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SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT

# PUBLIC NOTICE

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Regulatory Branch  
333 Market Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105-2197

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**1. INTRODUCTION:** The City and County of San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) (contact: Frank Filice, SF Dept. of Public Works, 415-558-4011) has applied for a Department of the Army permit to place 125 cubic yards of fill in a tidal ditch to construct a bus maintenance facility adjacent to Islais Creek in the City and County of San Francisco, California. This application is being processed pursuant to the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. Section 1344) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. Section 403).

**2. PROPOSED PROJECT:** The purpose of the project is to construct the Islais Creek Motor Coach Maintenance and Operations Facility on an 8.4 acre site on the north shore of Islais Creek at 1301 Cesar Chavez Avenue, in the City and County of San Francisco. As shown in the attached drawings, a 280 foot long jurisdictional drainage ditch (2,100 square feet) runs diagonally across the western side of the site and connects to Islais Creek. The ditch is flooded on the high tide by Islais Creek. SFMTA proposes to fill the ditch with 125 cubic yards of clean fill and aggregate base material to create parking for buses. The SFMTA states the ditch was constructed by Caltrans to collect and discharge runoff from Caltrans' property and Interstate 280 directly into Islais Creek. As part of the project a storm drainage system would be constructed to collect and discharge runoff from the project site directly into the San Francisco sewer system and convey it to the Water Pollution Control Plant for treatment.

To mitigate for the loss of the tidal ditch the SFMTA proposes to restore the tidal wetland habitat along the sites 830 foot long shoreline with Islais Creek. The shoreline is currently littered with fencing, rubble, concrete debris and slabs, and derelict wood piers. The SFMTA states removal of the derelict piers and other debris along with minor grading will allow the reestablishment of 5,700 square feet of tidal wetland and enhancement of 4,420 square feet of jurisdictional waters.

The SFMTA would construct a 45 foot wide shoreline park above the tidal zone. The park will connect with an existing promenade to the east of the site, and a bicycle path to the west of the site, providing public access along the shoreline. The park would include a plaza, a promenade, a pedestrian/bicycle path and landscape plantings.

**3. OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL PERMITS:** Water Quality Certification - Under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. Section 1341), an applicant for a Corps permit must first obtain a State water quality certification before a Corps permit may be issued. The applicant has provided the Corps with evidence that he has submitted a valid request for State water quality certification to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. No Corps permit will be granted until the applicant obtains the required water quality certification. The Corps may assume a waiver of water quality certification if the State fails or refuses to act on a valid request for certification within 60 days after the receipt of a valid request, unless the District Engineer determines a shorter or longer period is reasonable for the State to act.

Those parties concerned with any water quality issue that may be associated with this project should write to the Executive Officer, California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400, Oakland, California 94612 by the close of the comment period of this Public Notice.

**4. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:** The Corps will assess the environmental impacts of the proposed action in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. Section 4371 et. seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality's Regulations (40 C.F.R. Parts 1500-1508), and the Corps' Regulations (33 C.F.R. Part 230 and Part 325, Appendix B). Unless otherwise stated, the Environmental Assessment will describe only the impacts (direct, indirect, and cumulative) resulting from activities within the Corps'

jurisdiction. The documents used in the preparation of the Environmental Assessment will be on file with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District, Regulatory Branch, 333 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-2197.

**5. EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES:** Evaluation of the proposed activity's impact will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency under Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. Section 1344(b)). An evaluation has been made by this office under the guidelines and it was determined that the proposed project is not water dependent.

