

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 3939**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, CALIFORNIA, URGING REGIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE SAN JACINTO RIVER, STAGE FOUR (4) LEVEE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Perris and its residents experienced widespread devastation to personal and real property as the result of the extensive flooding that occurred within the San Jacinto Valley during the 1980 winter season; and

**WHEREAS**, the breaches of the existing levee have resulted in damage to agricultural lands and residences, flooded roads, displaced local residents and inundated large areas adjacent to the river; and

**WHEREAS**, more specifically, during the 1980 flood, flooding caused the displacement of 6,000 area residents and the inundation of 11.4 square miles of land; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Perris has therefore set, as one of its highest priorities, the funding and implementation of the San Jacinto River, Stage Four (4) Levee Project in order to protect the health, safety, welfare and property of those within the western portion of the City and unincorporated areas of Riverside County which would be adversely affected by similar flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed levee project will alleviate flooding and disruption of regional traffic circulation for the major transportation corridors of Ramona Expressway, State Street and Sanderson Avenue (including the Highway 79 alignment); and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed levee project will provide 100 year flood protection for approximately 2,000 acres of existing regional agriculture, active dairy operations, and regional roadways as well as approximately 100 acres of existing development; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed levee project is expected to enhance regional water quality and protect biological resources within the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the recent experiences in New Orleans and the Bay-Delta has reinforced the need to provide safe and reliable levee systems in order to protect the health, safety, welfare and property of residents within the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the need to protect the health, safety, welfare and property of residents was further recognized by California voters who, in November of 2006, overwhelmingly passed Proposition 1E, thereby authorizing the issuance of approximately \$4.1 billion dollars for flood control and levee financing; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to express its support for the prompt and efficient implementation of the levee project, and urge other affected public agencies within the region to also support the prompt and efficient implementation of the levee project, as a comprehensive and regional solution to a natural flood hazard;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Perris, California, as follows:

**Section 1.** Incorporation of Recitals. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the Recitals of this Resolution are true and correct and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution as though fully set forth herein.

**Section 2.** Implementation of San Jacinto River, Stage Four. The City Council hereby supports, in the strongest of terms, the prompt and efficient implementation, with all deliberate speed, of the San Jacinto River, Stage Four (4) Levee Project, in order to protect the health, safety, welfare and property of those within potentially affected areas of this regional project. City staff, with the cooperation of City officials, is directed to work with the County of Riverside, the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians, and the Cities of Hemet, Perris, Canyon Lake, and Lake Elsinore to seek support of this Resolution, which support may be registered by affixing of their respective officials' signatures to this Resolution.

**Section 3.** Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED, SIGNED** and **APPROVED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007.

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Mayor, Daryl R. Busch

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Judy L. Haughney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE ) §  
CITY OF PERRIS )

I, Judy L. Haughney, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, CALIFORNIA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution Number 3939 was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Perris at a regular meeting thereof held the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007, and that it was so adopted by the following called vote:

AYES: Landers, Motte, Rogers, Yarbrough, Busch  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

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City Clerk, Judy L. Haughney