### **American River Flood Control District**

#### Declaration of Lathrop Way Parcel as Surplus Assessor's Parcel Number 275-0300-009

#### **Staff Report**

#### **Discussion:**

The District purchased the strip of land between the levee and Lathrop Way in 2012. At the time, there was a chain link fence at the toe of the levee that prevented access for operations and maintenance. The District sought to acquire the parcel to enhance access to the levee for O&M. District staff worked with the North Sac Land Company to purchase the parcel for \$800.

After the purchase, work was done to remove the fence and perform slight grading at the toe to facilitate mowing. Large rocks were placed at intervals to prevent unauthorized vehicle access onto the levee slope. The site was well maintained and displayed a natural setting until approximately 2017.

Recent years have seen a marked increase in unauthorized camping along the levees. The Lathrop Way parcel has been a target for camping and has experienced a rapid decline in condition and its use for levee O&M. Numerous encampments have been present on the parcel for the last two years and all attempts to have law enforcement remove the encampments have been unsuccessful. Neighbors in the business park and one vocal City Councilperson have made numerous requests to the District to clear the parcel of the unsafe and unsightly conditions. Without help from City law enforcement, the District has no means to correct the conditions on the parcel. Some clean-up efforts have been made by District crews, but these efforts are merely 'housekeeping' if the encampments are not cleared by law enforcement.

The parcel now serves no purpose for the District since the District's intent to acquire it was to enhance access to the levee. Access to the levee is actually much worse now than before the District acquired the parcel. Ongoing efforts to remove debris at this location have increased costs dramatically. It is therefore in the District's best interest to relinquish ownership of the parcel.

Since the parcel no longer holds the value that was originally intended, the parcel should be declared surplus by the Board. Once designated as surplus, the parcel should be disposed of or sold per the Board's preference. The parcel has a very low value so numerous disposal options are available. Staff can also work with the future owner of the parcel to reserve a maintenance easement to allow continued access for District O&M.

#### **Recommendation:**

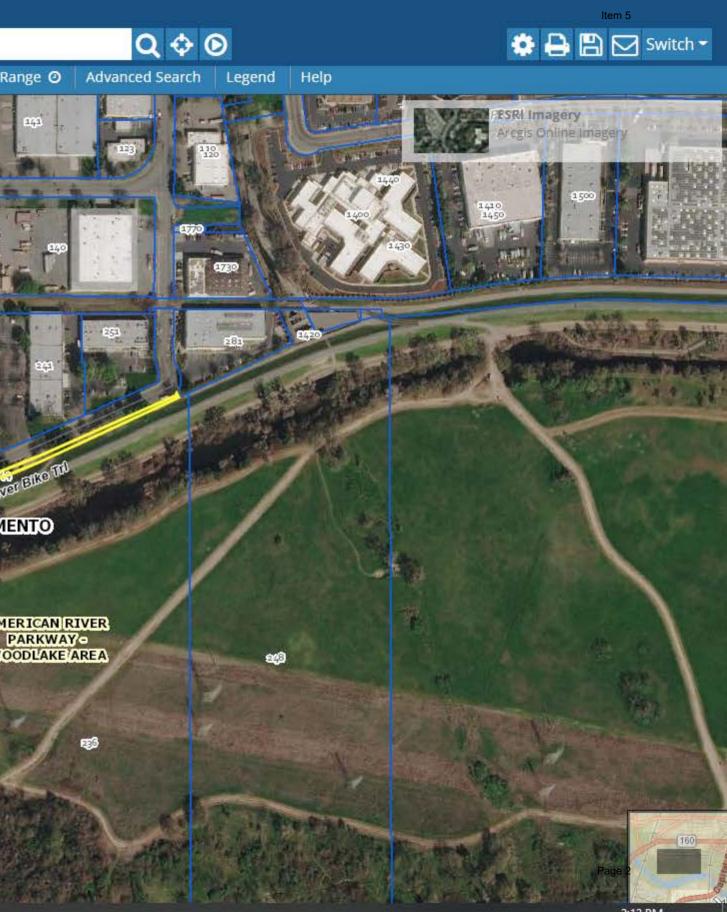
The General Manager recommends that the Board of Trustees declare the Lathrop Way parcel as surplus and direct the GM to sell or dispose of it accordingly.



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