

What They're Saying ...

... About The Governor's Push For A Comprehensive Water Plan

Local Elected Officials Statewide Agree That The Legislature Must "Deliver A Comprehensive Water Plan To The Governor ... Now," Delay "Is Not An Option."

City Of Pasadena: "The Future Of The Delta Requires The Legislature's Immediate Attention." (Mayor Bill Bogaard, City Of Pasadena Statement On California Water Legislation, Press Release, 10/7/09)

Oceanside Mayor Jim Wood: "It Is Essential That The Legislature Act, And Act Now ... We No Longer Have The Time To Debate Or Postpone Action." (Mayor Jim Wood, Support For Governor's Call For Immediate Legislative Action On Water Issues, Press Release, 10/7/09)

Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearingin: The Legislature Must "Deliver A Comprehensive Water Plan To The Governor, And They Must Do It Now." "I applaud Gov. Schwarzenegger for rightly keeping attention focused on dealing with our water crisis ... this is an issue that truly has a significant impact on our entire state. We can no longer afford to put off taking action on this issue -- solving this crisis should be the top priority in Sacramento. The Legislature must come together and deliver a comprehensive water plan to the Governor, and they must do it now." (Mayor Ashley Swearingin, Statement Urging Legislature To Pass Comprehensive Water Package, Press Release, 10/7/09)

Imperial Beach Mayor James C. Janney: The Legislature Must Act "This Weekend." The State of California is in great need for a water solution. ... We can no longer afford to postpone action ... The Legislature must come together and deliver the comprehensive water plan to the Governor by this weekend." (City Of Imperial Beach Mayor James C. Janney, Statement Calling For Immediate Legislation Action On Water Crisis, Press Release, 10/7/09)

Fresno County Supervisor Phil Larson: The Governor's Call For "A Comprehensive Water Plan" Is "Essential ... We Must Act Now." "Governor Schwarzenegger's call for an immediate solution to our critical water issues is not only essential but is only option to prevent cataclysmic events in our State. ... The time for water solution is now." (Fresno County Supervisor Phil Larson, Statement Supporting Governor's Call For Immediate Legislation Action On Water Issues, Press Release, 10/7/09)

Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe: "The Time To Act Has Arrived." "The time to talk is over and the time to act has arrived on a comprehensive investment in upgrading California's water system. ... I encourage the Legislature to work with the Governor towards approving a water deal." (Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, Local Government Can't Be Left To Drown During Water Deal Talks, Press Release, 10/7/09)

Tulare County Board Of Supervisors Chairman Phil Cox: "We Support The Governor; We Need A Fix For Our Water Supply." (Tulare County Board of Supervisors, Tulare County Officials Applaud Governor Schwarzenegger's Demand For Meaningful Water Legislation, Press Release, 10/7/09)

Orange County Supervisor Patricia Bates: "It's Time For Our Legislature To Do Its Part And Make The Structural Fixes Needed For A Comprehensive Resolution." "Citizens have been doing their part to conserve and it's time for our Legislature to do its part and make the structural fixes needed for a comprehensive resolution to this growing problem." (Orange County Supervisor Patricia Bates, Board Chair Patricia C. Bates Issues Statement Supporting Comprehensive Water Solution In California, Press Release, 10/7/09)

Calexico City Councilman Louis Fuentes: "Solving The Water Crisis Should Be Everyone's First Priority - It's Shameful That Legislators Would Be Paying Attention To Anything Else When California Is Facing A True Crisis." (City Of Calexico, State Of California Water Issue Could Devastate Local Economy, Press Release, 10/7/09)

Santa Clarita Mayor Frank Ferry: California's Drought "Needs To Be Addressed Immediately." "California is in the midst of a devastating drought that needs to be addressed immediately and we must prepare for the worst -- a fourth, fifth or even sixth year of drought. A rainy winter will probably not be enough to save the state, with below average precipitation and runoff since the fall of 2006. If things don't change

statewide over the long term then we probably will have local impacts.” (Santa Clarita Mayor Frank Ferry, Clarita Mayor Calls On Governor To Immediately Address California’s Drought Issues, Press Release,10/7/09)

Mayor Christy Weir: Water “Is Crucial For The Economic Health And Farming Capacity Of The State.”

“The San Joaquin Valley needs sufficient water for agriculture. This is crucial for the economic health and farming capacity of the State. To sacrifice food production for unproven concerns about the delta smelt is not in the best interest of the citizens of California.” (Mayor Christy Weir, Statement From Mayor Christy Weir On Water, Press Release, 10/8/09)

Mayor Bob Foster: “I Urge The State Legislature And The Governor To Quickly Negotiate A Water Reform Package.”

“The state of California’s water supply is critical, and now is the time for decisive action ... I urge the State Legislature and the Governor to quickly negotiate a water reform package that can help put California back on the right path towards sustainable water management.” (Mayor Bob Foster, Mayor Foster’s Statement On California’s Water Reform Package, Press Release, 10/8/09)

City Of Torrance: “The City Of Torrance Strongly Supports The Legislative Effort To Deliver A Comprehensive Water Plan For The Governor’s Approval By This Weekend.”

(City Of Torrance, City Of Torrance Calls For Legislative Action On Water Issues, Press Release, 10/8/09)

Los Angeles City Councilman Dennis Zine: “The Governor’s Insistence That Action Be Taken On A Comprehensive Water Reform Package Is Right On Mark.”

