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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ESTABLISHING A WATERSHED EDUCATION PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZATION TO FUND THE CITY'S SHARE OF PROGRAM COSTS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$39,278 IN FY 98/99

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-wide

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the attached resolution to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Sacramento and the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District for the purpose of establishing a Watershed Education Program. The City's share of program costs for FY 98/99, based on the year-one proposed budget provided in the MOU, Attachment A will be an amount not to exceed \$39,278.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: June 23, 1998

SUMMARY

The program will establish and fund a Watershed Education Resource Center. The resource center will provide materials and expertise to the community on water quality issues and will promote the importance of protecting water resources.

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The City of Sacramento will use the program to support public outreach and education elements of its storm water management program and to promote water quality issue awareness, pollution prevention and water conservation throughout the community.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION

None.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Sacramento Watershed Education Consortium consists of the City of Sacramento Department of Utilities, Sacramento County Water Resources Division, and the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District. Each of these agencies share an interest in establishing an ongoing education program to inform school age children and the public about water quality issues. The consortium staff have held several planning meetings to develop a coordinated water quality information and educational program for the community of Sacramento.

The proposed program consolidates a variety of outreach and community involvement projects, which would otherwise have been planned independently to support City, County, and District programs and projects. To avoid duplication of outreach activities and to better serve the community's growing demand for water quality information, the consortium developed the attached plan (see MOU, Attachment A).

The goals of the program are to:

- Develop a sustainable Sacramento area watershed education program to serve local schools and the community.
- * Create and sustain a centralized location for watershed information with easy public accessibility.
- * Promote water quality issue awareness, pollution prevention and water conservation.
- * Provide easy public access to agency experts who can speak to community and educational groups about water quality issues.

By consolidating public education and outreach resources, the public need only contact one location for information on a variety of City, County, and District water quality programs and responsibilities. Each participating agency can benefit from the shared resources of the contributing agencies to better serve community members. Additionally, the program itself is able to pursue grant monies and other potential funding.

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Watershed education and outreach personnel, including a Watershed Education Director and/or Resource Center Coordinator, will staff the center. In addition to providing resource guidance, information and coordination, staff members will develop outreach tools to assist educators and community groups, hold workshops, coordinate a speaker's bureau of water quality experts and participate in local events to promote Sacramento River watershed issues.

The center will have a depository of educational materials both electronic and physical, for community use. Grant resource information will also be made available to nonprofit organizations and school programs to which they can apply.

The key provisions of the MOU are as follows:

- provides for the formation of a Steering Committee for consultant selection, preparation of the program annual budget, and program oversight.
- provides for the following cost sharing arrangement : COUNTY shall contribute 1/3 of Program costs and CITY shall contribute 2/9 of Program costs. DISTRICT'S share is the balance of program costs plus any contingencies expended at the request of the Committee.
- Designates the District as Lead Agency in administration of the Program.

On February 11, 1998 the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District Board approved in concept the funding of a Sacramento Watershed Resource Center and Public Education Program as described in the MOU, Attachment A. The District Board of Directors and the County Board of Supervisors are scheduled to consider the MOU at a joint meeting on June 24, 1998.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

The Environmental Services Division has determined that this action is exempt from the provisions of CEQA in accordance with Section 15308 of the CEQA Guidelines.

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FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

In the MOU establishing a Watershed Education Program, the City's share of the FY 98/99 program budget of \$216,000 is an amount not to exceed \$39,278 and will be funded in the Storm Drainage Capital Improvement Program, NPDES Stormwater Program (WD-56), which has an unobligated balance of \$167,753 as of June 5, 1998.

Under the terms of the MOU, the City of Sacramento's share for the Watershed Education Program will be 2/9ths of the total budgeted program (\$216,000) less contingency costs; for Fiscal year 1998/1999, the total budgeted program included \$176,750 in program costs and \$39,250 in contingency costs. The Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District will be responsible for funding all expenditures for contingency costs.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The NPDES Stormwater Program is a federally mandated program. The County of Sacramento and the Cities of Citrus Heights Galt, Folsom, and Sacramento are regulated by an NPDES Permit, which requires the Permittees to develop and implement a number of programs to reduce the impacts of urban stormwater on the Sacramento area receiving waters. The Public Education and Awareness Program is recognized as one of the most effective means to prevent stormwater pollution from occurring, and programs directed at school-age children are extremely effective. The Watershed Education Program provides a cost-effective means of implementing the City's NPDES Stormwater Program.

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The Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District shall be designated as "Lead Agency" for the purposes of this MOU. Selection of any consultants or contractors retained by the Program will be in accordance with the District's standard procedures.

Respectfully submitted,



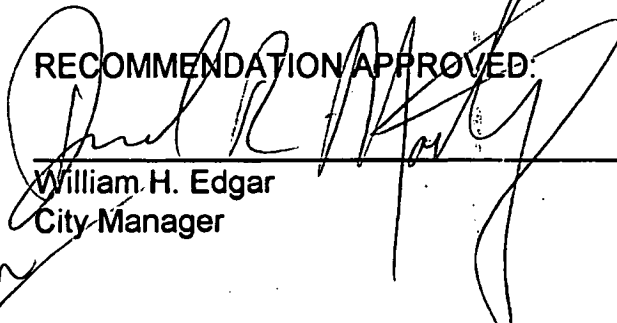
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ON DATE OF _____

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
REGARDING ESTABLISHING A WATERSHED EDUCATION PROGRAM**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL THAT:

1. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Sacramento and the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District for the purpose of establishing a watershed education program.
2. The Memorandum of Understanding obligates the City to share program costs for an amount not to exceed \$39,278 for FY98/99.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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