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Mayor and Council Members City of Sacramento
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Sent via email

SUBJECT: City of Sacramento City Council Special Meeting, Dec. 6, 2022, 2 pm
Agenda Item 14 – Upper Westside Water Supply Assessment, File ID:
2022-02041
Recommendation: Pass a Motion to ratify a Water Supply Assessment (WSA) prepared for the Upper Westside project and direct that it be submitted to the County of Sacramento in accordance with Senate Bill 610 (Stats. 2001 chapter 643), referred to as SB610 or Cal. Water Code § 10910.

Dear Mr. Mayor and Council Members,

ECOS understands that if you're required by law to prepare this Water Supply Assessment, you must comply. But while you are considering this resolution, we would like to raise some serious concerns about the proposed Upper Westside project. We strongly oppose this project for many reasons including:

- 1) It is outside the City Limits in conflict with the approved Natomas Joint Vision, which identifies the role of urbanization to be the City's, and not the County's.
- 2) It is outside the approved County Urban Services Boundary and is inconsistent with both the City and County General Plans.
- 3) It will harm and possibly destroy the Natomas Basin Conservancy (NBC), a long-standing planning structure in the region. The NBC plan is predicated on this area remaining in agriculture to support habitat. It is also within the one-mile strip along the Sacramento River, which is prime foraging area for the endangered Swainson's Hawk. It will mean a loss of accessible nearby open space for residents of Sacramento.

4) It sets a precedent for future loss of farmland to suburbanization; it will hurt the City's ability to address climate change by reducing demand for infill development elsewhere, leaving many city parcels empty and blighted.

This list doesn't list the transportation, air quality, water and flood impacts to the region from the proposed development. Suffice it to say, this project does NOT benefit the City of Sacramento.

Sincerely,



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