

ATASCADERO RESOLUTION NO. 100-94
PASO ROBLES RESOLUTION NO. 94-123

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCILS
OF THE CITIES OF ATASCADERO & EL PASO DE ROBLES
OPPOSING THE PROPOSED SALINAS RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of San Luis Obispo proposes to expand the capacity of the Salinas Reservoir by installing an operable gate in the spillway of the existing dam for the purpose of increasing water supply to the City San Luis Obispo; and

WHEREAS, the Salinas Reservoir basin collects waters which form the headwaters of the Salinas River, flow naturally northward through the northern portion of San Luis Obispo County, not through the southerly City of San Luis Obispo; and

WHEREAS, the Salinas River is an important resource to agriculture, business, and residents of the northern portion of San Luis Obispo County; and

WHEREAS, increased reservoir capacity and runoff diversion would result in a reduction of Salinas River flow available for all purposes; and

WHEREAS, any reduction of river flow will decrease water resources available to downstream users, including groundwater recharge and preservation of riparian habitat; and

WHEREAS, the significance of diminished flow will be intensified by the variability of annual rainfall and drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, both existing and future North County land uses/potential could be constrained by such reductions in the River flow; and

WHEREAS, public concerns have been expressed regarding the safety of the existing dam, particularly in light of the proposal to increase holding capacity; and

WHEREAS, raising the Reservoir's water level would have significant environmental impact including, but not limited to, the destruction of 4,000 oak trees and 1,000 pines; and

WHEREAS, cumulative effects of the project together with overall surface water diversion and groundwater withdrawals by downstream users could be considered significant.

WHEREAS, all the aforementioned exist, it should be the response of North County residents as to whether or not the Salinas Dam should be expanded either now or in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Councils of the Cities of Atascadero and El Paso de Robles to jointly oppose the proposed Salinas Reservoir Expansion Project on the basis of over-riding environmental, safety and public welfare concerns which will prove detrimental to the agricultural, business, environmental and residential interests of the North County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

CITY OF ATASCADERO:

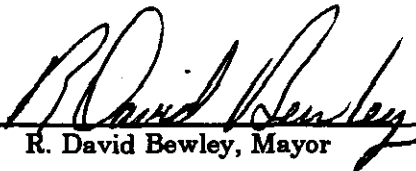
Effective this 13 day of Sept., 1994.

AYES: Highland, Johnson, Luna and Bewley


NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Carden



R. David Bewley, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lee Price, City Clerk

CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES

Effective this 6th day of September, 1994.

AYES: Heggarty, Iversen, Martin, Picanco, and Iversen

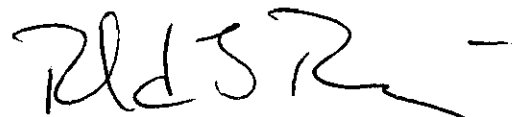
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Walter J. Macklin, Mayor

ATTEST:


Richard J. Ramirez, City Clerk