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March 1, 1999

City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT DISASTER RECOVERY  
INITIATIVE FOR 1997 DISASTER**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** City-wide (all districts).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends City Council adopt the resolution authorizing the Director of Utilities to apply for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Disaster Recovery Initiative (DRI) funds for the Floods of 1997.

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**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** March 23, 1999

**SUMMARY**

The City has been allocated \$320,780 of HUD DRI funds for the Floods of 1997. Staff proposes to use the DRI funds to elevate structures that were damaged in the 1997 storms and have suffered similar damage in previous storms.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION**

None.



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## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In June 1997 Congress funded the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Disaster Recovery Initiative (DRI) with an initial appropriation of \$500 million. The City of Sacramento was allocated \$320,780 of the HUD DRI funds to be used to mitigate flood damage caused by the 1997 floods. The City must use at least 50% of the funds to benefit persons of low to moderate income.

In Sacramento, there were 18 residential structures that suffered damage during the 1997 storms and have also suffered losses in previous storms. These structures are also listed on FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) repetitive loss lists (see attached map). In all of these repetitive loss cases, the cause of the flooding was a result of drainage not out of bank from a creek or river.

Traditionally the City has addressed preventative flood damages by the construction and expansion of flood control and drainage infrastructure such as the following:

1. Construction of detention facilities such as basins or storage tanks
2. Enlarging existing storm drainage mains and appurtenances
3. Increasing the capacity of storm drainage pump stations
4. Construction of levees, berms, and floodwalls

However, since the structures on this repetitive loss list were originally built lower than adjacent properties and are geographically spread throughout the City, the localized flooding can not be adequately or cost effectively relieved using the typical flood control and drainage improvement measures listed above. Staff proposes to use the HUD funds to elevate five to seven of these structures above the localized flood elevations. Priority will be given to property owners who are on the FEMA repetitive loss list and, as required by HUD, are low to moderate income. Property owners that are not identified on FEMA's repetitive loss list, but can document damages caused by the 1997 floods and previous storm events, may also be considered depending on the availability of funds.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION**

An environmental determination based on CEQA/NEPA compliance requirements will be made once the specific structures to be elevated are determined.

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**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION**

There is no financial impact to the City as a result of applying for the HUD DRI funds.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

The reduction of potential flood damages to existing structures is consistent with the City's floodplain management policies and required as part the NFIP Community Rating System

**ESBD:**

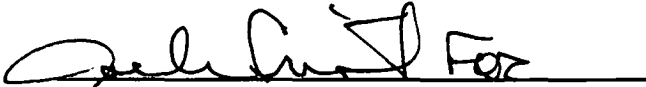
ESBD is not applicable at this time, since the City is not purchasing any goods or services. But at the time the City receives the grant, compliance with federal guidelines for minority businesses and women's business enterprises may be required.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Gary A. Reents  
Engineering Services Manager

