

RESOLUTION NO. 219713

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WHEREAS, when the United States Congress enacted the 1902 Reclamation Act it imposed the original 160-acre irrigation limitation, in what was then seen, as a reasonable and equitable method of promoting the concept of "family farms"; and

WHEREAS, the underlying assumptions of 1902 have undergone significant changes, especially with respect to technology and its interplay with the economy of modern agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the changes of the last 75 years warrant a reevaluation of the minimum acreage which will equitably support a "family farm" while maintaining the world-important job of California agriculture; and

WHEREAS, several hearings and studies are currently underway which, when completed, will aid in assessing whether existing reclamation laws adequately allow for varying farm conditions and whether the concept of the 160-acre "family farm" has been rendered inoperative by contemporary economic realities; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Interior, on August 25, 1977, proposed stringent rules which would avoid the exemptions granted; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau has summarily determined that the proposed rules will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and that therefore no environmental impact statement will be necessary; and

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WHEREAS, the proposed rules have the very real potential of altering the entire region's social-economic patterns and population matrix; and

WHEREAS, the potential effects of the proposed rules should first be examined in an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C., Section 4332(c); NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Diego City Council urges the United States Congress to take the necessary action to reconsider a moratorium on the proposed 160-acre irrigation limit, in order to allow for the proper evaluation of the environmental effects and the reevaluation of the minimum acre concept.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Diego City Council urges President Jimmy Carter to work with and through Congress in an effort to implement the necessary changes in the 1902 Reclamation Act, once the proper studies and hearings have been completed.

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