

CITY OF WOODLAND
CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "M"

On October 17, 2023, the City Council voted to place Measure "M" on the March 5, 2024 special municipal election ballot, which will be held and consolidated with the Statewide Primary Election of the same date.

If approved by a majority of Woodland voters, Measure "M" would explicitly authorize the City to accept and use at least \$300,000,000 in federal and state contributions, or up to 99 percent of the project costs for the construction and associated costs of the Lower Cache Creek Flood Risk Management Project, and would further authorize the City to construct the Lower Cache Creek Flood Risk Management Project and to utilize City funds to fund the remainder of the project costs exclusive of federal and state funding.

In 2004, a majority of Woodland voters passed Measure "S", which added Section 8.12.010 to the Woodland Municipal Code. Section 8.12.010 provides in part that the City shall not fund or take any action that supports the Lower Cache Creek flood barrier, a proposed project that was previously approved by the City Council in 2003, or take any action that supports a substantially similar structure. On February 16, 2021, the City Council approved the Lower Cache Creek Flood Risk Management Project. Measure "M" would modify Section 8.12.010 as previously enacted by Measure "S" to explicitly authorize the City to accept and utilize federal and state contributions in an amount of at least \$300,000,000, or up to 99 percent of the project costs for the more recently approved Lower Cache Creek Flood Risk Management Project. Measure "M" would also explicitly authorize the City to construct the Lower Cache Creek Flood Risk Management Project, and to use its own funds to fund the remainder of the costs of the Project exclusive of federal and state funding.

A "yes" vote on Measure "M" will authorize the City to accept and utilize state and federal funding for the Lower Cache Flood Risk Management Project as described above, and will further authorize the City to construct the Lower Cache Flood Risk Management Project and fund the remaining costs with City funds.

A "no" vote on Measure "M" will keep the language of Section 8.12.010 in its current form as originally enacted by Measure "S", and will not add an authorization for the construction and funding of the Lower Cache Creek Flood Risk Management Project.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure "M". If you desire a copy of the Measure, please call the City's elections official at (530) 661-5806 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.



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