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RESOLUTION NUMBER R-

ADOPTED ON **DEC 05 1994**

WHEREAS, in Northern California where San Diego gets much of our water the runoff from the Sierra Nevadas is the fourth smallest in the past one hundred years; and

WHEREAS, this year the Sacramento River flow is less than it was in any year of the 1986-1991 drought; and

WHEREAS, water exported to Southern California from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta has been reduced for the past two years due to the Federal Endangered Species Act requirements to protect endangered species of fish, and the law may require even further reductions in exported water from the Delta in the future; and

WHEREAS, some reports suggest that the combined impact of dry weather and restricted pumping from the Bay-Delta could result in cuts in water deliveries by as much as 65% to the Metropolitan Water District; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has been increasing its imports from the State Water Project by tens of thousands of acre feet due to a court decision reducing the amount of water Los Angeles can divert from Mono Like, and this could also mean less water for San Diego; and

WHEREAS, all of these factors point to the necessity of developing a long range plan of action to protect San Diegans from the ravages to the economy and quality of life which another severe drought could bring; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that the Mayor and City Council seek the implementation of a regional program to be known as the San Diego Water Assurance Plan (SWAP), to be put into effect during a severe drought where the Metropolitan Water District reduces water supplies by 20% to water agencies within the County Water Authority's service area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council direct the implementation of the SWAP plan to be done by the following steps:

1. Directing the ten City appointees to the County Water Authority to docket the San Diego Water Assurance Plan (SWAP) for consideration by the County Water Authority Board of Directors. Specific actions would be:

a. confirm and formalize the Metropolitan Water District's obligation to supply no less than 80% of normal water supplies to the County Water Authority during any drought.

b. ensure that the necessary agreements exist with the State Water Bank to provide for water transfers for near-term drought years.

c. ensure that dry-year option programs are developed so that over the long term only voluntary water conservation would be necessary in the event of a protracted drought.

d. create a reserve fund to purchase water from the State Water Bank for the short term and from third parties such as agricultural water districts and farmers for long term protection, ensuring that the cost of the program would be no more than thirty cents per month per average household and a corresponding amount for businesses.

e. direct the City's representatives on the County Water Authority to report back to the Mayor and City Council in three months for a progress report on the SWAP program.

2. Upon approval by the County Water Authority Board of Directors, amend Council Policy 400-09 (Action Plan for City's Future Water Supply) to state that a reliable and guaranteed supply of water will be available to all San Diego residents and businesses through the SWAP program during drought years.

3. Upon approval by the County Water Authority Board of Directors, amend Council Policy 900-01 (Economic Development) to state that it is the policy of the City to enhance San Diego's economic climate by ensuring water availability at 100% of normal deliveries during drought years for all San Diego employers to preserve San Diego jobs and San Diego's quality of life.

4. Upon approval by the County Water Authority Board of Directors, incorporate the SWAP program into all San Diego economic development, marketing, and promotional efforts.

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