

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 18-_____

Introduced by Council Member _____

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE STATE WATER TAX PROVISIONS OF THE SAFE AND AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER ACT BUDGET TRAILER BILL, UNLESS AMENDED, AND DIRECTING STAFF TO PREPARE A LETTER FOR THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE STATING HAYWARD'S POSITION

WHEREAS, the Hayward City Council recognizes the right of all Californians to have access to safe and affordable drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the Hayward City Council supports efforts to provide financial assistance to disadvantaged communities which do not have access to safe drinking water due to contamination nor the resources to mitigate the contamination; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California has included with the proposed 2018-19 budget a budget trailer bill titled the "Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Act" ("Act") which, in addition to other provisions, would establish a Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund ("Fund"), and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Fund would be to provide assistance in the form of loans, grants, and technical services to disadvantaged communities to ensure safe drinking water supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Act proposes that the Fund be funded in part by a State tax on drinking water to be collected by local water agencies, such as Hayward, and remitted to the State; and

WHEREAS, the State water tax would have an economic impact on Hayward customers, some of which are economically disadvantaged families, while providing no benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Hayward City Council supports the objectives of the Act but suggests that the State explore other alternatives to a tax on drinking water to provide revenue for the Fund, such as federal safe drinking water funds, general obligation bonds, general fund monies, lease revenue bonds, and a portion of Cap and Trade program funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hayward City Council of the City of Hayward hereby opposes the State Water Tax Provisions of the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Act Budget Trailer Bill, unless amended, and directs staff to prepare a letter for the Mayor's signature, expressing the City's position on this matter.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA _____, 2018

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
 MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: _____
 City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney of the City of Hayward