RESOLUTION 95-5

RANCHO MURIETA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PARTIAL FUNDING OF A MULTIPURPOSE DAM AT AUBURN, CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, the Rancho Murieta Community Services District (RMCSD) has advocated the construction of a multipurpose dam at Auburn since becoming a member of the Sacramento Metropolitan Water Authority in March of 1990; and

WHEREAS, the RMCSD also supports a flood control facility on the American River which will provide at least 400 year flood protection for the Sacramento community; and

WHEREAS, a multipurpose dam at Auburn is currently a federally authorized project, but needs further legislation to proceed with construction; and

WHEREAS, a multipurpose dam at Auburn would provide both new water resources and flood control benefits and other uses undefined at this time, providing local benefit; and

WHEREAS, the RMCSD recognizes that a detailed evaluation of the regional water needs and resources is necessary to demonstrate that additional water supplies will be needed to meet future demands; and

WHEREAS, the RMCSD, in cooperation with other regional water interests, has participated in such a study known as the American River Water Resources Investigation, which clearly delineates a need for additional water resources by the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, the RMCSD also recognizes that certain additional studies and permits, both federal and state, will be necessary before a final decision can be made regarding the construction of a multipurpose Auburn Dam; and

WHEREAS, the RMCSD supports the preparation of objective and thorough environmental documents assessing environmental impacts of all actions that comprise projects as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the RMCSD, and other proponents of a multipurpose dam, that the portion of such a facility allocated to water supply

and to power be state and/or locally financed and constructed without federal appropriations, if necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rancho Murieta Community Services District requests Congress to enact legislation that will authorize the appropriation necessary for construction of the flood control portion of a multipurpose dam at Auburn; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said legislation should permit expansion of said flood control dam for water, power and recreational uses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that after analysis of costs vs. benefits, the RMCSD will share in the construction cost of the water supply portion of a multipurpose dam at Auburn proportionate to the benefit that its members receive; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the RMCSD will cooperate with all federal, state and local water interests to promote, support and fund the expansion of a flood control project at Auburn into a multipurpose project through necessary engineering studies, federal and/or state legislation, joint powers agreements, and/or contracts.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors, at their regular board meeting, on April 19, 1995.

John R. Thurston, President

ATTEST:

Sandra A. Hickman, District Secretary