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Transportation and Community Development Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Establishment of an Advisory Board for the New County Department of
Environmental Management

SUMMARY

This report informs the Committee that the County Board of Supervisors has selected a City staff member, Solon Wisham, Jr., Assistant City Manager, to be a member of a seven person County Task Force. The purpose of the Task Force is to delineate the number, constituency and relationship between the County's new Environmental Management Department and its Advisory Board.

BACKGROUND

On June 26, 1987, a report to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors by the Sacramento County Toxic Task Force recommended 29 actions to the Board. Among the actions recommended was the creation of a new County Department and an expansion of the Air Pollution Control Districts' (APCD) Advisory Board to become the Advisory Board of the new Department.

On December 8, 1987, the County Executive Officer, Brian H. Richter, informed the Board of a proposed method of implementing the Toxic Commission's recommendations. Mr. Richter's initial recommendations included a proposal that the existing APCD become the Advisory Board of the new Department by adding five new representatives to the ten person board. Thus the original disciplines of industry, agriculture,

engineering, environmental group, environmental/occupational, medicine, transportation planning, Fire Districts, Attorney, City and County Planning Commission would be enlarged to include the added disciplines of environmental health, water quality, hazardous materials toxicology, a City of Sacramento representative, and a member to represent the cities of Folsom, Isleton and Galt.

City staff and members of the City's Toxic Commission were of the opinion that the Advisory Board, as proposed, did not provide the City with adequate representation (36% of the group) nor did it necessarily represent the needs of an urban population. The City's premise was presented to County Supervisors, Illa Collins and Grantland Johnson, and County Executive Brian Richter; and they agreed with the position of City staff.

Thus, on January 12, 1988, the County Board of Supervisors directed its staff to have Mr. Norman Covell, Director of the new Department, work with a Task Force comprised of:

1. A member of City Staff - S. Wisham, Jr.
2. A member of the City's Toxics Commission - R. McCray.
3. A member of the Chamber of Commerce - unidentified.
4. A member of County staff - J. Mihanovich.
5. A member of the APCD - D. Conklin.
6. A member of the Hazardous Materials Advisory Board - J. Kennedy.
7. Norm Covell - Chairperson.

to determine and recommend the number of persons to comprise a new Advisory Board, the disciplines to be represented, the number of City appointees, and the relationship of the Board to the new Department.

It should be noted that all aspects of County reorganization necessary to implement the County Toxic Commission's recommendations have been approved by the Board of Supervisors. This includes both the structure and staffing of the new Department (see Attachment I).

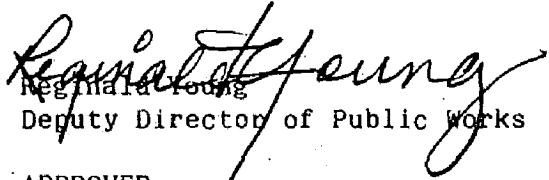
FINANCIAL

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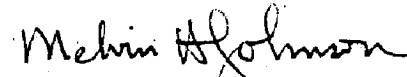
RECOMMENDATION

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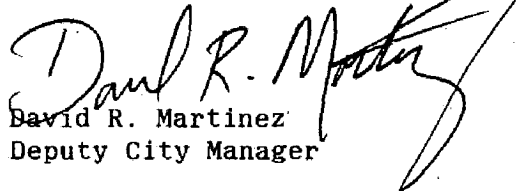
Respectfully submitted,


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