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REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT
 RESOLUTION - In support of Temperance Flat Dam and Storage Project

RECOMMENDATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority is requesting a resolution to the California Water Commission (CWC) in support of Temperance Flat Dam and local storage projects. This year the CWC will begin receiving applications for the Storage Water Investment Program component of The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Prop 1). Support from local agencies and affected parties are critical to demonstration of the need of the project.

BACKGROUND

In 2014, voters approved Proposition 1, the California Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, which contains \$2.7 billion for public benefits of water storage projects in the Storage Water Investment Program. While applicable to projects statewide on multiple scales, the

intent and focus will likely be to fund large scale surface storage projects. Eligible projects include Temperance Flat Dam, an expansion of existing storage above Friant Dam.

The San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority (Authority) is a joint powers agreement formed in 2015 between Fresno, Madera, Merced, Kings, and Tulare Counties with the purpose to facilitate the application and construction of Temperance Flat Dam and local storage/conveyance projects within its boundaries. As an expansion of the Central Valley Project, the Authority is seeking funding and support from both the state and federal governments. The Authority has already gained planning assistance from the US Bureau of Reclamation, and Federal legislators are currently crafting water storage legislation that could benefit Temperance Flat. The Trump Administration has similarly expressed support of western state storage projects.

However, the first major milestone in funding will be the determination of the CWC, which this year will make its determination of applicable projects for funding under the Storage Water Investment Program. The Authority is currently in the process of finalizing its application and will be submitting the application for Temperance Flat and related infrastructure later this year. The CWC's decision is critical in timeliness with Federal support.

Towards that end, the Authority is reaching out to its members, affected communities, and elected officials for renewed letters or resolutions of support as the CWC moves into this critical decision period. As the largest city in the Central Valley that will benefit directly and indirectly from Temperance Flat Dam, it is requested that the Fresno City Council reaffirm its support of the project, and to direct staff to send the attached letter of support to the CWC.

Fresno Council of Governments, the Fresno Chamber of Commerce, and every valley member of the California Legislature have already submitted letters of support urging the CWC to fund the project.

ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS

N/A

LOCAL PREFERENCE

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

Attachment: Resolution - to the CWC in support of Temperance Flat Dam
Letter to California Water Commission