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## MINUTES OF LAW AND LEGISLATION MEETING

March 28, 1985

3:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by chairman Douglas Pope. Also present were chairmembers Dave Shore and Lynn Robie. William Smallman arrived later in the meeting.

Item No. 1 on the agenda, AB 223, was discussed by Mike Medema of the Revenue Division. He explained that this bill would require the City to bill tenants rather than owners for utility billings. This would be very costly to the City since it would require many changes in the present billing system, which has just been revised. Lynn Robie moved, Dave Shore seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to recommend opposition of AB 223.

Item No. 2 on the agenda regarding an amendment to the Sacramento County Water Agency Act was discussed by Doc Wisham. He explained how this would benefit the community and establish the market for treated surface water. Dave Shore expressed concern about being pulled into a water plan he didn't have a chance to review in detail if these amendments were approved. There was a lot of discussion on this matter, and it was concluded that this was one step in the entire series of steps required for the City-County water program already approved by the City Council. Also speaking for these amendments was Baxter Culver of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. He explained that these amendments were the result of 15 years of work throughout the County as well as by City and County staff. He said that this amendment was the "house" in the water project, and they will still need the "furniture". The goal is to stabilize the ground water table, not to replace it with treated surface water. Lynn Robie made a motion, Dave Shore seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to recommend the amendment to the Sacramento County Water Agency Act.

Item No. 3 on the agenda, A.B. 709 relating to filing of citizen complaints against police personnel, was discussed by Lt. Benton of the Police Department. He is opposed because the Police Department already has an Internal Affairs Department. The new law would compromise confidentiality by going through another City department. It also takes more time, as the complaints can now be handled sometimes the day they are received. Lynn Robie stated that she resents state government telling local government how to run their affairs. Dave Shore stated: "If it's not broken, why fix it?" Also, he felt

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our City Clerk's office was already overloaded. Doug Pope wanted to know why this was even being proposed in the first place, and was told that "no one knows." It was agreed by everyone present that the Sacramento City Police Department is doing a fine job just the way they are, and that there is no need for change. Lynn Robie felt the City should write a very stinging letter as to why we are opposed to this bill. Richard Lucero of the Sacramento Police Officers Association discussed this bill. He felt there would most likely be a lot of lawsuits for invasion of privacy as this bill will violate police officers' rights, as well as civilian rights. Dave Shore felt that in the letter regarding this Assembly bill, we should include a statement saying thanks for wanting to help, but we'd rather you send money! Dave Shore moved, Lynn Robie seconded and it was unanimously agreed to "stingingly" oppose A.B. 709.

An executive session was held at 3:40 p.m.

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