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December 11, 1984

City Council
Sacramento, California

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Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Acquisition of Swallows Nest Water System
From Sacramento County

SUMMARY

The Swallows Nest County Water Maintenance District is a small water system serving about 207 condominium units. The area was annexed to the City in July of 1984. Section 11 of the City Charter requires that all water systems within the City limits be owned and operated by the City and Sacramento County agrees to transfer ownership of this water system on February 1, 1985. Therefore, it is recommended that the City Council, by resolution, acquire this system on that date and continue the same water rate structure currently used by the County.

BACKGROUND

In 1978, a condominium development, Swallows Nest, was approved by Sacramento County in the South Natomas area, outside the then existing City limits. In order to provide domestic water service to the 207 dwelling units, Swallows Nest County Water Maintenance District was formed. The area is isolated, so wells were constructed to provide domestic water and fire protection. Water quality from these wells did not comply with State Department of Health Services standards due to the water's high iron and manganese content. The two minerals present no health hazard, but do cause nuisance problems such as discoloration and possibly adverse taste and odor impacts. To mitigate this problem, a small treatment plant was installed to treat production from the smallest well which is used for domestic purposes. Two larger wells are utilized for standby and fire protection purposes. The State Department of Health Services issued a water supply permit to the County for this system.

The area served by this system was included in the Willow Creek Annexation, which became effective July 20, 1984. Sacramento County, knowing the annexation was occurring, included operating funds through January 31, 1985. This is the date they wish the City to assume ownership and operation of the District facilities. City staff have inspected the facilities and are prepared to assume operation and maintenance of the system.

Due to the fairly isolated location and complex water treatment unit on the domestic well, maintenance costs to the County have been relatively high. Consequently, a water rate of \$15.00 per month per condominium unit has been charged by the County. City staff has reviewed the systems expenditures and feel that it will cost the City about the same amount to operate the system. Within a year or two, it is probable that development of subdivisions being served by our main water system will occur close to Swallows Nest. It should then be economically practical to extend a water main to serve Swallows Nest, enabling us to discontinue use of the on-site treatment plant. The County has expressed an interest in purchasing the plant when we no longer need it, and the purchase price would partially offset the cost of the main extension. Until that time, continuation of the current County water rates is justified by the high maintenance and operation costs of the Swallows Nest System.

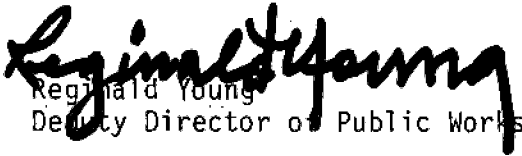
FINANCIAL

The current cost to the County for operation and maintenances of the system is about \$37,000 annually. Revenue at current rates is about \$38,000 annually. There is no cost to the City for acquisition of the system.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council, by resolution, approve the acquisition of the Swallows Nest Water System and continue the existing rate schedule until the system is connected to the City's main water system.


Respectfully submitted,


Reginald Young
Deputy Director of Public Works

Recommendation Approved:

APPROVED:


Walter J. Slipe City Manager


Melvin H. Johnson
Director of Public Works

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Attachment

December 11, 1984
District No. 1

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RESOLUTION NO. 84-1014

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ACQUISITION OF SWALLOWS
NEST COUNTY WATER DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR
SPECIAL WATER RATES APPLICABLE TO THIS SYSTEM

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

1. That the City Manager be authorized to acquire the facilities of the Swallows Nest County Water Maintenance District such that this system can become the property of the City of Sacramento on February 1, 1985.

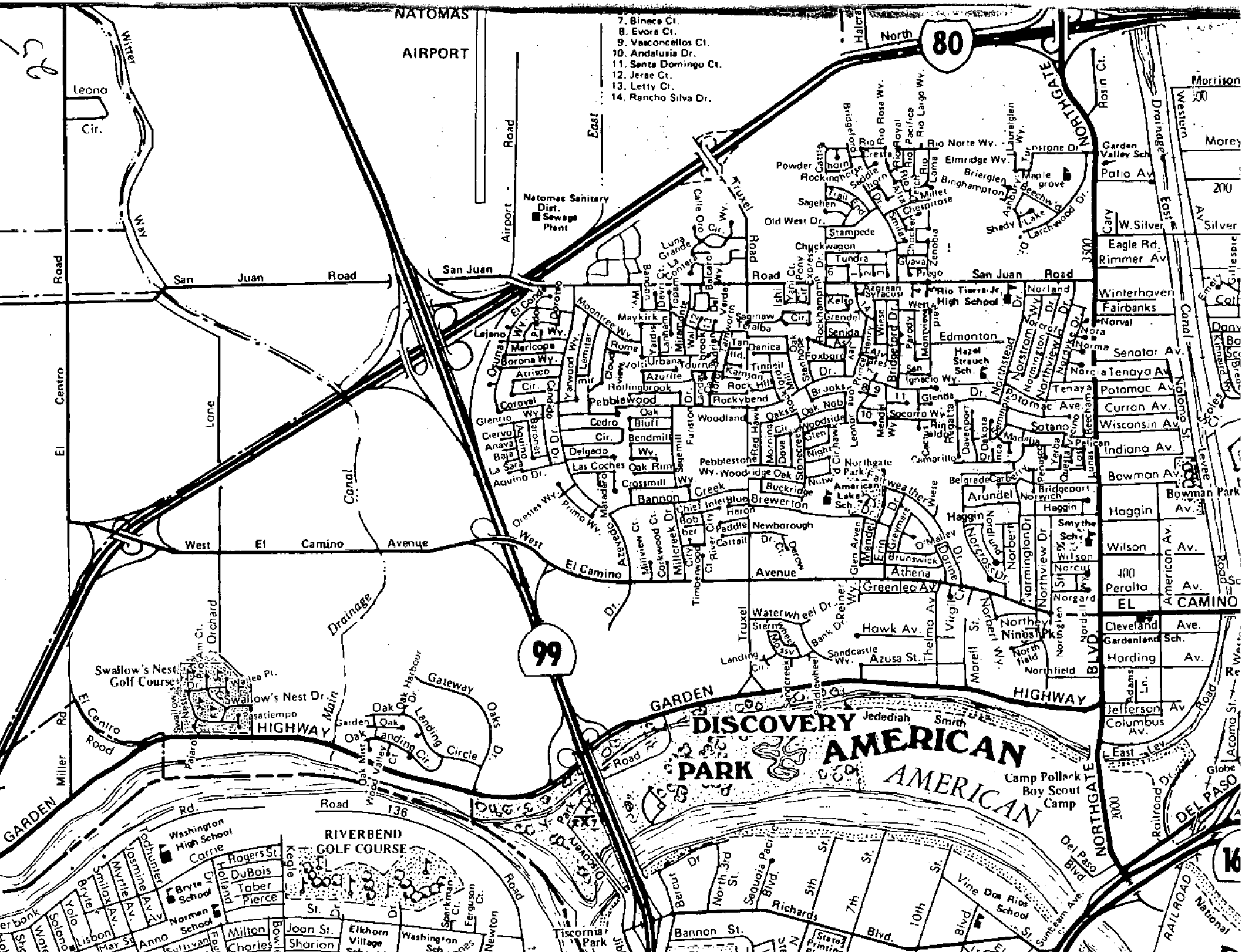
2. That the water rates currently charged customers in this system be continued by the City until such time as general water rates for the City are adjusted or until connection is made to the main City system.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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- 10. Andalusia Dr.
- 11. Santa Domingo Ct.
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- 13. Letty Ct.
- 14. Rancho Silva Dr.

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