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## FRESNO CITY COUNCIL



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### Contents of Supplement: Amended Resolution and an Amended Letter to the California Water Commission

#### Item(s)

RESOLUTION – In support of Temperance Flat Dam and Storage Project  
Sponsors: Councilmembers Brandau and Bredefeld

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF TEMPERANCE  
FLAT DAM AND STORAGE PROJECT

WHEREAS, in 2014 voters approved Proposition 1, the California Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act, which contains \$2.7 billion for public benefits of water storage projects in the Storage Water Investment Program, focusing primarily on large scale surface storage projects; and

WHEREAS, eligible projects include Temperance Flat Dam, expanding existing storage above Friant Dam; and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority (Authority) is a joint powers authority formed in 2015 between Fresno, Madera, Merced, Kings, and Tulare counties to facilitate the application and construction of Temperance Flat Dam and local storage/conveyance projects within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Project is an expansion of the Friant Division of the Central Valley Project only and can provide direct, material water supply benefits to the City as a Friant Division Contractor, the Authority is seeking funding and support from both state and federal governments; and

WHEREAS, the first major milestone in funding will be a determination by the California Water Commission that the Temperance Flat project is eligible for funding; and

WHEREAS, as the largest city in the Central Valley that will benefit from Temperance Flat Dam with an increased Class 1 contract of 120,000 acre-feet per year;

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a new Class 2 allocation for 30,000 acre-feet per year, and a dedicated volume of storage for the City in the new reservoir, the City desires to reaffirm its support for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The Council hereby reaffirms its support for the Temperance Flat Dam and Storage Project provided the Project is planned to deliver to the City the direct, material water supply benefits described herein.

2. Council directs submission of a letter of support to the California Water Commission, in the form of the attached.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF FRESNO ) ss.  
CITY OF FRESNO )

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC  
City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN  
City Attorney

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April 27, 2017

California Water Commission  
P.O. Box 942836  
Sacramento, California 94236-0001

Dear California Water Commission Members,

As the largest urban user of San Joaquin River water, the City of Fresno strongly favors the proposal to develop Temperance Flat Dam and Reservoir to provide direct and material water supply benefits to the City of Fresno. Our City Council urges the Water Commission to give favorable consideration to the application, now in the early preparation stage, for funding authorized for new storage and related facilities under Chapter 8 of Proposition 1, the California water bond authorized by state voters in 2014. The 1.3 million acre-feet of new San Joaquin River water storage to be created by Temperance Flat would be a tremendous benefit to the City's half-million residents and its vibrant business and industrial economic partners, and would allow the City to increase its current Class 1 contract amount, receive a new Class 2 allocation, and have dedicated water supply storage in the City's name in the new reservoir.

Temperance Flat is anticipated to offer significant benefits over a wide region, and the City of Fresno is well positioned to make good use of an increased Class 1 contract, a new Class 2 allocation, and water supply storage in the City's name. The City has a federal Central Valley Project contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for 60,000 acre-feet of Class 1 water delivered from Friant Dam through the Friant-Kern Canal, and we look forward to having that contract amount increasing to 120,000 acre-feet per year, along with receiving a new Class 2 allocation for 30,000 acre feet, and dedicated water supply storage in the City's name. Over time this additional water would allow the City to recharge its severely depleted aquifer, which has dropped more than 100 feet over the last 100 years.

Years of drought and regulatory curtailments saw several years with significantly reduced or zero deliveries from the Friant Division. But over the last two winters with above average precipitation led to large flood releases, due entirely to Millerton Reservoir's insufficient capacity to retain that water. Temperance Flat Dam would increase storage capacity threefold, reducing uncertainty for municipal water users like Fresno, and allow the City to receive an increased Class 1 contract, a new Class 2 water supply, and dedicated water supply storage in the City's name.

The City has traditionally relied heavily on groundwater and associated recharge activities for its municipal water supply. Recognizing the over-reliance upon extracted groundwater within the City and elsewhere in the San Joaquin Valley, the City for many years has been shifting a significant portion of its supply base to surface water from the San Joaquin and Kings rivers for which it has entitlements. With the construction of Temperance Flat, the City will be capable of operating four surface water treatment plants to utilize our increased Class 1 water supply, new Class 2 water supply, and dedicated water supply storage in Temperance Flat.

With the passage of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, the City is more reliant on these surface treatment plants than ever before. Beyond the increased Class 1 water supply, new Class 2 water supply, and dedicated water supply storage, the project's related infrastructure for conveyance and recharge are critical to the City and region's groundwater sustainability efforts.

The City recognizes and wishes to help address the broad negative effects of California's water supply crisis on the Valley. These impacts are particularly perilous within the five counties - Fresno, Madera, Merced, Kings and Tulare. The City of Fresno has financially supported the recently-organized San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority, a Joint Powers Authority of these affected counties, through the two small cities - Orange Cove and Avenal- that are members of the Authority board as representatives of other municipalities. The City is prepared to continue financial support for the Project, provided the City receives an increased Class 1 contract amount, a new Class 2 allocation, and dedicated water supply storage in the City's name in the new reservoir.

The Authority in cooperation with the Bureau of Reclamation are finalizing the Temperance Flat feasibility study and will soon be providing a formal application to the Commission for project funding through Chapter 8 of Proposition 1. The enhanced flood protection, environmental improvements, expanded surface storage, and increased Class 1 and Class 2 water supplies for the City resulting from Temperance Flat will be shown in the Authority's application to be a big part of the solution in meeting the water storage needs of the Central Valley and the entire state.

On April 27, 2017 the Fresno City Council and the Mayor reaffirmed their support for the Temperance Flat Dam Project in the attached resolution to provide direct and material benefits to the City in the form of an increased Class 1 contract amount, a new Class 2 water supply allocation, and dedicated water supply storage, and urges the Commission to accept and approve state bond funding for the Temperance Flat Project.

Sincerely,

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Lee Brand, Mayor

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Clint Olivier, Council President

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Esmeralda Soria, Council Vice-President

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Steve Brandau, Councilmember District 2

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Paul Caprioglio, Councilmember District 4

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Oliver Baines III, Councilmember District 3

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Garry Bredefeld, Councilmember District 6

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Luis Chavez, Councilmember District 5