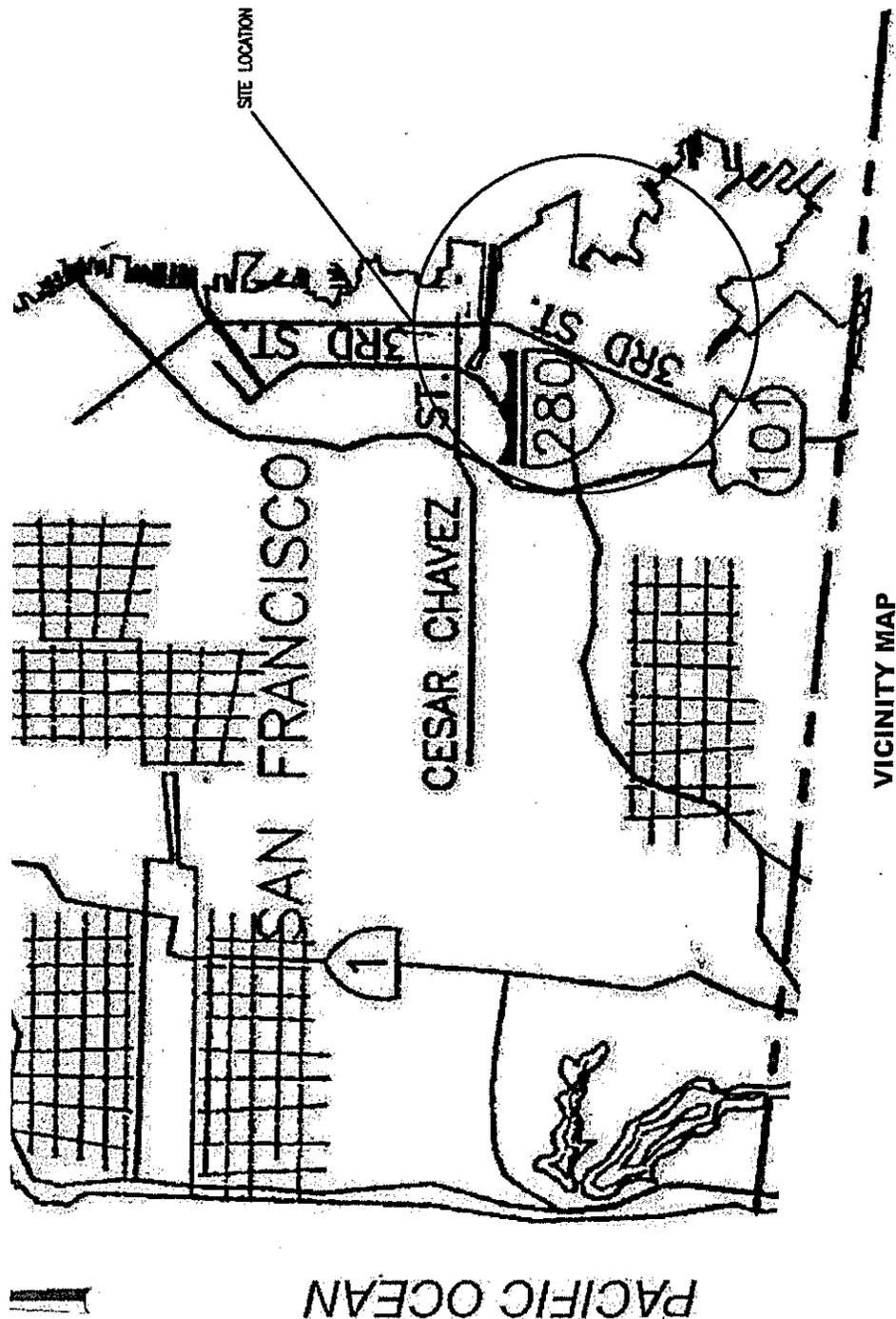
**6. PUBLIC INTEREST EVALUATION:** The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impact, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposed activity must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors that may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including its cumulative effects. Among those factors are: conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

**7. CONSIDERATION OF COMMENTS:** The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, Federal, State and local agencies and officials, Indian

Tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest in the proposed activity.

**8. SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS:** Interested parties may submit, in writing, any comments concerning this activity. Comments should include the applicant's name and the number and the date of this Public Notice, and should be forwarded so as to reach this office within the comment period specified on Page 1. Comments should be sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District, Regulatory Branch, 333 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-2197. It is the Corps' policy to forward any such comments that include objections to the applicant for resolution or rebuttal. Any person may also request, in writing, within the comment period of this Public Notice that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. Additional details may be obtained by contacting the applicant whose name and address are indicated in the first paragraph of this Public Notice or by contacting Bob Smith of our office at telephone 415-977-8450 or E-mail: Robert.F.Smith@usace.army.mil. Details on any changes of a minor nature that are made in the final permit action will be provided upon request.

