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**DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC WORKS**

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

July 23, 1991

City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: LOCAL COST SHARING AGREEMENT FOR THE AMERICAN RIVER WATER RESOURCES INVESTIGATION**

**SUMMARY**

The County Board of Supervisors, at their July 17, 1991 meeting, considered the execution of a local cost sharing agreement for the American River Water Resources Investigation. The City of Sacramento is not currently a proposed signatory to this agreement. The Board of Supervisors declined to authorize execution of the agreement until the City Council was given an opportunity to consider becoming a party to the agreement. It is the opinion of staff that the City should not become a party to this particular agreement, but should, in the future, consider sharing the cost of the County Water Agency's portion of the study. Therefore, it is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution declining to be a party to the agreement.

**BACKGROUND**

The City Council, at their February 26, 1991 meeting, authorized the City Manager to send a letter to the Bureau of Reclamation requesting that they proceed with the feasibility study of water and power benefits to be delivered at Auburn, California, from expanding the Corps of Engineer's flood control dam. At that time, it was envisioned that the City would be involved in negotiations regarding a scope of work, schedule, and cost sharing agreement for such a study. It was anticipated that the City would be a party to a memorandum of agreement and cost sharing agreement for such a study. Staff subsequently decided that the City should not be a party to these agreements. Staff felt that it would be more appropriate for the City to enter into a separate agreement with the County to share in the County Water Agency's portion of the cost of the study in exchange for a position on the Executive Coordinating Committee, which is to provide general oversight of the study. Consequently, City staff withdrew from any negotiations on the agreement. Following the City's withdrawal, the interested parties prepared a cost sharing agreement in order to proceed with the study. (The current parties to the proposed agreement are the Sacramento Metropolitan Water Authority, the American River Authority, the Sacramento County Water Agency, the San Joaquin Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and the State Department of Water Resources.)

On July 17, 1991, the proposed agreement was brought to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, acting as the County Water Agency, for authorization to execute. At this meeting, some Board members questioned why the City was not a party to the agreement and felt that the City Council should be given the opportunity to consider becoming a party before they authorized execution.

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The current parties to the proposed agreement have indicated a need for additional water supplies. The City is not in this position; therefore, staff does not believe it is appropriate that the City be a party to a water needs study. However, since any water needs study for this area will consider the City's water rights, staff recommends that we should be involved in the oversight of the study. City and County staff concur that the best way to accomplish this is for the City to agree to pay half the cost of the County Water Agency's share of the study in exchange for one of two County seats on the Executive Coordinating Committee. This seat would be filled by a member of the City Council. Staff has not yet pursued this issue, judging that this option could more appropriately be brought to the City Council after the County enters into the cost sharing agreement. Since the Board of Supervisors declined to act on this matter before the City Council had a chance to consider participation, this issue is being brought to City Council at this time.

Staff continues to recommend that the issue of a separate agreement with the County be addressed after the County Water Agency has executed the agreement and the City has received a formal request to participate in the cost of the study. Staff also recommends that the City Council convey to the Board of Supervisors that they have no objection to the County executing the agreement at this time.

#### FINANCIAL

Adoption of the attached resolution will not have any financial impact. If the City agrees to pay half the County Water Agency's share, the cost to the City would be \$293,500. This amount would be paid from Water Fund contingencies.

#### MBE/WBE

There are no goods or services being purchased.


#### POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Approval of this resolution is consistent with the City Council's expressed interest in working cooperatively with Sacramento County on water resources issues.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution declining to be a party to the local cost sharing agreement for the American River Water Resources Investigation at this time, and indicating that cost sharing of the County Water Agency's share will be considered at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Melvin H. Johnson  
Director of Public Works

Approved:

  
Walter J. Slipe  
City Manager

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All Districts

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# RESOLUTION NO. 91-564

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

## A RESOLUTION DECLINING PARTICIPATION IN THE LOCAL COST SHARING AGREEMENT FOR THE AMERICAN RIVER WATER RESOURCES INVESTIGATION

WHEREAS, the County of Sacramento has determined a need for a study to identify future water needs in the region and evaluate feasible alternatives to meet those needs; and

WHEREAS, the parties to the proposed local cost sharing agreement to fund the study have all expressed a need for additional water supplies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SACRAMENTO THAT:

1. The City of Sacramento declines to become a party to the local cost sharing agreement for the American River Water Resources Investigation at this time, but does not object to the County's participation in the study.
2. A separate agreement with the County to share the County Water Agency's portion of the study cost or the possibility of the City becoming a full party to the local cost sharing agreement will be considered at a future date.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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*Dedicated to the preservation of*  
RIVER  
*the American River and its canyons*  
COALITION

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Mayor and City Council  
City of Sacramento

Re: American River Water Resources Investigation Cost Share Agreement

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

The American River Coalition would like to go on record as endorsing the concerns expressed by the Planning and Conservation League (PCL) regarding the city's participation in the American River Water Resources Investigation.

The Coalition also agrees with City staff that the City should not join in this "Auburn Dam" study. Furthermore, since a voting majority of other participants in this study are avowed multipurpose dam supporters, it would be in Sacramento's best interest for the City to formally state why this particular plan will be detrimental to the community.

Not only can we expect a study costing city taxpayers more than \$293,000 (City Council SAFCA members should have a good idea about the cost overruns of federal reports), but neither the City nor the County will have much of a say in the direction of the proposed report. The other participants have long stated their desires for a \$2.2 billion Auburn dam. One participant—San Joaquin County—has even had the audacity to continue calling for American River water via the Folsom-South Canal. Haven't we spent more than 15 years protecting the beautiful American River Parkway from such devastating diversions?

The Coalition like PCL has no problem with honest and

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ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND  
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND INFORMATION COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY INSTITUTE/FRIENDS OF THE EARTH  
FRIENDS OF THE RIVER  
MOUNTAIN LION PRESERVATION FOUNDATION  
NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL FEDERATION OF FLYFISHERMEN  
PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS  
PLANNING AND CONSERVATION LEAGUE  
PROTECT AMERICAN RIVER CANYONS  
SACRAMENTO AUDUBON SOCIETY  
SACRAMENTO VALLEY INSTITUTE  
SAVE THE AMERICAN RIVER ASSOCIATION  
SIERRA CLUB  
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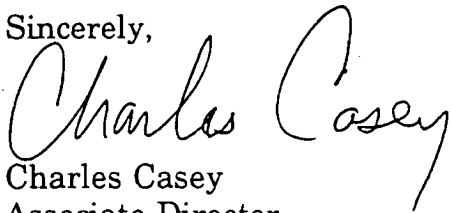
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comprehensive water needs studies. This one, however, makes a mockery of that goal. To lend support and money for such an unworthy project is not in the interests of either the public or, more importantly in this case, our wonderful American River.

We urge you to reject participation in this scheme and to send a message out that the City will only share in something that will benefit the public.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Casey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Charles Casey  
Associate Director