“The Governor’s insistence that action be taken on a comprehensive water reform package is right on mark. The Legislature needs to follow suit this week. Delay is not an option.” (Los Angeles City Councilman Dennis Zine, Zine Calls For The Legislature To Take Action, Press Release,10/7/09)

Commerce, Business, City and Government Groups Say The Legislature Must Send “A Comprehensive Water Plan To The Governor By This Weekend” – Solving The Crisis Should Be “Everyone’s Priority.”

Oxnard Chamber Of Commerce: “Every Californian Should Be Contacting Their Elected State Representatives And Insist Action Be Taken TODAY.”

“Every Californian should be contacting their elected state representatives and insist action be taken TODAY to fix our current dilemma and assure our state can deliver water for our future. Time has run out. Political differences must be set aside and immediate action taken.” (Oxnard Chamber Of Commerce, California Cannot “Conserve” Its Way Out Of Water Crisis, Press Release, 10/7/09)

Santa Clarita Valley Chamber Of Commerce President And CEO Larry Mankin: “Resolving The Water Crisis Issue Is Job Number One For The ... Legislature At This Point In Time.”

“Clearly, water is the number one issue facing the state of California at this time. ... Our legislature and our Governor must work together to craft legislation that ends this crisis. This is not a Republican or a Democratic issue-it is an issue that impacts a vast majority of the citizens of the state of California ... resolving the water crisis issue is job number one for the state of California legislature at this point in time.” (Santa Clarita Valley Chamber Of Commerce, Chamber Encourage Passage Of Comprehensive Water Bill, Press Release, 10/7/09)

Valley Industry & Commerce Association (VICA) Chair Greg Lippe: “The Time To Act Is Now ... Solving The Water Crisis Should Be Everyone’s Priority.”

“The time to act is now ... After decades of debate and delays on these matters, legislators came closer than they ever have to finally pull together a comprehensive long-term plan for the Delta. Solving the water crisis should be everyone’s priority.” (VICA, VICA Supports Governor Schwarzenegger’s Efforts To Fix Fragile Water System, Press Release, 10/7/09)

➤ **Lippe: “We Appreciate Governor Schwarzenegger’s Bold Leadership To Ensure A Safe And Reliable Water System For All Californians.”** (VICA, VICA Supports Governor Schwarzenegger’s Efforts To Fix Fragile Water System, Press Release, 10/7/09)

➤ **VICA President Stuart Waldman: “Without A Thoughtful And Workable Solution To The Delta’s Chronic Problems, California’s Economic Recovery Will Never Get Off The Ground.”** (VICA, VICA Supports Governor Schwarzenegger’s Efforts To Fix Fragile Water System, Press Release, 10/7/09)

Newport Chamber Of Commerce: “The Legislature Must ... Deliver A Comprehensive Water Plan To The Governor By This Weekend.”

“The Legislature must come together and deliver a comprehensive water plan to the Governor by this weekend – the time for action is now. Solving the water crisis should be everyone’s first priority.” (Newport Chamber Of Commerce, The Newport Beach Chamber Of Commerce Supports Governor Schwarzenegger’s Efforts To Fix Water Distribution Problem, Press Release, 10/7/09)

Orange County Business Council President And CEO Lucy Dunn: “We Need To Stop The Endless Debate ... [And] Once And For All Address This Critical Issue.” “It’s critical that our legislative leaders come to agreement on a water package - the business community depends on it, the economy depends on it. ... we need to stop the endless debate that has been going on for nearly two decades and need to once and for all address this critical issue.” (Orange County Business Council, OCBC Urges Sacramento Leaders To Reach Agreement On Water Now!, Press Release, 10/7/09)

Simi Valley Chamber Of Commerce: The Legislature Should “Deliver The Comprehensive Water Plan To The Governor By This Weekend.” “California’s water crisis is real and immediate. The Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce urges the support of the legislature to deliver the comprehensive water plan to the Governor by this week-end- it is critical. Solving the water crisis should be high priority of all issue facing the legislators.” (Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce, Support For Water Legislation, Press Release, 10/7/09)

Los Angeles Area Chamber Of Commerce President & CEO Gary Toebben: We Must “Seize” The Opportunity To “Resolve This Decades-Old Crisis.” “We now have another chance to resolve this decades-old crisis and we urge all stakeholders to seize it with haste. The consequences of inaction are far too severe to let politics and grandstanding get in the way during these final hours.” (Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles Area Chamber Of Commerce Statement On California Water Legislation, Press Release, 10/7/09)

North Orange County Legislative Alliance Spokesperson Theresa Harvey: “Now Is The Time To Finish The Work” On Water. “The exhaustive efforts this recent legislative year came remarkably close to an historic package of legislation to reform the Delta ... Now is the time to finish the work through a special session rather than to wait another year. We urge the legislature to come to closure in the coming weeks.” (North Orange County Legislative Alliance, NOCLA Calls For Water Solution, Press Release, 10/7/09)

Independent Cities Association President Peter Yao: “Action On This Issue Can No Longer Be Put Off. A Comprehensive Water Plan Must Be Developed By The Legislature And Delivered To The Governor NOW.” (Independent Cities Association, Independent Cities Assn. (So. Cal) - Press Statement on Water Legislation As Priority, Press Release, 10/8/09)

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Executive Director Hasan Ikhata: “We Must Take Action Now.” “We must take action now to seriously address the state’s water quality and supply to meet demands and sustain the overall quality of life in the region.” (SCAG, SCAG Urges California Legislature To Address State Water Issues, Press Release, 10/7/09)

➤ **Ikhata: “We Urge The Legislature To Act Now And Have A Bill For The Governor’s Signature Immediately.”** (SCAG, SCAG Urges California Legislature To Address State Water Issues, Press Release, 10/7/09)