



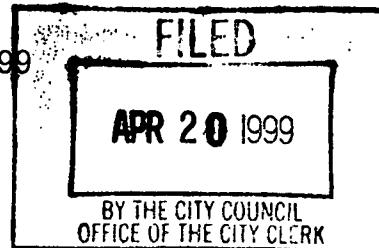
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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: JOINT MEETING WITH SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL, COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO'S BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-wide

RECOMMENDATION: This report is for information only.

CONTACT PERSONS: Jim Sequeira, Director of Utilities, 264-1407

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: April 20, 1999

SUMMARY

A joint meeting has been scheduled with City Council members, County Supervisors, and Directors of the East Bay Municipal Utility District to discuss the latest water supply project proposal sponsored by the City and County of Sacramento. This public meeting is scheduled for April 28, 1999 at 6 p.m. in the County's Board of Supervisors' Chambers.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION: None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- For the past three years, the City has attempted unsuccessfully to facilitate an acceptable Joint Water Supply Project between Sacramento parties and the East bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) that would divert water near the mouth of the American River.



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- The City and County have recently proposed a modified project that would involve only EBMUD. Elements of this proposal include:
 - No diversions from Nimbus
 - A water diversion near 23rd and C Street
 - Diversions permitted only when flows in river are above Hodge threshold¹
 - No sales of water to parties other than Sacramento and San Joaquin
 - Diversions limited to 100 million gallons per day
 - Passage of state legislation to prohibit Nimbus diversions
 - \$5 million for community enhancements (purchase of parkway properties)
- Purpose of the April 28th meeting is to allow discussion among the elected officials relative to the modified proposal.
- An agenda for the meeting is still in preparation but will be distributed as soon as it is finalized.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

This report is for information only and no action is asked of City Council.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

City Council has previously approved discussions and negotiations with EBMUD and Sacramento County in an effort to develop an acceptable water supply project.

¹Hodge Threshold is river flow criteria as defined by 1991 Alameda Superior Court Decision.

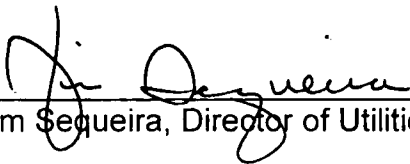
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ESBD CONSIDERATIONS

As no services or supplies are being purchased there are no ESBD issues.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Sequeira, Director of Utilities

APPROVED:

RECOMMEND APPROVAL:



Robert P. Thomas, City Manager



Jack Crist, Deputy City Manager

KEY MESSAGES

I. We must protect the American River for our community's water supply and greatest natural asset. We have no choice but to oppose EBMUD's actions

- ◆ we oppose them diverting at Nimbus
- ◆ we oppose them taking our water during droughts

II. We are more than willing to work with EBMUD to find a solution that does not compromise our future. We have a reasonable proposal that we'll be discussing tonight.

III. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation must withdraw its draft contract with EBMUD.
This contract:

- ◆ lets EBMUD take our water from Nimbus
- ◆ lets EBMUD take our water during droughts
- ◆ lets them sell our water elsewhere
- ◆ violates state law