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MEMORANDUM

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February 25, 1986

TO: MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBERS

OFFICE OF THE
CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: FLOOD DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS & CITY ACTIONS DURING AND AFTER THE
EMERGENCY

Key members of the City Emergency Task Force gathered in the Fire Department's Emergency Control Room in the 13th & I office building to coordinate City services response to the danger of flooding in several sections of the City. Participants included Police, Fire, Public Works, and the City Manager's Office. In addition to declaring a local emergency and mobilizing City employees to respond, communications were established with the County of Sacramento and various agencies of the State and Federal governments concerned with the emergency. The City staff coordinated informational releases with other agencies to assure the accuracy of reports to the general public and to optimize the deployment of City resources in controlling and managing the removal of drainage water from surface areas within the City and maintaining the levees on creeks, canals and rivers.

Public and private improvements sustained severe damage during this emergency. The most severe damage occurred in the Strawberry Manor neighborhood of North Sacramento. The majority of the damage is to private property and has affected more than 500 homes in an area bounded by Arcade Creek on the south and the East Levee Main Drain on the west. Damage to this neighborhood occurred when excessive flows in the Sacramento and American Rivers backed up water in the East Levee Main Drain which serves as the outlet for Arcade Creek. Arcade Creek drains through and accommodates surface water from North Sacramento, Arcade, parts of Citrus Heights and Orangevale and other areas of the northeast Sacramento County. Simply put, the volume of water flowing down Arcade Creek could no longer be contained by the flood control levees in the downstream drainage system.

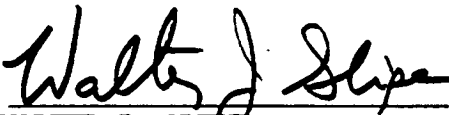
After the Strawberry Manor area was evacuated, the City quickly established Rosenwald Robertson Community Center as the command post for Police, Fire, Public Works and other units engaged in the emergency services during the height of the crisis. The City then transitioned the Center into a communications center for those residents affected by the flood. In the beginning, the Center was open on a 24 hour basis and now remains open 6:00 a.m. to midnight daily to provide central communications and a meeting place for private and public agencies that are assisting in distributing relief to the general public. A concerted effort is being made to get the Federal government to declare Robertson Center as a FEMA disaster relief center. We anticipate this will occur by Friday, February 28th. At this writing, the Walnut Grove area has been designated as a primary disaster relief center.

Morrison Creek also caused problems for private property owners and the City and County of Sacramento during the height of the rains. Morrison Creek rose to flash floods stages and the volume and velocity of the water damaged private property and several public improvements, including some of the new work in the

City approved Morrison Creek Assessment District around the Army Depot. Severe damage was sustained by the Florin-Perkins Bridge. It is anticipated that the bridge will be closed on Florin-Perkins Road at Morrison Creek for at least one week.

On Tuesday night, February 25, 1986, the City Council is being asked to approve an emergency ordinance waiving building permit fees in areas of the City affected by the flood. This should greatly speed up our assistance to impacted private property owners. Our primary target is the Strawberry Manor community. Building Inspectors are now ready to provide free courtesy inspection of all of the structures in that area. This will assist the property owners in obtaining grants and loans to begin restoring their property to a safe and usable condition

Additionally, an emergency resolution declaring the Strawberry Manor neighborhood a disaster area has been prepared for Council approval.


WALTER J. SLIRE,
City Manager

RESOLUTION No. 86-155

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

February 25, 1986

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY WITHIN THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO CAUSED BY HEAVY WINDS AND RAIN RESULTING IN FLOODING, LAND EROSION, AND DAMAGE TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE IMPROVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, City Council Resolution No. 81-290 of the City of Sacramento empowers the City Manager as the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has been requested by the Director of Emergency Services of said City to proclaim the existence of a local emergency therein; and

WHEREAS, said City Council does hereby find:

That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within said City, caused by heavy rains, high winds, flooding, and erosion of levees commencing on or about the 17th day of February 1986; and

That the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that a local emergency exists within said City; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organizations of the City shall be those prescribed by State law, and by Ordinance No. 2934 of this City approved by the City Council on December 3, 1970 and the County of Sacramento Emergency Operations office (SCC-140).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of Emergency Services has found that local resources are not sufficient to cope with the effects of said emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that upon the direction of the Director of Emergency Services a copy of this declaration be forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the City of Sacramento to be in a state of emergency; and further that the Governor request a Presidential Declaration, and

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BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this declaration be forwarded to the State Director of the Office of Emergency Services.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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