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RESOLUTION NO. 219714

R. 78-904
(Revised)

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 California's leading industry; 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

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

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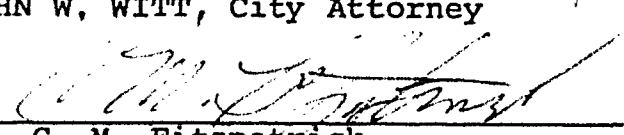
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WHEREAS, the potential effects of the proposed rules should first be examined in an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C., Section 4332(c); NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Diego City Council urges Governor Brown to take immediate and direct action in opposition to the 160-acre irrigation limitation, until such time as the Bureau of Reclamation makes an Environmental Impact Statement and until a proper reevaluation of the minimum acre concept has been completed.

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