

Agenda Report

Date: February 28, 2000

To: City Council

From: City Manager

Subject: Adopt a Resolution Supporting Proposition 13, the Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection, and Flood Protection Bond Act

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution supporting Proposition 13, which will allow the State of California to sell \$1.97 billion in bonds to improve the safety and quality of the water supply.

Background

On September 22, 1999, Governor Davis signed AB 1584--The Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection and Flood Protection Act, which became Proposition 13 for the March Ballot. If adopted by the voters, Proposition 13 would provide \$1.97 billion of bond money to improve the safety and quality of the water supply.

Proposition 13 will benefit Pasadena as several hundred million dollars is allocated to programs involving Urban Stream Restoration, Watershed Protection, Flood Plain Protection and Restoration. The Southern California Integrated Watershed Program provides funds (\$235 million subject to appropriation by the Legislature) through Proposition 13, for improving and rehabilitating Watershed areas through water treatment, conservation, flood protection and water management programs. \$90 million (subject to appropriation by the Legislature) is provided to the Watershed Protection Program (statewide) to assist local agencies in implementing multi-objective watershed plans that help restore fragile ecosystems by restoring damaged watersheds, controlling or eliminating pollution, reducing flooding, controlling erosion and improving water quality.

\$155 million (subject to appropriation by the Legislature) is provided by the Water Conservation Program through grants and loans to build and/or improve infrastructure to conserve water used for both urban (\$30 million) and agricultural purposes (\$35 million) and groundwater recharge facilities (\$30 million); provides grants for projects in economically-disadvantaged areas for the repair, replacement, restoration or rehabilitation

of existing water distribution systems (\$60 million); transfers unallocated funds from Proposition 204.

Grants for Groundwater Storage totaling \$200 million (subject to appropriation by the Legislature) is provided for feasibility studies; project design or construction of facilities for groundwater storage projects; caps feasibility studies at \$200,000 and construction projects at \$50 million; priority is given to projects with available third-party funds.

Through Proposition 13, the Water Recycling Program provides \$40 million in grants (subject to appropriation by the Legislature) and loans for public agencies to build facilities to produce and deliver recycled water; transfers unallocated funds from prior bond acts (approximately \$70 million) into new programs; 60% of funds to be spent in a six-county area of Southern California; contains language to encourage the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to expedite the review and processing of agreements to carry out purposes of program and provides for progress reports to Legislature.

Fiscal Impact

If passed, Proposition 13 could make funds available for the restoration of the Hahamongna Watershed, improve the spreading basins and provide additional funds for capital improvements of Water Division facilities.

Respectfully submitted,


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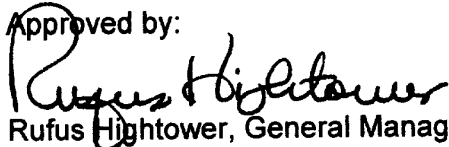
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