

RESOLUTION NO. 97-09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA
OPPOSING THE EXPANSION OF PARDEE RESERVOIR**

WHEREAS, The Mokelumne River has provided high-quality drinking water for the communities of the East Bay since 1929; and

WHEREAS, The Mokelumne River already provides 90 percent of the water for the East Bay Municipal Utility District; and

WHEREAS, Building a new, 400-foot dam on the Mokelumne River is an extremely costly, carbon-intensive option for dry-year water supply that will become less reliable over time as our climate changes; and

WHEREAS, Residents of Richmond, who already use relatively little water, may be forced to help pay for this project through higher rates and surcharges; and

WHEREAS, Other, more reliable, less costly and more sustainable alternatives for dry-year water supply are available to the East Bay; and

WHEREAS, Future growth in the East Bay and related public investment should be carried out in a socially, economically and environmentally sustainable manner that does not export environmental harm to other regions or cause the decline of urban communities; and

WHEREAS, The Mokelumne River is an important tributary of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta; and

WHEREAS, The Mokelumne River is valued by the people of its local communities as a place for recreation, respite and relaxation, similar to the East Bay's public parks, and it is open to all people regardless of income, age or ability; and

WHEREAS, Damaging the Mokelumne River by enlarging Pardee Reservoir would destroy American Indian sacred and cultural sites, valuable historical resources, miles of habitat suitable for salmon and steelhead restoration, and recreational resources important to local foothill economies; and

WHEREAS, The expansion of Pardee Reservoir is opposed by major conservation, fish, and recreation organizations; the cities of Jackson, Ione, Sutter Creek and Plymouth; the County of Amador; members of foothill tribes; and countless individuals in the foothills and East Bay alike; and

WHEREAS, Protecting the Mokelumne River's remaining free-flowing reaches will protect the river's water quality, sustain fish populations, protect important cultural and historical sites, and preserve river recreation and scenic beauty for those who visit from the East Bay as well as those who live nearby;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that We, the City Council of Richmond, hereby oppose the expansion of Pardee Reservoir proposed in the East Bay Municipal Utility District Water Supply Management Program 2040 and support National Wild and Scenic River designation for the Mokelumne River from below Salt Springs Dam to the existing upper limit of Pardee Reservoir.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held on September 8, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Butt, Rogers, Ritterman, Viramontes, and Mayor McLaughlin.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: Councilmembers Bates.

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Lopez.

DIANE HOLMES
Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE McLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

RANDY RIDDLE
City Attorney

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City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 97-09, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on September 8, 2009.