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November 6, 2001

City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES GRANTS UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, CLEAN WATER, WATERSHED PROTECTION AND FLOOD PROTECTION ACT (PROPOSITION 13) AND NEGOTIATE A GRANT FUNDING AGREEMENT

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Potential projects are in various locations north of the American River between the Sacramento River Water Treatment Plant and the E. A. Fairbairn Water Treatment Plant in Council Districts 1,2, and 4 (see attached map).

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the attached resolution which authorizes the City Manager to:

- Sign and file Groundwater Storage Program Construction Grant Applications through the Regional Water Authority (RWA) on behalf of the City of Sacramento.
- Negotiate a grant funding agreement through RWA with the California Department of Water Resources.



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Authorization to Apply for Department of Water Resources Grant
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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: November 27, 2001

SUMMARY:

City staff has identified a potential source of grant monies for partial funding of major capital improvement projects identified in the Water Distribution System Master Plan. Authorization from the City Council for RWA to file an application and negotiate a grant funding agreement on behalf of RWA member agencies is required by the California Department of Water Resources Program.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

None.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION;

The California Department of Water Resources has developed grant programs for construction projects that generate data necessary to better understand aquifer characteristics and enhance conjunctive management of surface water and groundwater. Funding for these grant programs is authorized under the Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection and Flood Protection Act (Proposition 13), which currently provides up to \$91,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 with a grant award maximum of \$50,000,000 for each project.

RWA, on behalf of membership agencies, is bundling a group of projects for the Proposition 13 grant applications that will benefit the northern Sacramento region groundwater and surface water conjunctive use efforts. Specific projects for the City of Sacramento have been identified in the Water Distribution System Master Plan which would augment surface water in areas north of the American River mainly supplied by well water now. These projects, which include conveyance facilities and interties, would allow greater flexibility between the use of groundwater and surface water providing more groundwater recharge during wetter years and less reliance on surface water during drier years.

If the grant application is approved, the development of a cooperative agreement would begin. Upon finalization and execution of a cooperative agreement, construction on a project would be required within no more than one year.

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ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

No environmental documentation is required for this action. However, any projects resulting from the granting of funds would be subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Sufficient funds exist in the current Engineering Services operating budget to cover staff costs required to submit and secure this grant. If grant funding is approved, a Capital Improvement Project, using these monies and any additional Water Fund monies required, will be brought before City Council for approval.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Projects eligible for grant funding are consistent with the Water Forum Agreement regarding conjunctive use which was approved by City Council in November 1999.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:


ESBD considerations do not pertain to this action. Projects generated as a result of grant funding will require contracting with contractors subject to current policy regarding ESBD participation requirements.

