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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Solar Pool Heating Ordinance

DISCUSSION:

On April 8, 1980 the City Council adopted an ordinance requiring that an active solar heating system be installed simultaneously with the installation of a natural gas heater on an outside swimming pool. The ordinance was to take affect on February 1, 1981; however, as was pointed out at the time of adoption, the ordinance could not be enforced until the State Emergency Commission made a finding that it would result in a diminution of energy below that which results from the Commission's regulations. The Energy Commission made such a finding on February 24, 1982 and the ordinance is being enforced effective March 1, 1982.

During the hearing on the findings, the Energy Commission staff stated that it would be worthwhile for local jurisdictions to monitor the effects of solar pool heating ordinances due to the marked public response to high natural gas rates. City staff will monitor the effects of Sacramento's ordinance and report back to Council in about a year. Also, at the hearing, swimming pool industry representatives requested that the Commission recommend to the City Council that a new economic analysis be performed for the ordinance. They stated that they felt this should be done since two years have passed since the original analysis was performed. However, staff is of the opinion that such an analysis would be fruitless at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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