

RESOLUTION 95- 8

RANCHO MURIETA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
SACRAMENTO AREA WATER FORUM
TO PROCEED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A WATER PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Area Water Forum's diverse group of water managers, business leaders, environmentalists, citizens groups, and local governments have determined there is the potential for a water crisis in the Sacramento area; and

WHEREAS, unless water supplies are made available, many existing residents, businesses, and farmers will continue to suffer shortages during California's periodic droughts; and

WHEREAS, the American River is nationally recognized for its beauty, fisheries, and recreation and receives over five million visitor-days of use each year and finding ways to protect the river for our enjoyment and generations to come is needed; and

WHEREAS, some water purveyors obtain all their water from surface sources, while other purveyors get their water solely from wells and there are disadvantages to having only one source of supply; and

WHEREAS, past actions have contaminated parts of our groundwater and unless the problems are contained and corrected, our drinking water that comes from wells could become contaminated; and

WHEREAS, constantly changing health and environmental regulations come with benefits, but they can also make it harder to provide sufficient quantities of affordable water and therefore we need to find cost-effective ways to protect our health and our environment; and

WHEREAS, reliance on wells in some areas has lowered the groundwater as much as 90 feet and if nothing is done the problem will get worse; pumping costs would double and in some areas the overlying ground could actually sink; and

WHEREAS, statewide water shortages make our water look attractive to others and unless we work together they could exploit differences among us for their gain; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Area *Water Forum* is formulating a water plan for the Sacramento countywide area, excluding the Delta, which would provide an adequate, safe, and reliable water supply in an environmentally sound and cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Area *Water Forum* has developed a set of Draft Agreements-in-Principle that provide a starting point to discuss more specific solutions; and

WHEREAS, based upon Stakeholder review and comments of the Draft Agreements-in-Principle, the *Water Forum* will develop a draft solution package for Stakeholder review and refinement that will ultimately lead to a Final Agreement that will be presented to the Stakeholders as a total package for their approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that our *Water Forum* stakeholder members are hereby authorized to proceed with the development of a draft solution package for a water plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of April, 1995 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors: Thurston; Menicucci; Lensch; Stevens

NOES: Director Sevier


ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:



John R. Thurston, President



Sandra A. Hickman, District Secretary