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Transportation and Community Development Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: REPORT REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF A SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FLOOD
PROTECTION TASK FORCE

SUMMARY

On November 29, 1988, Supervisor Grantland Johnson presented to the County Board of Supervisors a proposal to establish a Sacramento Metropolitan Flood Protection Task Force. The attached memorandum from Mayor Anne Rudin requests that the City Council support establishment of the Task Force, including two representatives from the City of Sacramento.

Doug Murphy, a representative of Supervisor Grantland Johnson will attend the December 13, 1988, Transportation and Community Development Committee meeting to brief the Committee members and answer questions about the Task Force proposal.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee consider the proposal to create a Sacramento Metropolitan Flood Protection Task Force and forward this report to the full City Council for action.

Respectfully submitted,

Recommendation Approved:

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Deputy City Manager

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Office of the Mayor

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 22, 1988

TO: Councilmembers and Staff

FROM: Mayor Anne Rudin

SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN
FLOOD PROTECTION TASK FORCE

Supervisor Grantland Johnson will present this proposal to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, November 29, 1988. I request that it be referred to T & CD Committee for a hearing at their earliest opportunity.

The purpose of this letter is to propose creation and request appointment of representatives to a Sacramento Metropolitan Flood Protection Task Force.

The enactment of Senate Bill 1604 (Garamendi) promised establishment, effective January 1, 1989, of a super local agency whose primary responsibility would be to address flood control issues within the metropolitan and adjacent areas, formulate plans for adequate flood control protection, and implement those plans through oversight of construction and the levy of assessments to fund the local share of construction costs. The veto by the Governor of Senate Bill 1604 has temporarily frustrated local efforts to organize and plan flood protection projects.

On October 27, 1988, Senator Garamendi proposed establishment of an authority consisting of representatives of the various interested agencies whose responsibilities would include coordinated review of flood protection issues, joint planning, evaluation of funding sources, and establishment of a phased plan for development of flood control construction projects. My recommendation and request is intended to implement Senator Garamendi's proposal.

In particular, I request the following:

- a. Establishment of a Task Force consisting of eight elected officials, two each from the governing bodies of the County, City, Reclamation District, and American River Flood Control District.

b. Establishment of a technical staff for the Task Force consisting of the Public Works Directors of the City and County, with assistance as required from the engineering staffs of Reclamation District 1000, the American River Flood Control District, and the State Reclamation Board.

c. Conduct by the Task Force of studies relating to flood protection, which have as their goals:

- (1) 200 year level flood protection for the City and County of Sacramento.
- (2) Facilitation at the earliest time practical of increased flood protection for areas where it can be locally and financially obtained, including development of a master plan for achieving as a minimum the FEMA 100 year level of flood protection for all of Sacramento County within the four year grace period granted by Congress.

d. Identification of equitable means of financing the project or projects as identified above.

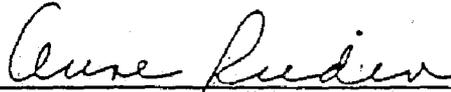
e. Development of a permanent jurisdictional structure to achieve the improvement objectives.

f. Recommendation to the governing bodies of the affected agencies of the plans, projects and structure identified above.

Absent a super agency, no local initiative to plan and undertake flood control projects can be successful unless all interested jurisdictions agree upon and mutually resolve the basic substantive issues presented. An advisory Task Force equally weighted in jurisdictional representation would be a valuable tool in achievement of the local consensus. If the Task Force cannot reach agreement on basic issues, such would be a strong indication that local consensus is impossible. If the Task Force is able to reach agreement and takes the time and make the effort to carefully identify and articulate its reasons, formal local consensus should be an obtainable objective.

By making this recommendation, I have not overlooked the fact that flood control risks and solutions in the Sacramento Metropolitan Area are at least impacted by conditions in Placer, Sutter and Yolo counties. It might well be that representation from those jurisdictions on the Task Force would be desirable. I believe, however, that the decision to expand the Task Force to include such representation should be deferred. The Task Force, itself, should address that question and make recommendations with reference thereto.

I request that this proposal be placed on the Transportation and Community Development agenda at the earliest possible time, and given favorable consideration.



ANNE RUDIN

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Walt Slipe, City Manager
Mel Johnson, Director, Public Works
Jim Jackson, City Attorney
Members of Governing Bodies and
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Reclamation District No. 1000
American River Flood Control District