REPORT TO COUNCIL
City of Sacramento

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Consent
February 5, 2008

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: State Department of Water Resources Early Implementation of Grant Funding – Acknowledgement of Flood Risk (Revised)

Location/Council District: District 1

Recommendation: Adopt a revised Resolution to replace Resolution 2007-853, as required by the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) for eligibility of grant funding, to reflect the fact that DWR needs to concur in writing before the City adopts a new resolution stating that flood risk in the Natomas Basin has changed.

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Presenters: Not Applicable

Department: Utilities

Division: Engineering Services

Organization No: 3331

Description/Analysis

Issue: DWR is requiring a minor language change in Resolution 2007-853 (adopted November 27) to reflect the fact that DWR needs to concur in writing before the City adopts a new resolution stating that any flood risk in the Natomas Basin has changed.

The attached resolution acknowledging the flood risk in the Natomas Basin is needed to support grant funding being sought by the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) to support early implementation of improvements to the levee system protecting the Natomas Basin. SAFCA has been selected by DWR to receive a $49 million early implementation grant for constructing improvements to the south levee of the Natomas Cross Canal in 2008.

Policy Considerations: This action is consistent with the City Council focus areas of Public Safety, Economic Development and Sustainability and Livability. State funding for the Natomas Levee Improvement Program is essential in completing levee improvements to improve flood protection in the Natomas Basin.

Environmental Considerations: This recommendation does not constitute a "project" and therefore is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Commission/Committee Action: None required.

Rationale for Recommendation: The attached revised resolution is needed to support grant funding being sought by the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) to support early implementation of improvements to the levee system protecting the Natomas Basin. SAFCA has been selected by the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) to receive a $49 million early implementation grant for constructing improvements to the south levee of the Natomas Cross Canal in 2008. These improvements would be part of the SAFCA's larger Natomas Levee Improvement Program which aims to provide the Natomas area with at least a 100-year level of flood protection by the end of 2010 and a 200-year level of flood protection by the end of 2012.

Financial Considerations: No additional City funding is required.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): No goods or services are requested for this service.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
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Approved by: _____
for Gary A. Reents
Director of Utilities

Recommendation Approved:

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for Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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Attachment 1

Background

The attached revised Resolution reflects language changes required by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). The required language changes reflect the need to have DWR concur in writing before the City adopts a new resolution stating that any flood risk in the City has changed.

The following language is being deleted from Section 1 of Resolution: and to the extent that these efforts result in a re-evaluation of the level of flood protection provided to the Natomas Basin, this re-evaluation should be confirmed by the Department of Water Resources.

The following language has been added as Section 2: The City of Sacramento agrees that a change in circumstances, or a reevaluation of risk may change the acknowledged risk of flooding. In the event the City proposes to adopt a new resolution stating the risk of flooding for North Natomas, such a change requires the written concurrence of the Department of Water Resources.

The revised Resolution is needed to support grant funding being sought by the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) to support early implementation of improvements to the levee system protecting the Natomas Basin. SAFCA has been selected by the DWR to receive a $49 million early implementation grant for constructing improvements to the south levee of the Natomas Cross Canal in 2008. These improvements would be part of the SAFCA's larger Natomas Levee Improvement Program. SAFCA projects that this project will provide the Natomas area with at least a 100-year level of flood protection by the end of 2010 and a 200-year level of flood protection by the end of 2012.

As a condition of receiving the grant, DWR requires the agencies encompassing the project area to adopt resolutions reflecting the risk of flooding in the area. This language is consistent with resolutions previously adopted by the City of Sacramento, Sacramento County and Sutter County on pending Natomas Flood Insurance Rate Map revisions.

Staff recommends adoption of the attached Resolution so as to expedite planned levee improvements around the Natomas Basin.

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

State Department of Water Resources Early Implementation of Grant Funding – Acknowledgement of Flood Risk (Revised)

BACKGROUND

A. The Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) have determined that the existing levee system protecting the Natomas Basin no longer provides 100-year flood protection.

B. SAFCA has developed a project of improvements that would restore at least a 100-year level of flood protection within three years and lay the groundwork for providing the Natomas area with at least a 200-year level of flood protection over time.

C. SAFCA has requested funding from the State of California (State) to support early implementation of the Natomas levee improvement program.

D. As a condition of granting such support, the State has requested that the cities and counties encompassing the project area adopt resolutions acknowledging the present risk of flooding in Natomas and agreeing that any subsequent resolution which proposes to revise the stated risk of flooding for Natomas requires the written concurrence of the Department of Water Resources.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Sacramento City Council acknowledges that the existing levee system protecting the Natomas Basin no longer provides 100–year flood protection; that efforts are underway to improve this system; and, that these efforts could result in a re-evaluation of the level of flood protection provided to the Natomas Basin. In the event the City proposes to adopt a new resolution stating the risk of flooding for the Natomas Basin such a change requires the written concurrence of the Department of Water Resources. This resolution supersedes Resolution 2007-853 adopted by the City Council on November 27, 2007.