**MUNI ISLAIS CREEK MOTOR COACH FACILITY** NTS



VICINITY MAP

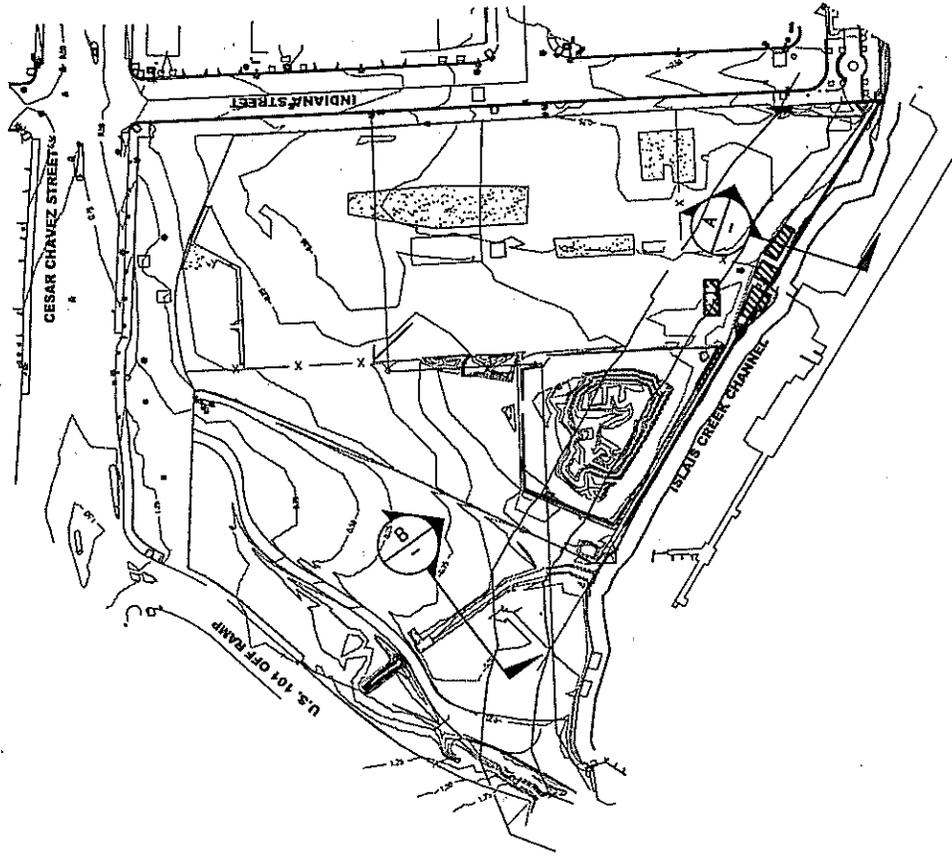
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# MUNI ISLAIS CREEK MOTOR COACH FACILITY

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SITE PLAN

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INDIANA STREET

TOP OF BANK  
HIGH TIDE LINE

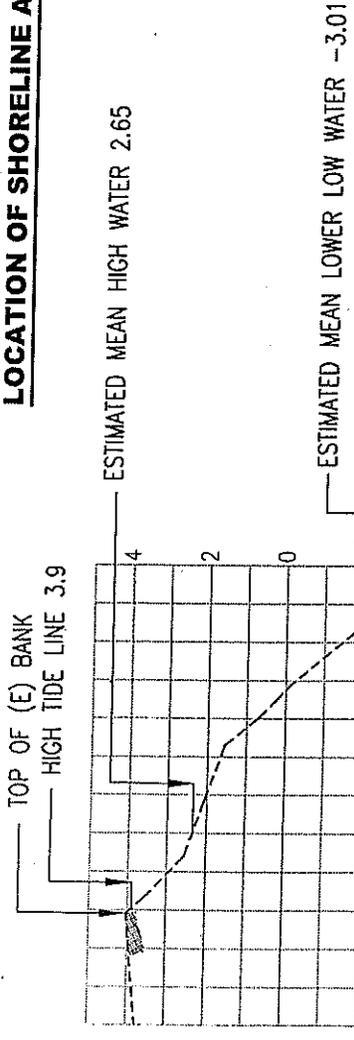
EXISTING CURB  
MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

