

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

TO: THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

DATE: April 15, 1987

NO.

SUBJECT: CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COMPREHENSIVE DELTA LEVEE REHABILITATION PROGRAM

PREPARED BY: City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council review the attached information concerning the "Coalition to Save Our Delta" movement and take action as deemed appropriate.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At its regular meeting of April 1, 1987, the City Council requested that this item be placed on this agenda for review and action. Attached (Exhibit A) is a copy of a letter urging support signed by Contra Costa County Supervisor Sunne McPeak, and a second such letter signed by supervisors representing the counties of San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Solano, Yolo and Sacramento. Also attached is a copy of a resolution for City Council action.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas A. Peterson
City Manager

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Coalition to Save Our Delta

EXHIBIT A

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CITY OF LODI

March 10, 1987

Mayor and Council Members
City of Lodi
221 W. Pine St.
Lodi, CA 95240

Dear Friends of the Delta:

On December 9, 1986, the Coalition sent you a letter (copy attached) requesting your support and participation in the Coalition to Save Our Delta. In the letter, we asked you to pass a Resolution in support of a long-term comprehensive Delta Levee Rehabilitation and Maintenance Program. Since we have not heard from you, we are sending this follow up letter encouraging you to take action and to update you on the Coalition's activities.

Legislation is being actively debated in Sacramento. Your voice and input are needed to ensure our objectives are achieved. With your support, we have a significant opportunity to establish a long-term comprehensive Delta Levee Program. This would be a major benefit to two-thirds of Californians who derive all or part of their water from the Delta. There is a growing recognition that restoration and maintenance of Delta levees are key to protecting the water quality for the majority of the State's residents. Your participation in the Coalition to Save Our Delta will be a tremendous boost to our efforts.

Attached is another copy of the Resolution we would like you to approve and also an updated list of endorsers and participants of the Coalition to Save Our Delta. We now have over 16,000 signatures that have been gathered to show broad-based support for a Delta Levee Program.

Please send a copy of your adopted Resolution to the Coalition to Save Our Delta, c/o Contra Costa County Community Development Department, 651 Pine Street, North Wing, 4th Floor, Martinez, CA 94553. Also, please designate an individual whom we can add to our mailing list to keep you up to date on the activities of the Coalition and the progress of the legislation. Thank you for your support.

If you have any questions, please contact Dave Okita of the Contra Costa County Community Development Department, at 415/372-2071.

Very truly yours,



Sunne Wright McPeak,
Supervisor,
Contra Costa County, and
Co-Chair,
Coalition to Save Our Delta

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Attachments

Coalition to Save Our Delta

Dear Friends of the Delta:

This letter is to request your support of and participation in the Coalition to Save Our Delta. The sole purpose of the Coalition to Save Our Delta is to implement a long term comprehensive Delta levee rehabilitation and maintenance program. We are seeking State legislation to implement an interim Delta levee program pending a larger-scale, future Federally funded Delta levee program. The proposed legislation would amend the existing "Way Bill" from the existing \$2 million per year appropriation to \$10 million per year, and other modifications. Attached is an outline of the concepts for the proposed legislation. Senator Dan Boatwright has agreed to introduce legislation in the upcoming session. Other Delta legislators are expected to co-sponsor the bill.

Attached is a partial list of participants and endorsers of the Coalition to Save Our Delta. The list is growing daily.

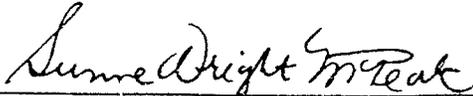
Another part of the activity of the Coalition to Save Our Delta is a petition drive. Over 14,000 signatures have been gathered to show broad-based support for a Delta levee program. Attached is a copy of the petition. We expect the petition drive will continue to the end of the year.

Attached is a sample resolution which we would like you to adopt. Please send a copy of your adopted resolution to the Coalition to Save Our Delta, c/o Contra Costa County Community Development Department, 651 Pine Street, North Wing, 4th Floor, Martinez, CA 94553. Please designate an individual

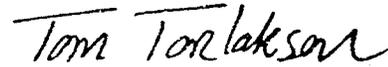
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Supv. Sunne Wright McPeak
Contra Costa County



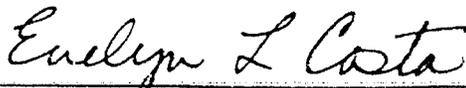
Supv. Tom Torlakson
Contra Costa County



Supv. Richard Brann
Solano County



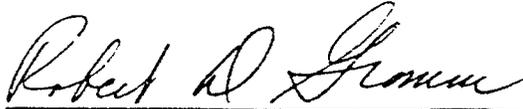
Supv. Clark Cameron
Yolo County



Supv. Evelyn Costa
San Joaquin County



Supv. Toby Johnson
Sacramento County



Robert D. Gromm, Chair
Delta Advisory Planning Council

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SAMPLE RESOLUTION

SUBJECT:)
SUPPORTING COMPREHENSIVE DELTA LEVEE)
REHABILITATION PROGRAM)

