

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-048

Adopted by the Redevelopment Agency
of the City of Sacramento

August 21, 2007

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR CHARACTERIZATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION IN EL MONTE TRIANGLE

BACKGROUND

- A. Over the past 10 years, various studies have identified extensive subsurface soil and groundwater contamination from prior industrial operations which pose a major threat to municipal water systems via the Natomas Canal and American River.
- B. Neither the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Sacramento (Agency) nor the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) has been able to identify a viable responsible party for the environmental contamination.
- C. The RWQCB is requiring further studies of the existing contamination in El Monte Triangle before it will authorize remediation.
- D. Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) and RWQCB desire to enter into an Oversight Agreement to identify an overall remediation strategy.
- E. Due to the extensive groundwater contamination, many of the properties in the El Monte Triangle are vacant and redevelopment cannot proceed until the soil and groundwater contamination is remediated.
- F. The Agency wishes to develop around Northeast Line Light Rail Stations.
- G. The Agency has adopted the North Sacramento Redevelopment Plan and an Implementation Plan for North Sacramento Redevelopment Project Area.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. All of the evidence presented having been duly considered, the findings, as stated above, are approved and adopted.

Section 2. It is determined that the action proposed by this resolution consists of basic data collection and/or minor hazardous substance remediation activities and is therefore exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15306 and 15330. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) does not apply.

Section 3. The Executive Director, or her designee, is authorized to amend the Agency's budget to transfer \$300,000 from the North Sacramento Commercial Loan Program to the El Monte Oversight Agreement Project to fund all costs associated with determining the extent of environmental site contamination in the El Monte Triangle.

Section 4. The Executive Director, or her designee, is authorized to execute any agreements with the RWQCB, including the Polanco Act Oversight Agreement, deemed necessary to determine the nature and extent of environmental contamination in the El Monte Triangle area.

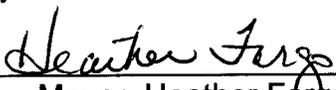
Adopted by the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Sacramento on August 21, 2007 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Fong, McCarty, Pannell, Sheedy, and Waters.

Noes: None.

Abstain: Mayor Fargo.

Absent: Councilmembers Cohn, Hammond, and Tretheway.



Mayor, Heather Fargo

Attest:



Shirley Concolino, City Clerk