Respectfully submitted,




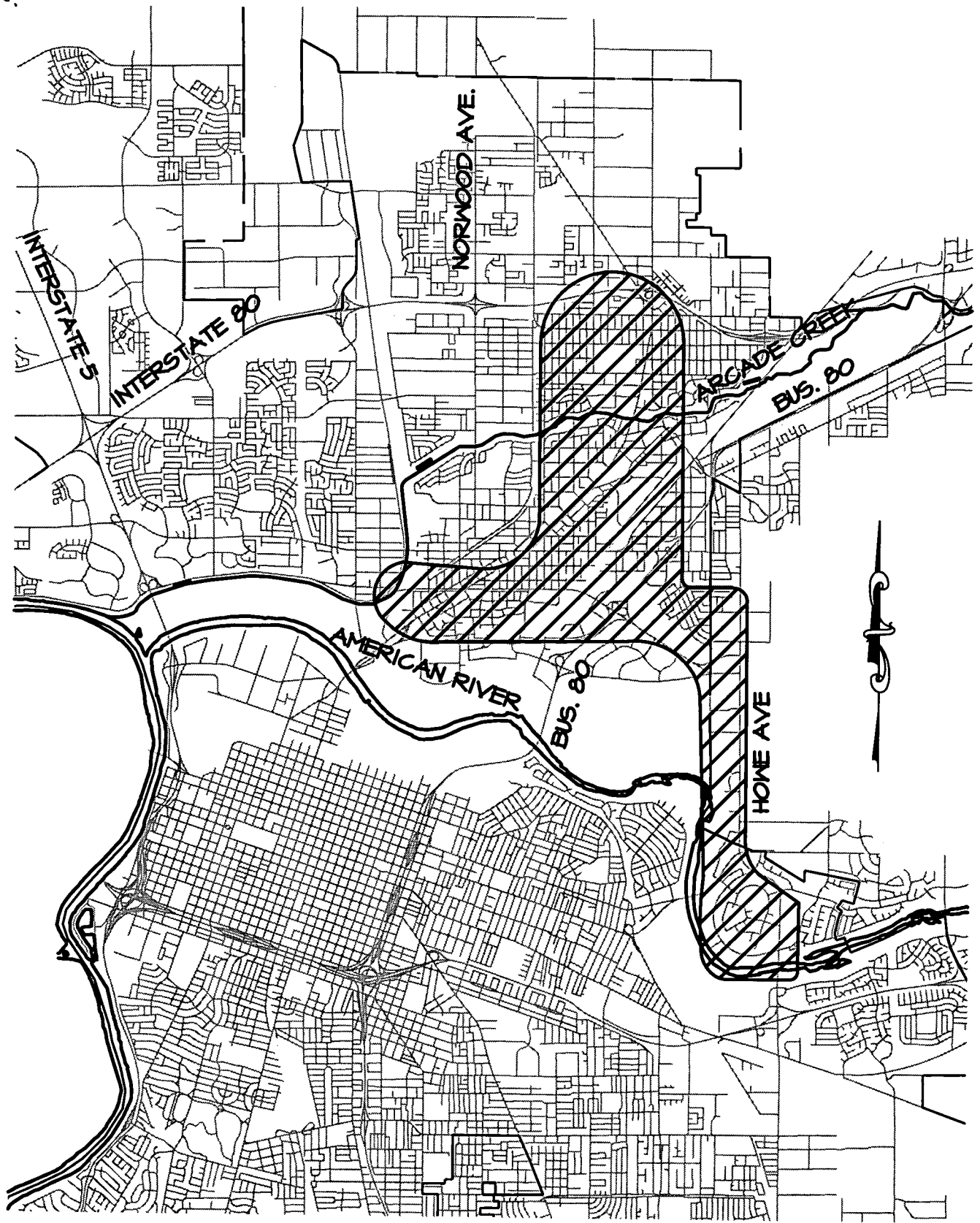
Gary A. Reents
Engineering Services Manager

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED


ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

APPROVED

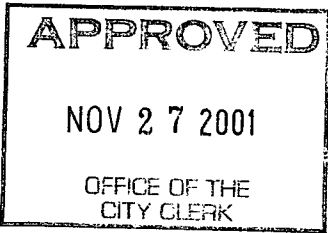

JAMES G. SEQUEIRA
Director of Utilities



AREA OF POTENTIAL PROJECTS
 FOR CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES GRANT FUNDING
 NOVEMBER 2001



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RESOLUTION NO. 2001-770

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES GRANTS UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, CLEAN WATER, WATERSHED PROTECTION AND FLOOD PROTECTION ACT (PROPOSITION 13) AND NEGOTIATION OF A GRANT FUNDING AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL THAT:

1. The City Manager or his designee are hereby authorized to sign and file, through the Regional Water Authority (RWA), Groundwater Storage Program Construction Grant Applications for grants from the California Department of Water Resources on behalf of the City of Sacramento.
2. The City Manager or his designee are hereby authorized to negotiate through RWA a grant funding agreement with the California Department of Water Resources on behalf of the City of Sacramento.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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RESOLUTION NO.: _____

DATE ADOPTED: _____