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For Commission Meeting of:
April 5, 1984

To: Sacramento Metropolitan Cable Television Commission

From: Bob Smith, Executive Director

Subject: EXPANSION OF CABLE TELEVISION JPA

Yolo County staff is presently reviewing four bids for the West Sacramento Cable TV franchise area of approximately 10,000 population. One of the bidders, Cablevision, submitted a bid with the condition that, if selected, Yolo County would join the Sacramento Joint Powers Agency and that the terms and conditions of the Yolo contract and Cable TV Ordinance reflect those of Sacramento. Ostensibly, Cablevision believes that their suggestion would provide uniformity of regulation in the administration of the 20-year franchise both here and in Yolo County.

Staff has discussed this with Charles Mack, Yolo County Counsel, and Mary Stephens, the County Librarian, who are the primary cable television staff people. Your staff sees the remote possibility of this option developing within Yolo County regardless of which company is awarded the franchise because of the proximity of West Sacramento to this "metropolitan" area.

In preliminary discussions at staff level, it would appear that as long as Yolo County and the two small cities are willing to accept the same rotating participation and representation status under our Ordinance as currently exists for Folsom and Galt (Folsom has a population of 11,000, Yolo 10,000, and Galt 5,513,) staff could conceptually recommend modifying our JPA.

Many more details have to be identified and discussed including any implications regarding potential antitrust litigation (both Charles Mack and your Counsel, however, do not feel that there is a legal impediment to expanding the JPA) before an agreement can be recommended.

Therefore, this issue is submitted for your information and unless there are objections, the staff will continue to respond to questions from Yolo County exploring this concept.

Therefore, it is recommended that your Commission:

Receive and file this report.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name and title.

BOB SMITH, Executive Director
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