WHEREAS, 40 percent of the runoff in California drains to the Delta and 60 percent of the State's diverted water for municipal, industrial, and agricultural uses passes through the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta, and maintaining the integrity of Delta levees is critical for maintaining water quality, water transport capability, and flood control; and

WHEREAS, the Delta is important for recreational uses including boating, fishing, sight seeing, and hunting, and the Delta is an important habitat for fish and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Delta is an important agricultural producing area for California and supports extensive water-related commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Delta contains highways, railways, ship channels, pipelines, and power lines; and

WHEREAS, Delta levees are continuing to deteriorate despite increased maintenance efforts by local districts; and

WHEREAS, for the period 1980 to 1985, Federal agencies paid \$67 million, State agencies paid \$29 million, and local agencies paid \$5.8 million for emergency disaster relief in the Delta -- total cost (1980-85) = \$101,800,000 or an average of \$20,360,000 per year for emergency disaster relief in the Delta -- and many of these costs could have been avoided if an adequate program existed for ongoing maintenance and rehabilitation of Delta levees; and

WHEREAS, existing programs for State funding of Delta levee maintenance of \$2 million per year is inadequate; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1982 completed a draft feasibility study report for a comprehensive Delta levee rehabilitation program which is currently awaiting review; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Delta Task Force in 1983 recommended a comprehensive Delta levee rehabilitation program where all beneficiaries pay for comprehensive Delta levee rehabilitation programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the (name of agency or organization) supports an accelerated, ongoing, comprehensive Delta levee rehabilitation program consistent with the Emergency Delta Task Force report where the beneficiaries pay for improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that (name of agency or organization) supports an immediate State/local program of Delta levee maintenance to be credited toward a future Federal program which increases the amount of funds available to rehabilitate and maintain Delta levees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the (name of agency or organization) will work cooperatively with other agencies and organizations to implement a comprehensive Delta levee rehabilitation program which will save taxpayers money in the long term by providing a preventive maintenance program for levees rather than pouring millions into disaster relief; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that (name of agency or organization) designates _____ as a liaison for this program.

PARTICIPANTS and/or ENDORSERS OF THE COALITION TO SAVE OUR
DELTA
(last revised March 23, 1987)

Antioch
Assemblyman Elihu M. Harris
Benicia
Bethel Island Area Assoc.
Brentwood
Calif Striped Bass Assoc.
Central Delta Water Agency
Central Valley Flood Control Assoc.
Central Valley Project Water Users Assoc.
Committee For Water Policy Consensus
Concord Chamber of Commerce
Contra Costa County
Contra Costa Water District
Delta Advisory Planning Council
Delta Chambers
Delta Environmental land use 2000 Alliance (DELTA)
Delta Marina Yacht Club
Delta Water Users Assoc.
East Bay Municipal Utility District
Isleton
Hercules
Lincoln Unified School District (Stockton)
Livermore
Lodi Chamber of Commerce
Lodi Unified School District
Marina and Recreation Assoc.
Mt. Diablo Audubon Society
Napa County
Northern Calif. Marine Assoc.
Quimby Island Sportsmen
River Delta Unified School District (Rio Vista)
Rohnert Park
San Joaquin County
San Joaquin Farm Bureau
San Pablo
Senator Quentin Kopp
South Delta Water Agency
Stockton
Suisun Resource Conservation District
Reclamation District 2090 (Stockton)
Tracy
Tracy District Chamber of Commerce
Yolo County
Woodland

CITY COUNCIL

EVELYN M. OLSON, Mayor
JOHN R. (Randy) SNIDER
Mayor Pro Tempore
DAVID M. HINCHMAN
JAMES W. PINKERTON, Jr.
FRED M. REID

CITY OF LODI

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THOMAS A. PETERSON
City Manager

ALICE M. REIMCHE
City Clerk

RONALD M. STEIN
City Attorney

April 21, 1987

Ms. Sunne Wright McPeak
Supervisor
Contra Costa County and Co-Chair
Coalition to Save Our Delta
1485 Enea Court, Suite 1353
Concord, CA 94520

Dear Ms. McPeak:

Enclosed please find a certified copy of Resolution No. 87-48 - Resolution Supporting Comprehensive Delta Levee Rehabilitation Program which was adopted by the Lodi City Council at its regular meeting of April 15, 1987.

Very truly yours,


Alice M. Reimche
City Clerk

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lodi supports an immediate State/local program of Delta levee maintenance to be credited toward a future Federal program which increases the amount of funds available to rehabilitate and maintain Delta levees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lodi will work cooperatively with other agencies and organizations to implement a comprehensive Delta levee rehabilitation program which will save taxpayers money in the long term by providing a preventive maintenance program for levees rather than pouring millions into disaster relief; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lodi does hereby designate the City Manager as the liaison for this program.

Dated: April 15, 1987

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 87-48 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a Regular Meeting held April 15, 1987 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members - Hinchman, Pinkerton, Reid,
Snider, and Olson (Mayor)

NOES: Council Members - None

ABSENT: Council Members - None

ABSTAIN: Council Members - None

ALICE M. REIMCHE
City Clerk