

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVATO

RESOLUTION NO. 125-99

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
NOVATO IDENTIFYING ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS TO BE
INCORPORATED INTO FUTURE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS
UNDERTAKEN BY THE CALFED PROCESS

WHEREAS, the health of the San Francisco Bay/Delta estuary and the diverse ecosystems it supports are fundamental to the environmental well-being of the entire Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, much of the Bay Area's economic vitality is supported by the Bay/Delta estuary, including industries such as tourism, recreational and commercial fishing; and

WHEREAS, the Bay/Delta estuary's health is in rapid decline, manifested by various indicators including dramatic reductions in fish populations, and due to a variety of devastating impacts, including the diversion of over 50 percent of its flows from the watershed's rivers, the loss of over 85 percent of historic wetlands, and the discharge of 40,000 tons of pollutants into the Bay; and

WHEREAS, since 1994 the Federal Government and the State of California, in conjunction with agricultural, urban and environmental stakeholders, have undertaken an effort to address the remarkably complex water resource issues of the Bay/Delta ecosystem through a process known as CalFed; and

WHEREAS, in the CalFed process the current public comment period for the Draft Programmatic EIR/EIS provides a critical opportunity for input on the issues affecting the San Francisco Bay/Delta estuary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Novato does hereby identify that the following essential elements must be incorporated into future policies and programs undertaken by the CalFed process:

- A guarantee that there will be adequate fresh water flows into the San Francisco Bay/Delta estuary will be determined based on sound science and provide adequate flows to benefit the entire estuary.
- Water conservation by all users - Equitable water conservation practices must be required and enforced for all users throughout California.

- A fair share of funding for Bay Area environmental restoration efforts, including those in the North Bay watershed (San Pablo Bay region).

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Novato, Marin County, California, at a meeting hereof, held on the 14th day of September, 1999, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Councilmembers Dillon-Knutson, Eklund, Henderson, Di Giorgio

NOES: Councilmembers None

ABSTAIN: Councilmembers None

ABSENT: Councilmembers Gray

Shirley Gramma
City Clerk of the City of Novato