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Whereas the fragile balance of uses and values has been abruptly upset by the destruction of hundreds of trees, at the order of the Water Board, in the area between the water and perimeter fence, causing widespread consternation,

Now therefore, it is ordered that:

1. The City Manager and Water Board review the tree cutting program at Fresh Pond Reservation and before any further cutting (other than removal of diseased or dead trees and removal of brush), hold a public hearing.
2. The City Manager review the positions on the Water Board and if there are members whose appointments have expired, consider either through reappointments or new appointments how to ensure that the positions are filled by persons who are sensitive to and trained or experienced in the problems of resource management.
3. The City Solicitor advise the Manager, Water Board and City Council regarding their respective obligations under whatever environmental statutes, rules and regulations may be pertinent, including General Laws , Chapter 30, Sections 61 and 62.
4. The Water Board and Planning Department undertake to create a long term land and water resource conservation and management plan for both the Fresh Pond Reservation and the Hobbs Brook Pond facilities.
5. The Planning Department and City Solicitor's office draft a "tree displacement" ordinance for consideration by the City Council which would control and regulate the cutting of trees in the City of Cambridge.

6. The Manager study the best manner in which to secure employment within the City government of a person trained in forestry and land use conservation and management.
7. The Planning Department and Water Board are requested to create a plan for restoration of the cut area and for the planting and other creation of compensating amenities to restore the screening of Fresh Pond from the damaging effect of the nearby highway and its commercial uses.
8. The Manager report on progress as to the foregoing as soon as practicable and before any further tree cutting occurs at Fresh Pond other than cutting of dead or dying trees.

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7/ That the City Manager direct the Water Board
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McClellan firm in the past ten years, said
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and the amount of money already paid on this
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AMENDED ORDER

12.
IN CITY COUNCIL
December 15, 1975

Councillor Wylie

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City Council

Dec 15, 1925
Adopted by the affirmative vote

of 9 members

Paul E. Husky
CITY CLERK City Clerk

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C. Wylie resolutions on the Fresh Pond
Reservation.

In City Council,

Dec. 15, 1975