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LAW AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE/
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Proposed Sacramento County Flood Control District

SUMMARY

Senators John Garamendi and Leroy Greene have introduced legislation to create a Sacramento County Flood Control District. This report recommends that the City declare its support for the concept of a county-wide flood control district for the maintenance of levees and floodways, provided the City is appropriately represented on the governing board.

BACKGROUND

In response to a perceived need for better coordination and planning in the flood control area, Senators Garamendi and Greene have introduced SB 1604. The measure, currently in skeletal form to allow input from various local agencies, would create the Sacramento County Flood Control District.

A single flood control district could be very beneficial to the Sacramento area, particularly in light of the fact that studies currently underway by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and others are expected to indicate a need for additional flood protection. A single, unified district would provide the best vehicle to obtain the large sums of federal and state funding necessary to provide these types of improvements. However, in order to be effective in obtaining funding and implementing flood protection measures, the district must have adequate staffing and a solid funding base. Any formula for determining the funding base should address zones of benefit and levels of assessment.

There are a number of significant issues regarding the proposed county-wide flood control district that have yet to be worked out. The City must be appropriately represented on the governing board of the district, and the proposed district boundaries may require some modification. Another key point

is the definition of the types of facilities to be maintained by the district. Staff recommends that the City retain control of its drainage pump stations and their associated drainage systems; this could be accomplished by specifying that the flood control district's responsibilities will be limited to the maintenance of levees and floodways of natural rivers and streams.

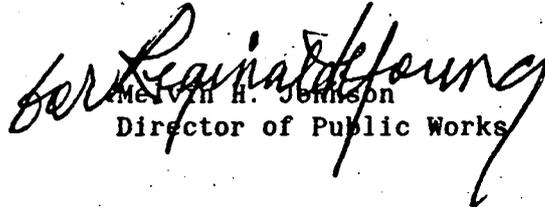
Senator Garamendi's office is working closely with the many local agencies currently providing flood protection in the area to refine and clarify these issues. Any specific endorsement of SB 1604 should be deferred until these details are worked out to the City Council's satisfaction.

At this time, staff is recommending that the Joint Committees support the concept of a County Flood Control District and direct staff to continue working with Senator Garamendi's office to develop a more detailed proposal outlining acceptable district boundaries, responsibilities, and representation.

RECOMMENDATION

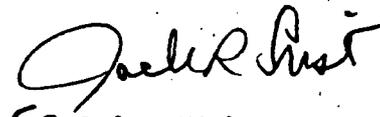
Staff recommends that the Law and Legislative and Transportation and Community Development Committees forward the attached resolution expressing support for the concept of a Sacramento County Flood Control District to the City Council with a recommendation for approval.

Respectfully submitted,


Melvin H. Johnson
Director of Public Works

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

April 2, 1987
All Districts


For Solon Wisham, Jr.
Assistant City Manager

RESOLUTION No.

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

A RESOLUTION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR
THE CONCEPT OF A SACRAMENTO
COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
FOR MAINTENANCE OF LEVEES
AND FLOODWAYS

WHEREAS, Sacramento County is presently provided with flood protection by numerous local and state agencies and special districts, and significant variation exists throughout the County in the maintenance of levees and the ability of levees to protect against flood flows; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento County area is subject to flooding during periods of very high rains, as evidenced by the extensive flooding that occurred in February, 1986; and

WHEREAS, the current fragmentary approach to delivering flood control services resulted in confusion during the height of the flooding crisis regarding the responsibility for various levees and floodways; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to the health, safety and well-being of the residents of Sacramento County that a unified and comprehensive approach to the maintenance of levees and floodways be developed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO that:

The City of Sacramento supports the concept of a Sacramento County Flood Control District for levee and floodway maintenance, provided the City is appropriately represented on the governing body.

MAYOR

ATTEST

CITY CLERK