

BEFORE  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF MADERA  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of ) Resolution No. 98-213  
 )  
MADERA RANCH ) RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED  
WATER BANKING PROJECT ) MADERA RANCH WATER BANKING PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Reclamation has prepared a Phase I Report on the proposed Madera Ranch Water Banking Project; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Reclamation's Phase I Report raises numerous questions; and

WHEREAS, based on the information provided it appears the project is more likaly to worsen than improve the water overdraft conditions in Madera County and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, area farmers and landowners have very serious concerns about the proposed project and apparent deficiencies in the Phase I Report; and

WHEREAS, area farmers at their own expense hired Kenneth D. Schmidt and Associates, highly regarded as experts in local groundwater conditions, to examine and prepare a critique of the Phase I Report; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Reclamation has not addressed the Phase I Report deficiencies identified by Mr. Schmidt and others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Madera, State of California, that said Board hereby expresses its adamant opposition to the proposed Madera Ranch Water Banking Project and demands the Bureau of Reclamation to halt any further consideration of the Phase II activities until a full environmental impact statement is prepared and the problems with the Phase I Report can be addressed to the satisfaction of area farmers and landowners and their experts.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted this 13th day of October, 1998, by the following vote:

Supervisor Logoluso voted:

Supervisor Ginsburg voted:

Supervisor Hanhart McIntyre voted:

Supervisor Silva voted:

Supervisor Baker voted:

Y  
N  
N  
N  
Y

*Danny H. Baker*  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

*Wanda Samello*  
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:  
County Counsel

By *George ...*