RUBBLE

ISLAIS CREEK CHANNEL

RUBBLE

## LOCATION OF SHORELINE AND RUBBLE REMOVAL



TYPICAL CROSS SECTION AT SHORELINE



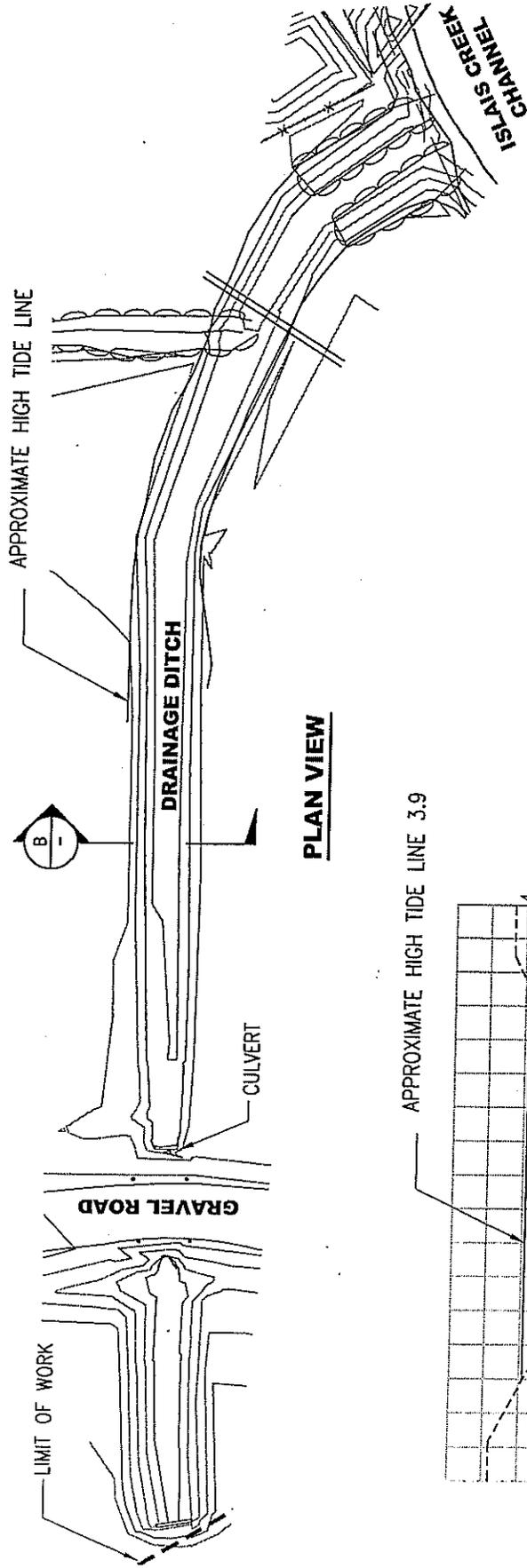
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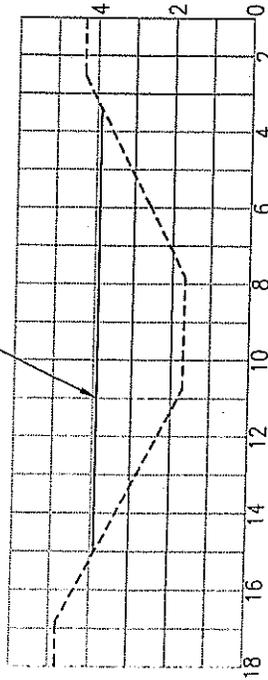
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APPROXIMATE HIGH TIDE LINE 3.9



