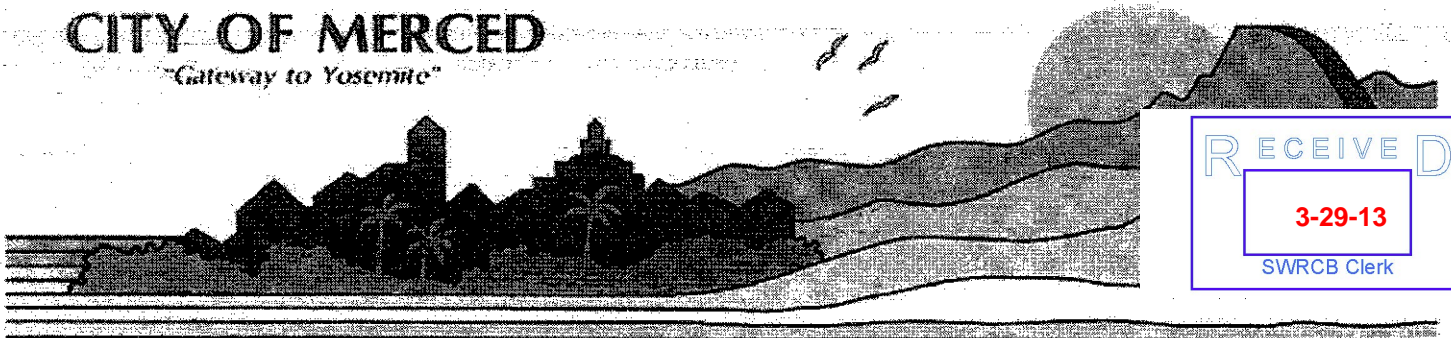


**CITY OF MERCED**  
"Gateway to Yosemite"



**CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATE**

I, JOHN M. BRAMBLE, City Clerk of the City of Merced, California, do hereby certify that the attached document, entitled:

**RESOLUTION 2013-9**

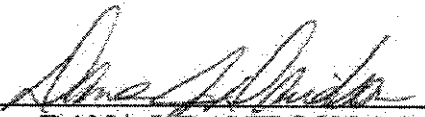
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD SUBSTITUTE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT REGARDING POTENTIAL CHANGES TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY-SACRAMENTO/SAN JOAQUIN DELTA ESTUARY

is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the Office of the Merced City Clerk, Merced, California.

DATED: March 19, 2013

JOHN M. BRAMBLE, CITY CLERK



BY:   
DANA J. DAVIDSON, MMC  
Assistant City Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013- 9**

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WHEREAS, The State Water Resources Control Board's Draft Substitute Environmental Document (SED) proposes to require the Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Merced Rivers release 35 percent of unimpaired flow from February to June each year; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed requirement will create "significant and unavoidable" impacts to the economy, agriculture, and groundwater basin used by the residents and businesses of the City of Merced; and,

WHEREAS, City of Merced's economic development program benefits significantly from competition between Merced Irrigation District and an investor-owned utility; and,

WHEREAS, The impacts include approximately \$69 million in annual losses to an economically distressed region of our state, including approximately \$23.5 million to the people that live and work in and around the City of Merced each year; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed requirement would fallow approximately 128,295 acres of prime farm land and result in the loss of over 800 family farms in the region; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed requirement will result in over-drafted groundwater basins, including that used by the City of Merced and its residents, which rely almost exclusively on groundwater for their drinking supplies; and,

WHEREAS, Approximately 460 jobs will be permanently lost including 160 in and around the City of Merced; and,

WHEREAS, The City and County of Merced face significant challenges with a stagnant economy, high unemployment and foreclosures; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed requirement ignores non-flow alternatives that are less costly and more effective.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, FIND, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Merced opposes the proposed requirements contained in the State Water Resources Control Board's draft SED.

SECTION 2. The State Water Resources Control Board should pursue a comprehensive solution that prioritizes non-flow measures to protect native fish species, such as predation reduction programs, before demanding flow increases that would threaten the economic vitality of already distressed people, businesses, and small family farms located in and around the City of Merced.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Merced at a regular meeting held on the 18th day of March 2013, by the following vote:

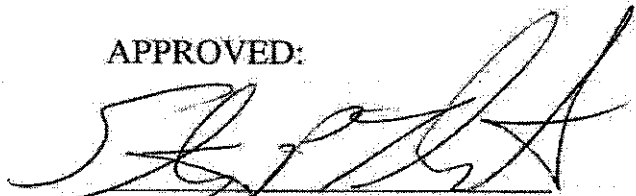
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NOES: Council Members: NONE


ABSENT: Council Members: NONE

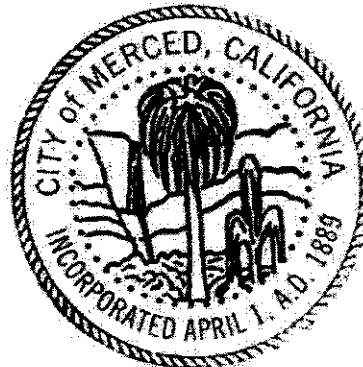
ABSTAIN: Council Members: NONE

APPROVED:

  
Mayor

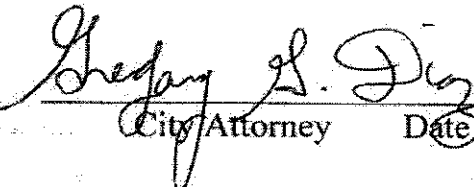
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BY:   
Assistant Deputy City Clerk



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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 3/6/2013  
City Attorney Date