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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 85143 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL SB 1199 (HANCOCK) STATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROVIDE CALIFORNIA WILD AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATION FOR THE MOKELUMNE RIVER FROM BELOW SALT SPRINGS DAM TO THE UPSTREAM END OF PARDEE RESERVOIR

WHEREAS, the Mokelumne River has provided clean, high-quality drinking water for the City of Oakland for more than a century; and

WHEREAS, future growth in the East Bay and related public investment should be carried out in a socially, economically and environmentally sustainable manner that does not export harm to other regions; and

WHEREAS, Senator Loni Hancock has introduced Senate Bill 1199 to designate thirty-seven miles of the Mokelumne River as a California Wild and Scenic River; and

WHEREAS, SB 1199 would protect the City of Oakland's water quality without affecting the water rights or operations of the East Bay Municipal Utility's District's Mokelumne River water facilities or a future downstream expansion of Pardee Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, by preventing new dams on the designated river sections, SB 1199 will protect American Indian sacred and cultural sites, valuable historical resources, miles of habitat suitable for salmon and steelhead restoration, important wildlife habitat, and recreational resources important to local foothill families and visitors from the East Bay alike; and

WHEREAS, the County of Calaveras supports California Wild and Scenic River designation for the Mokelumne because of the river's importance to local communities and the local economy; and

WHEREAS, SB 1199 is supported by major environmental justice, conservation, fish, business, tourism and recreation organizations; three federally recognized tribes;