



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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Consent  
May 25, 2010

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title: City of Sacramento and Sacramento Suburban Water District Mutual Assistance Agreement**

**Location/Council District:** 4522 Bell Avenue / Council District 2

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution** authorizing the Interim City Manager or designee to execute a Mutual Assistance Agreement with the Sacramento Suburban Water District for an emergency water system intertie near the intersection of Bell Avenue and Astoria Street.

**Contact:** David L. Brent, Engineering Services Manager, 808-1420; Dan Sherry, Supervising Engineer, 808-1411

**Presenters:** Not applicable

**Department:** Utilities

**Division:** Engineering

**Organization No:** 14001341

### Description/Analysis

**Issue:** This agreement specifies how the City and Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) will operate a mutual assistance water distribution system intertie. This connection was originally installed primarily to provide water from the City's water distribution system to McClellan Air Force Base for fire suppression purposes. This tap is being abandoned as part of Sacramento County's Forcum Ave and Bell Ave Roadway Improvements project. SSWD wishes to relocate, reconstruct, and repurpose this tap as an emergency intertie at a location that is approximately 30 feet away from its current location.

**Policy Considerations:** This agreement is in accordance with the City's policy of sustainability as it increases the reliability of the City's water system. Reliability will be increased because the intertie can be used to deliver additional water to either agency to assist in fire suppression while maintaining minimum levels of domestic water consumption.

**Environmental Considerations:**

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** Approval of this agreement will allow for the relocation of an emergency water service connection involving a negligible expansion of use for substantially the same purpose as the original connection, which is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 and 15302. Sacramento County also determined, as part of the Forcum Ave and Bell Ave Roadway Improvements project, that this project was exempt from CEQA (Sacramento County control number 2009-70059).

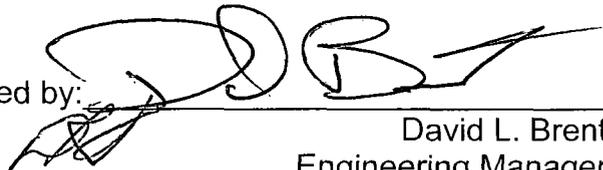
**Sustainability Considerations:** This agreement is in accordance with the City's policy of sustainability as it increases the reliability of the City's water system.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The mutual assistance water distribution system intertie will allow each agency to supply water to the other if necessary during an emergency.

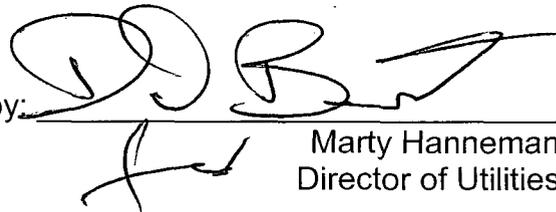
**Financial Considerations:** There is no financial impact associated with the agreement. Under the proposed agreement, SSWD is responsible for all costs associated with abandoning the prior tap and installing the new intertie.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** No goods or services are being purchased as a result of this agreement.

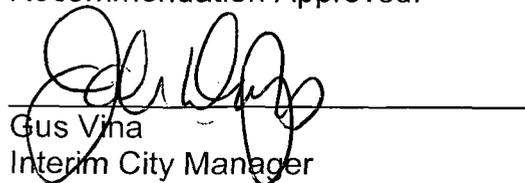
Respectfully Submitted by:

  
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Engineering Manager

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Marty Hanneman  
Director of Utilities

Recommendation Approved:

  
Gus Vina  
Interim City Manager

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## **Attachment 1**

### **Background**

The Department of the Air Force entered into a Utilities Service Contract with the City of Sacramento on March 20, 1995, to deliver water. As part of this agreement, the City constructed two 12-inch metered commercial taps (as a manifold) near the intersection of Bell Avenue and Astoria Street. These connections were primarily to service an above ground water storage tank on McClellan Air Force Base (AFB) for the purpose of fire suppression. The predecessor of Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD), Northridge Water District, assumed water system operations for McClellan AFB and Military Housing on November 1, 1998. In the summer of 2009, SSWD disconnected its distribution system from the Bell Avenue and Astoria Street tap and also demolished the water tank.

SSWD subsequently contacted the Department of Utilities (DOU) to discontinue service at this tap location. SSWD also informed the DOU at that time that it would like to relocate, reconstruct, and repurpose one of the 12 inch taps as an emergency mutual service connection. The tap was located in the middle of a new proposed driveway into the McClellan Business Park, and so it needed to be removed. This driveway is part of a Sacramento County roadway improvement project called the Forcum Ave and Bell Avenue Roadway Improvements project. This project is projected to start in May of 2010 and be completed by September of 2010. The prior tap was physically abandoned in April 2010, in preparation of the upcoming road project.

Under the agreement, SSWD is responsible for all costs associated with abandoning the prior tap and installing the new intertie. This facility normally will be closed and secured by each agency. The facility will only be opened when required during an emergency when Operations and Maintenance (O&M) staff from both agencies are present.

**Attachment 2**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

May 25, 2010

**APPROVING THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO AND SACRAMENTO SUBURBAN WATER DISTRICT MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) will be constructing an intertie between the SSWD and City of Sacramento water distribution systems near the intersection of Bell Avenue and Astoria Street. This connection was originally installed primarily to provide water from the City's water distribution system to McClellan Air Force Base for fire suppression purposes.
- B. The existing tap is being abandoned as part of Sacramento County's Forcum Ave and Bell Ave Roadway Improvements project. SSWD has proposed relocating and repurposing this tap as an emergency intertie at a location that is approximately 30 feet away from its current location.
- C. Staff from the Department of Utilities (DOU) and the SSWD has jointly developed an agreement that details the installation, operation and maintenance of this intertie, to provide a back-up emergency water supply to both agencies at this location.

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

- Section 1. The Interim City Manager or Designee is authorized to execute a Mutual Assistance Agreement with the Sacramento Suburban Water District for an emergency water system intertie near the intersection of Bell Avenue and Astoria Street.
- Section 2. Exhibit A is part of this Resolution.

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- Exhibit A: City of Sacramento and Sacramento Suburban Water District Mutual Assistance Agreement