

RESOLUTION NO. 583

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF THE SALINAS RIVER RESERVOIR DAM AT SANTA MARGARITA, CALIFORNIA, TO THE WAR ASSETS ADMINISTRATION.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES DOES
HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

That any transfer of the Salinas River Reservoir Dam, located at Santa Margarita, County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, to the War Assets Administration for the purpose of sale to any private interest would be inimical to the interests and future development of the City of El Paso de Robles and the agricultural district surrounding said City.

That drought and consequent lack of necessary water is not unusual in this vicinity and is a constant threat to the existence and welfare of this City and the aforesaid dam as constructed by the War Department of the United States of America and the impounding of the waters of the Salinas River at said dam and reservoir has greatly relieved this fear of drought and has reassured the citizens of this community and has resulted in a substantial growth in this City with prospects of a far greater expansion and development in the future.

That any sale to private interest would only result in prolonged litigation to preserve the water supply of this City and any sale to private interest would be contrary to the mutual understanding and reassurance given by the War Department of the United States of America to this City when said dam was constructed.

That any sale to private interest would be for the benefit of a few as opposed to the necessity of the people of this City and community as a whole, and would result in a policy opposing and jeopardizing the people of this County for the purpose of a

small financial immediate gain.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the opinion of this Council the only proper custodian of said dam and the waters impounded by said dam is the United States Government or the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, California, and only by such agencies can said waters be used to the greatest benefit of the people of the County of San Luis Obispo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council strongly opposes and with the greatest sincerity requests the War Assets Administration to make no disposition of said dam and said waters to any private interest and to retain said dam and waters in public ownership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be directed to SHERIDAN DOWNEY and WM. F. KNOWLAND, United States Senators of the State of California, and E. K. BRAMBLETT, United States Congressman of the 11th Congressional District of the State of California, CHRIS N. JESPERSEN, State Senator and JAMES SILLIMAN, State Assemblyman.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of June, 1947.

CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK