

Agenda Report

October 9, 2006

TO:CITY COUNCILTHROUGH:LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR: PROPOSITION 1E – "DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND FLOOD PREVENTION BOND ACT OF 2006."

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council support Proposition 1E – "Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006".

BACKGROUND

Proposition 1E is a bond measure on the November 7, 2006 statewide ballot. This bond measure would provide \$4.09 billion for flood control projects. Specifically, the Central Valley Flood Control System and Delta levees would receive \$3 billion to repair and improve their levee system, another \$800 million would go to projects outside the Central Valley, and \$290 billion for protecting flood corridors and improving flood hazard maps. It is estimated to cost about \$8 billion over 30 years.

If approved by voters, Proposition 1E will rebuild and repair California's most vulnerable flood control structures to control projects and facilities and help protect communities and infrastructure from destructive floods, including, flash floods, and mudslides. 1E will also improve and maintain levees and other flood control facilities in the Central Valley and the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, an area increasingly vulnerable to large-scale levee failures from earthquakes and heavy storms.

The passage of Proposition 1E would ensure that critical investments are made to protect California's drinking water supply system by rebuilding delta levees and critical infrastructure. The delta is the primary drinking water source for more than 18 million Southern Californians. 60% of Pasadena Water and Power's water supply is imported

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from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, whose primary water source comes from the State Water Project in the Bay-Delta.

The League of California Cities and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California 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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