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

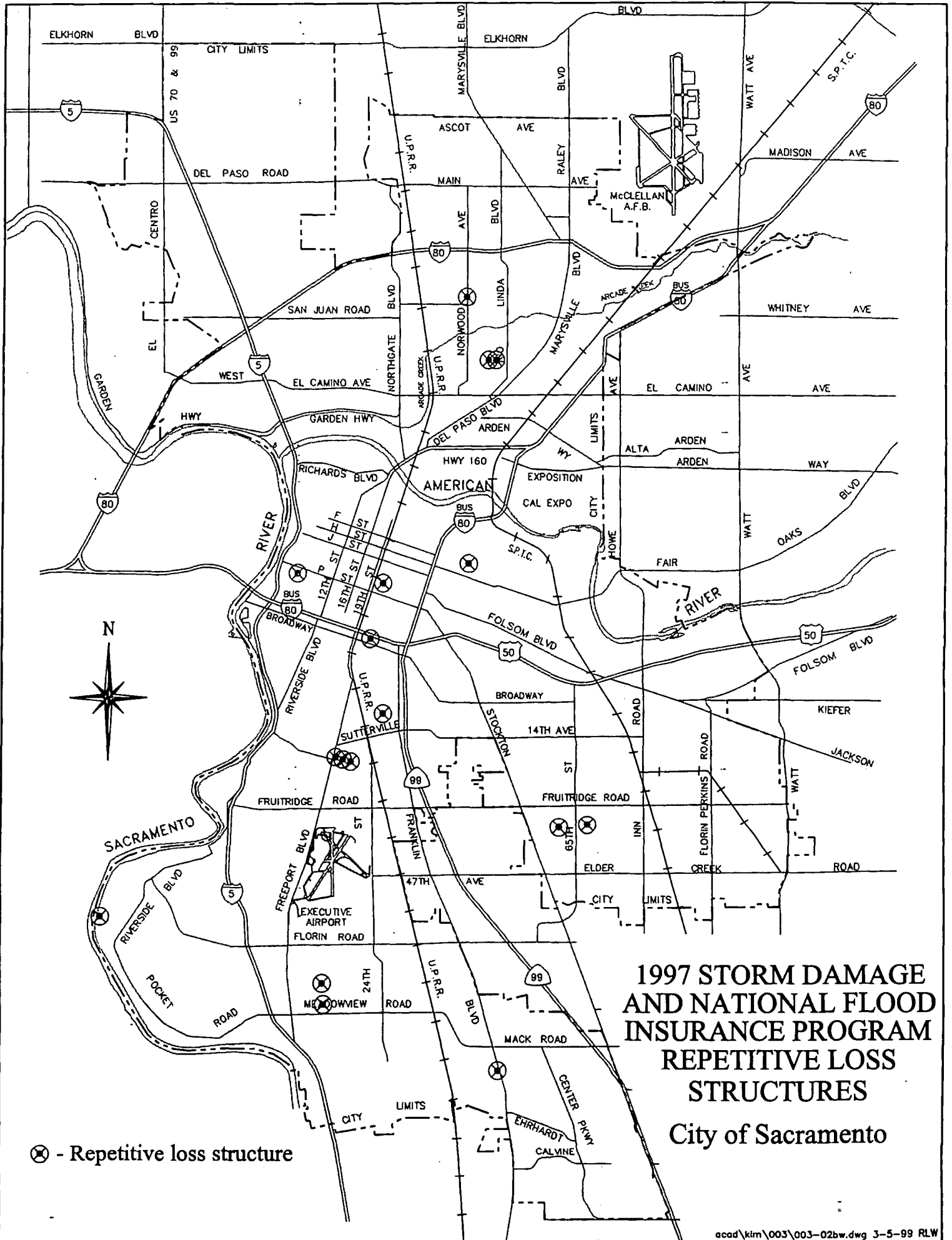


William H. Edgar  
City Manager

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James G. Sequeira  
Director of Utilities



**1997 STORM DAMAGE  
AND NATIONAL FLOOD  
INSURANCE PROGRAM  
REPETITIVE LOSS  
STRUCTURES  
City of Sacramento**

⊗ - Repetitive loss structure

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**RESOLUTION NO. 99-127**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES TO APPLY FOR HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) DISASTER RECOVERY INITIATIVE (DRI) FUNDS FOR THE FLOODS OF 1997**

**WHEREAS,** There are at least 18 residential structures that have sustained damage during the 1997 storms and repetitive losses from previous storms.

**WHEREAS,** The City has been allocated \$320,780 of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Disaster Recovery Initiative grant funds for the 1997 disaster.

**WHEREAS,** The City has an opportunity with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Disaster Recovery Initiative grant funds, to provide assistance to property owners to reduce the potential of repetitive flood damages on existing structures.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL:**

The Director of Utilities is authorized to apply for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Disaster Recovery Initiative grant funds and sign all necessary application forms and certificates as required for the grant application.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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