

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297976

ADOPTED ON MAY 20 2003

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO SUPPORTING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$200 MILLION IN PROPOSITION 50 FUNDING, CONSISTENT WITH THE QUANTIFICATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT [QSA], AND SUPPORTING LEGISLATION PROVIDING RELIEF FROM THE CALIFORNIA FULLY PROTECTED SPECIES ACT FOR THE QSA AND URGING THE SUPPORT OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE REGION'S CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

WHEREAS, California's Colorado River water agencies (Coachella Valley Water District, Imperial Irrigation District, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and San Diego County Water Authority) and the State of California reached agreement March 12, 2003, on a revised Quantification Settlement Agreement [QSA]; and

WHEREAS, the QSA provides for restoration of the Interim Surplus Guidelines and implementation of the Imperial Irrigation District / San Diego County Water Authority water transfer and is required to restore a long-term, reliable supply of water from the Colorado River to California and the San Diego region; and

WHEREAS, a reliable supply of water from the Colorado River is vital to ensure current and future economic prosperity of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Colorado River water supplies provided under the QSA will provide further statewide benefits by relieving pressure on alternative imported water supplies, including those from the Bay-Delta region and the State Water Project; and

WHEREAS, the QSA will resolve longstanding disputes regarding Colorado River water use among California's Colorado River contractors, resulting in greater certainty of water supply for each contractor, the region, and the state; and

WHEREAS, execution of the revised 2003 QSA is conditioned upon the California Legislature authorizing and appropriating \$200 million in Proposition 50 funds; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 50 contains funds that may be used for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, execution of the revised 2003 QSA is also contingent upon relief from the California fully protected species statutes; and

WHEREAS, legislation is required to obtain relief from the fully protected species statutes, similar to SB 482, which was enacted into law in 2002 but suspended after the QSA was not executed by the end of the year; and

WHEREAS, it is urgent that the members of the San Diego region's California Legislative delegation support the execution of the revised 2003 QSA, including the appropriation of \$200 million in Proposition 50 funds and relief from the California fully protected species statutes; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

1. The City Council supports the appropriation of \$200 million in Proposition 50 funding, consistent with the revised 2003 Quantification Settlement Agreement [QSA].
2. The City Council supports the enactment of legislation providing relief from the California fully protected species statutes for the QSA.
3. The City Council urges the members of the San Diego region's California Legislative delegation to support the execution of the revised 2003 QSA, including the

appropriation of \$200 million in Proposition 50 funds and relief from the California fully protected species statutes.

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