

Agenda Report

September 25, 2006

TO: CITY COUNCIL
THROUGH: LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR: PROPOSITION 84 – “SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006”

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council support Proposition 84 – “Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006”.

BACKGROUND

Proposition 84, which qualified as a ballot initiative, is slated for the November 7, 2006 statewide ballot. If approved, Proposition 84 authorizes \$5.4 billion in General Obligation bonds, payable from the state’s General Fund to provide critically needed funds to ensure the availability of safe drinking water, improve local water supply reliability, strengthen flood protection, and preserve California’s natural landscapes, including parks, lakes, rivers, beaches and coastline.

Proposition 84 builds on the success of a similar state measure, Proposition 50, which was approved by California voters in 2002. Proposition 50 authorized \$3.4 billion in General Obligations bonds for water projects including coastal protection, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, integrated regional water management, safe drinking water and water quality. State and local governments, including Pasadena, have or will soon obtain tens of millions of dollars per year to operate or maintain properties or projects acquired or developed with the previously approved Proposition 50 bond funds.

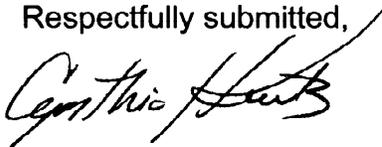
Specifically, Proposition 84 will provide funding for programs that will help ensure safe drinking water for all Californians by cleaning up polluted waters and protecting them

from further contamination, as well as improving local water supply reliability and local water quality. Additionally, this initiative will provide funding for local lakes and rivers, local and regional parks and planning and incentives for resource conservation.

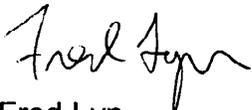
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) have both taken "support" positions for this initiative.

FISCAL IMPACT

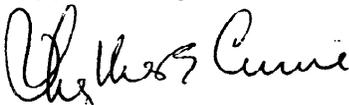
This recommendation has no direct fiscal impact on City Funds.

Respectfully submitted,

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