

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JAS. S. DEAN, CITY MANAGER, AND GEORGE F. NICHOLSON, CONSULTING ENGINEER, TO OFFICIALLY REPRESENT THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO AT A HEARING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON MAY 20, 1936, BEFORE THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS FOR RIVERS AND HARBORS, RELATIVE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORT OF SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA.

WHEREAS, since the pioneer days of 1849 when the gold rush era was at its peak the City of Sacramento has owned and operated its waterfront facilities for the benefit of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, this municipal ownership has continued without interruption for eighty-seven years and still exists; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento has a large investment in its municipal port and considers the proper development of navigation on the Sacramento River of vital importance to the progress of Sacramento, the capital city of California and its largest inland city; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies made by the U. S. Army Engineers and other engineering agencies, confirmed by the findings of the consulting engineer for the City of Sacramento to be submitted at this hearing, conclusively show that the existing navigation facilities are inadequate to care for the volume of business which has developed and that they have been inadequate for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sacramento is fully cognizant and deeply appreciative of the cooperation afforded by the U. S. Army Engineers in discovering solutions for navigation and flood control problems affecting the welfare not only of Sacramento but the entire State of California; and

WHEREAS, this spirit of cooperation is admirably reflected in the hearing which has been granted on May 20, 1936, at Washington, D.C., affording the people of this district an opportunity to present all available facts relating to these important subjects; and

WHEREAS, all engineering and economic studies which have been made tend to show that it would be inadvisable for proper future development to consider the expansion of existing facilities confined to a ten foot channel only; and

WHEREAS, this problem of navigation and port development vitally concerns not alone the City of Sacramento but the entire inland empire of Northern California, of which Sacramento is the logical geographical and population center; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento has no desire to propose or support any program that will not be of benefit to all within that area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO, that Jas. S. Dean, City Manager, and George F. Nicholson, Consulting Engineer, be, and they are hereby authorized, to represent the Council at the hearing in Washington, D.C., on May 20, 1936, before the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, in company with representatives of other interests to assist them in presenting to said Board of Engineers all factual evidence available, upon which a sound decision may be reached as to the proper solution of this important problem.

Adopted by the City Council on date of May 7, 1936, by following vote:

AYES: Anderson, Bidwell, Coughlin, Ferguson, Foss, Maddox, Mering, Monk, Truesdale.

