th because of the December 6th deadline for comments.

BACKGROUND: It is important that the City Council take a strong advocacy role for wildlife protection at our Waterfront. Almost the entire natural habitat for birds and wildlife in this area has been destroyed through human encroachment. It is our responsibility to create wildlife habitat when ever possible especially to prevent species extinction. The development of the East Shore State Park creates an opportunity for this to happen. This endeavor will provide a good example to our children as well as educational and nature appreciation opportunities for all. Representatives of the Sierra Club and the Citizens for an East Shore State Park request this action by the City Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE

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