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Redevelopment Agency of the
City of Sacramento
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: An Agreement with the State of California to Fund
Operation of the William G. Stone Lock

SUMMARY

This staff report concerns a proposed agreement between the Agency and the California Department of Boating and Waterways to provide funding for the operation of the William G. Stone Lock from January 1, 1986 to December 31, 1986. The Agreement is written for a term of thirty (30) months to allow extension as funds are available.

BACKGROUND

The William G. Stone Lock, the only lock in California, was authorized in 1946 in conjunction with the Sacramento Deep Water Ship Channel (see Attachment I for location map). The canal is about 1.5 miles long and cost \$7.5 million to construct. The lock, which became operational in 1963, provides a commercial and recreation navigation link between the Deep Water Channel and the Sacramento River. Also, the lock provides a source of fresh water which reduces the salinity in the Deep Water Channel and provides a passageway for anadromous fish migrating up the Sacramento River.

Due to the cost of operation and decline in commercial usage the Corps of Engineers in 1981 decided to close the lock. At that

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time a coalition of boaters, tour boat operators and other interested groups under the leadership of the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce formed the William G. Stone Lock Task Force to investigate ways to keep the lock open. A number of options were explored. Because of the urgency and complexity of the problem, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Sacramento, by Resolution No. 82-087, approved the funding of the lock for a one-year period from October 1982 to 1983. This Contract was extended over a five-year period by City Resolution No. 83-831 subject to annual appropriations.

With interim funding accomplished to keep the lock open on a limited basis, the Task Force pursued other funding sources. The result of this effort is the attached proposed agreement between the Agency and the California Department of Boating and Waterways (Attachment II). Under this agreement the State of California will give a grant of \$25,000 to the Agency for a limited operation of the lock from January 1, 1986 to December 31, 1986. It is the intent of the State and the Agency to contract for equal funding of the lock operation in 1987 if an appropriation is available from the U. S. Congress and with the approval of the California State Legislature.

The rationale for operation or funding by the State of California from the Agency's viewpoint is as follows:

- 1) The recreational boaters using the lock come from a number of Counties including the Delta and San Francisco Bay Area and therefore the lock is a Northern California rather than a local facility.
- 2) The opening of the lock assists in reduction of salinity of the Deep Water Channel which again is a regional problem occurring in Counties completely outside Sacramento City or County limits.
- 3) The opening of the locks provides a passageway for anadromous fish up a river which is controlled and managed by the State Resources Agency.
- 4) Part of the lock is a road bridge which is a State highway.

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Continued funding of the William G. Stone Lock will enable recreational use and at the same time encourage tourist trade in Old Sacramento by passengers off tour boats utilizing the lock. With possibilities of four tour boat operators under contract in Old Sacramento, staff believes the lock will be used on a regular and ongoing basis to reduce travel time between San Francisco and Sacramento.

FINANCIAL DATA

The current annual operating cost for a limited schedule is approximately \$25,000. The proposed agreement will provide sufficient funds to the Agency to continue operation of the lock for one to two years through an agreement with the City's Department of Parks and Community Services.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This action does not require environmental review.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The action proposed in this staff report is consistent with previously approved policy and there are no policy changes being recommended.

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VOTE AND RECOMMENDATION OF COMMISSION

At its regular meeting of August 19, 1985, the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Commission adopted a motion recommending adoption of the attached resolution. The votes were as follows:

AYES: Amundson, Glud, Lopez, Luttrell, Pettit, Sanchez,
Teramoto, Wooley
NOES: None
ABSENT: Moose, Walton, Angelides

RECOMMENDATION

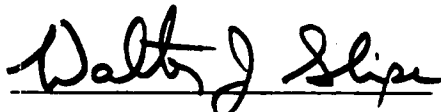
The staff recommends adoption of the attached resolution which authorizes the Executive Director to enter into the proposed agreement with the State of California.

Respectfully submitted,



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