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Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: NATOMAS BASIN HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN FEE INCREASE

LOCATION/ COUNCIL DISTRICT: North and South Natomas
District 1

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the City Council authorize increasing the amount of the Natomas Basin Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) fee by adopting the attached resolution.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: May 14, 2002 (afternoon)

SUMMARY: A fee increase, from \$10,021 to \$11,962 per gross acre of development, is proposed to cover the increase in costs associated with successfully implementing the Natomas Basin HCP and the HCP Settlement Agreement. City Council approval is required before the fee increase will take effect. The fee increase is proposed to take effect immediately. On May 1, 2002, the fee increase was approved by The Natomas Basin Conservancy Board of Directors.

COMMISSION ACTION: No action was taken by the Planning Commission on this item.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

History of the HCP Fee: On August 7, 1997, the City Council added Chapter 84.10 to Title 84 (currently Chapter 18.40 of Title 18) of the City Code which created and established the authority for the Habitat Conservation Fee (HCP Fee), which is used to fund the costs of implementing the Natomas Basin Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) (Ord. No. 97-046). Chapter 18.40 directs the City Council, by resolution, to set the amount of the fee. Also, the chapter contemplates the periodic revision of the fee by resolution of the Council. On September 2, 1997, the City Council established the specific amount of the HCP Fee as \$2,656 per gross acre (Reso. No. 97-508), on August 17, 1999, the Council increased the fee to \$3,292 per gross acre (Reso. No. 99-473), and on September 12, 2000, the Council increased the fee to \$3,941 per gross acre (Reso. No. 2000-538).