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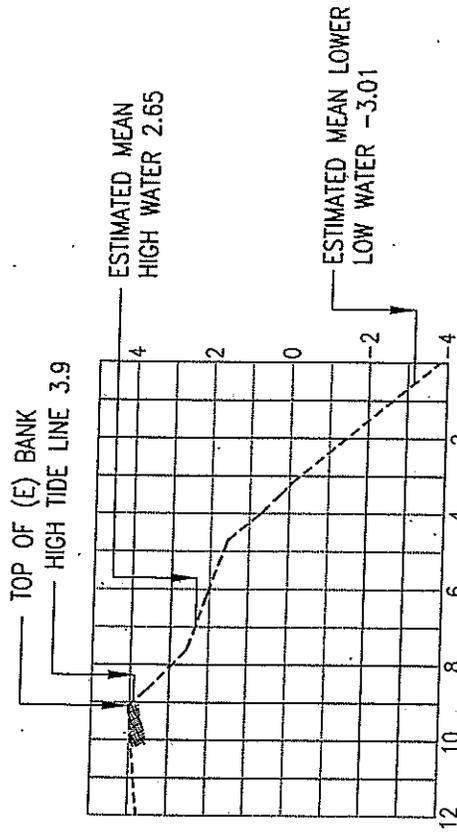
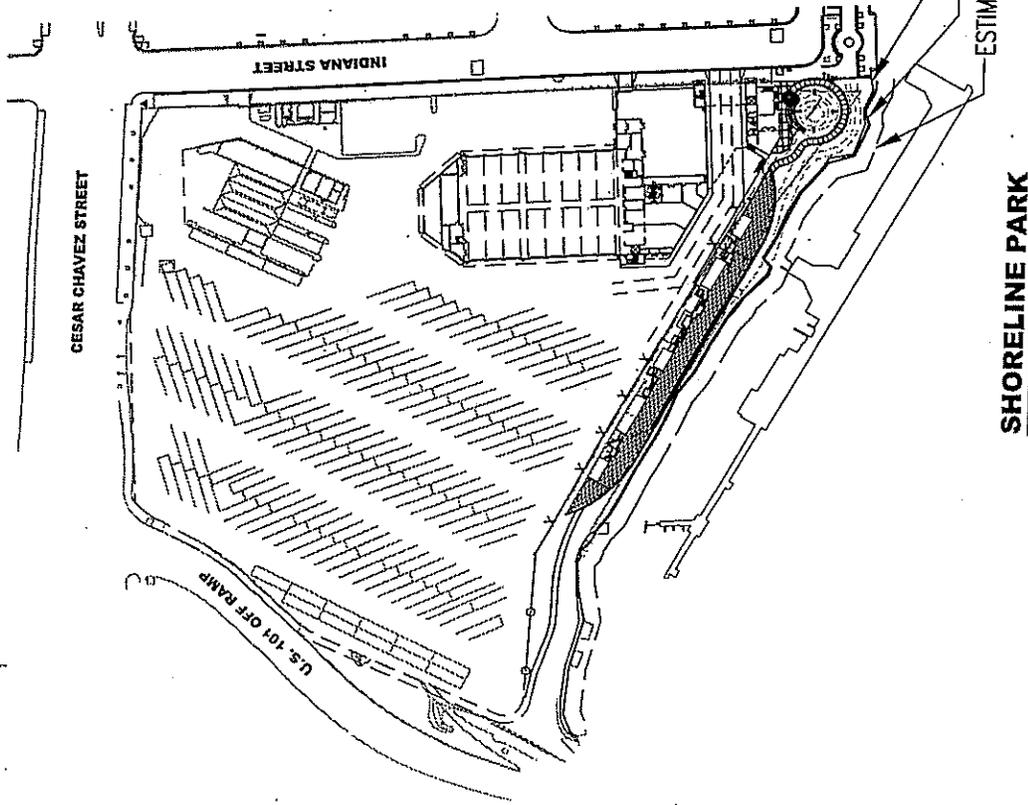
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