

## RESOLUTION 97-1

### RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RANCHO MURIETA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT'S REPRESENTATIVE TO PROCEED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A WATER FORUM AGREEMENT

**Whereas**, a diverse group of business and agricultural leaders, environmentalists, citizen groups, water managers, and local governments has recognized that unless we act now, our region is looking at water shortages, environmental degradation, contamination, threats to groundwater reliability, limits to economic prosperity, and stiff competition from other areas for our water; and

**Whereas**, these community leaders from Sacramento along with water managers from Placer, El Dorado, and East San Joaquin counties and East Bay Municipal Utility District have agreed upon the necessity to implement a comprehensive package of linked actions that will achieve two co-equal objectives:

**Provide a reliable and safe water supply for the region's economic health and planned development throughout the year 2030;**

**and,**

**Preserve the fishery, wildlife, recreational, and aesthetic values of the Lower American River; and**

**Whereas**, a reliable water supply is needed by the current and future residents, businesses and agriculture; and

**Whereas**, the Lower American River is recognized as an important natural resource which should be protected and preserved for future generations by all Water Forum stakeholders; and

**Whereas**, the Sacramento region has groundwater contamination in some areas and groundwater decline in other parts of the region, both of which could have an impact on future water supply; and

**Whereas**, water purveyors and others have for years sought to develop additional safe, reliable water supplies with little success; and

**Whereas**, the environmental community and others in the region have for years sought to enhance the fishery, wildlife, recreational and aesthetic values of the Lower American River with little success; and

**Whereas**, Water Forum stakeholders now recognize the potential benefits of mutually supporting each other's goals and working together, as well as the collective risk of pursuing independent objectives; and

**Whereas**, within the framework of an interest-based negotiations process which cannot provide exactly equivalent benefits for all but in most cases does make it possible for stakeholders to get what they really need in a Water Forum Agreement; and

**Whereas**, since January 1, 1996, Water Forum representatives have used feedback from Stakeholder governing bodies, input from public outreach efforts and negotiations among the Water Forum representatives to develop the *Draft Recommendations for a Water Forum Agreement*; and

**Whereas**, Stakeholder governing bodies have been presented with the *Draft Recommendations for a Water Forum Agreement* including the seven linked elements of:

- Increased Surface Water Diversions
- Alternative Water Supplies to Meet Customers' Needs While Reducing Diversion Impact on the Lower American River Drier Years
- Support for an Improved Pattern of Fishery Flow Releases for Folsom Reservoir
- Habitat Mitigation
- Water Conservation
- Groundwater Management
- Water Forum Successor Effort; and

**Whereas**, based upon stakeholder review of and comments on the *Draft Recommendations for a Water Forum Agreement*, the Water Forum stakeholder representatives will develop Final Recommendations for a Water Forum Agreement by July 1, 1997, that will be presented for public review and Stakeholder governing boards for approval; and

**Whereas**, the District reviewed and discussed these *Draft Recommendations for a Water Forum Agreement*, including the seven linked elements;

**Now therefore be it resolved**, that the attached comments (especially if there are remaining issues of concern) on the *Draft Recommendations for a Water Forum Agreement*, including the seven linked elements, are hereby transmitted to the Water Forum; and

**Be it further resolved**, that with the understanding the Stakeholder representatives will use the comments in the process of negotiating the Final Recommendations for a Water Forum Agreement, the District generally endorses the *Draft Recommendations for a Water Forum Agreement*; and

**Be it further resolved**, that our Water Forum representative is hereby authorized to proceed with the development of Final Recommendations for a Water Forum Agreement.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 19th day of March, 1997, by the following Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Thurston, Sevier, Menicucci, Stevens and Lensch

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None



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Elliot K. Sevier, President, Board of Directors  
Rancho Murieta Community Services District

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ATTEST:



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Betti L. Sadler,  
District Secretary