

## RESOLUTION NO. 2010-277

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE OPPOSING THE PROPOSED NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT FOR THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT TO BE ISSUED BY THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

**WHEREAS**, the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) operates the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant for 1.3 million customers within Sacramento County, including those within the City of Elk Grove; and

**WHEREAS**, SRCSD has operated the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant in an effective manner, as evidenced by its 99.9% compliance rate under its current National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Board (CVRWQCB); and

**WHEREAS**, staff of the CVRWQCB recommends the issuance of a new NPDES permit that will require the installation of tertiary treatment facilities at an estimated cost of up to \$2 billion, which will be recovered through increases that may result in rates that triple the current rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed requirements of the new NPDES are not justified by current science, and there is significant debate over the impacts of nutrients, such as ammonia, and pathogens from SRCSD's effluent into the Sacramento River and the Delta; and

**WHEREAS**, the potential cost to residential ratepayers will add a significant financial burden in an already challenged economic time, as many Elk Grove residents are State employees that have seen their incomes decrease by 15% as a result of continued furloughs; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual increases in SRCSD rates and fees will result in an annual reduction of \$161.4 million in Sacramento household disposable income; and

**WHEREAS**, the potential cost to commercial ratepayers will further burden the struggling business community in our region, resulting in a weakened business climate that will be unable to generate new jobs for the region; and

**WHEREAS**, after adjusting for positive job growth associated with building and operating a new facility, the region will still suffer an annual employment loss of 976 jobs as a result of the annual rate and fee increases; and

**WHEREAS**, the increases in connection fees and impact fees necessitated by the proposed requirements of the NPDES permit will erase the efforts made by the City

of Elk Grove to foster economic growth by reducing fees and lowering the cost of doing business; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sacramento Region's weakened economic climate, as evidenced by Sacramento County's unemployment rate of 12.8%, is an economic factor that must be considered as the CVRWQCB establishes water quality objectives to be addressed in a new National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove opposes the proposed National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit for the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant to be issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2010.

  
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SOPHIA SCHERMAN, MAYOR of the  
CITY OF ELK GROVE

ATTEST:

  
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JASON LINDGREN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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SUSAN COCHRAN, CITY ATTORNEY

**CERTIFICATION**  
**ELK GROVE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2010-277**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA        )  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO    )       ss  
CITY OF ELK GROVE         )


***I, Jason Lindgren, City Clerk of the City of Elk Grove, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove at a regular meeting of said Council held on December 8, 2010 by the following vote:***

**AYES :**        **COUNCILMEMBERS:**        **Scherman, Detrick, Cooper, Davis, Hume**

**NOES:**        **COUNCILMEMBERS:**        **None**

**ABSTAIN :**    **COUNCILMEMBERS:**        **None**

**ABSENT:**     **COUNCILMEMBERS:**        **None**

  
**Jason Lindgren, City Clerk**  
**City of Elk Grove, California**