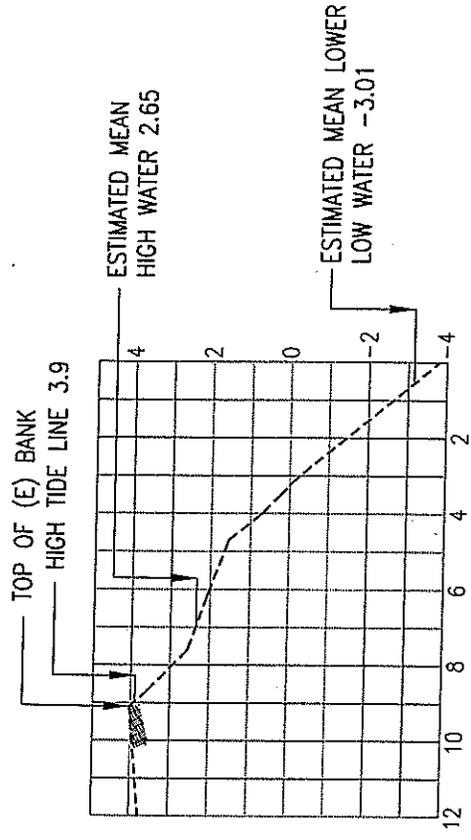
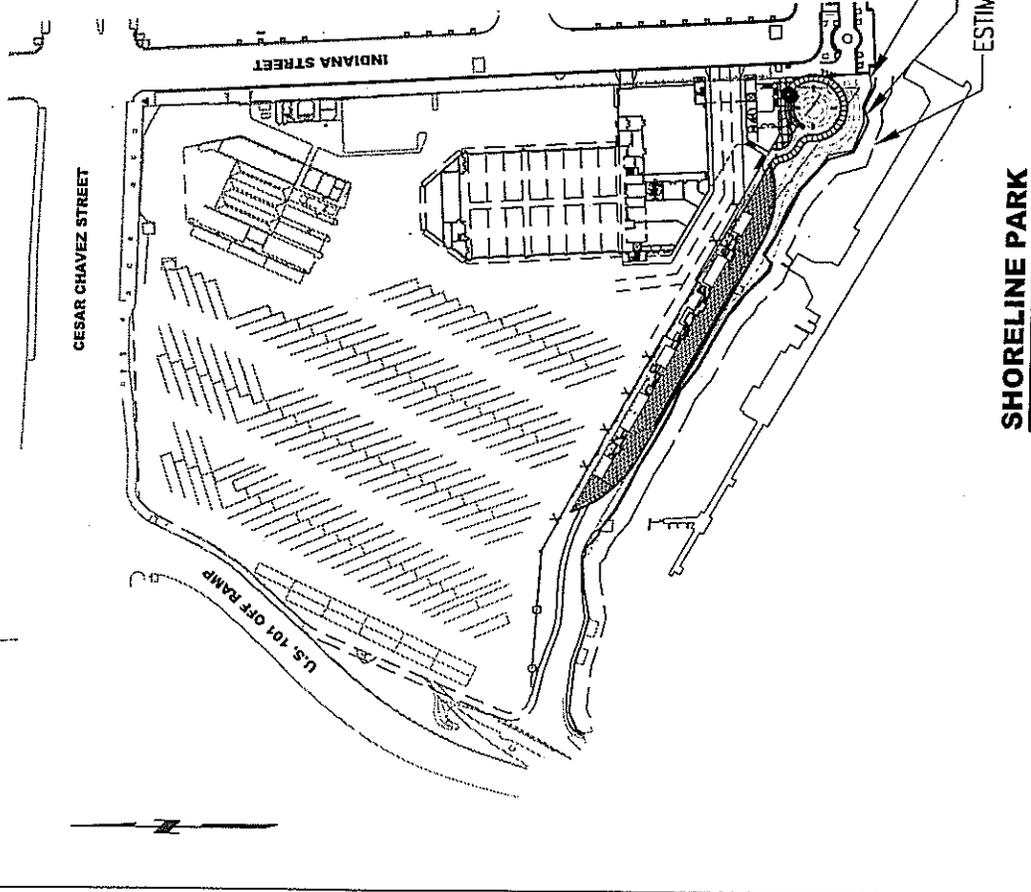
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SHORELINE PARK

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