

RESOLUTION NO. 79 - 2

FEDERAL IMPACT ON IRRIGATION FROM GROUNDWATER

WHEREAS, the Groundwater Management Districts Association is vitally concerned with all uses of groundwater and GMDA is composed of numerous management districts all dedicated to good management practices administered at the local level; and

WHEREAS, said local control is responsive to the many and varied groundwater conditions which exist within the area served by GMDA; and

WHEREAS, Federal regulation of such matters would interfere with effective and practical administration of state and local control of groundwater management; and

WHEREAS, the Carter Administration's U.S. Water Resources Council (WRC) did adopt on October 25, 1979 in Washington, D.C. certain Federal controls (Principals and Standards) governing the scheduling of agricultural irrigation watering and the management of agricultural irrigation watering as set forth in the Federal Register, 44 Federal Register, pages 30,247-30,258, May 24, 1979;

WHEREAS, the WRC's proposal does not exclude irrigation groundwater use; and

WHEREAS, said conservation aim is already being fully pursued to the maximum extent possible through effective local district management;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the GMDA is opposed to the WRC's Principles and Standards revisions for irrigation management and scheduling, insofar as these revisions apply to groundwater use.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS THE 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1979.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

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President

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