



**A RESOLUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY IN SUPPORT OF ENGAGING BRISCOE IVESTER & BAXEL LLP TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES.**

**WHEREAS**, the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (“Partnership”) was established by Executive Order S-22-06 to focus attention on one of the most vital, yet challenged regions of the state and implement changes that would improve the economic well-being of the Valley and the quality of life of its residents.

**WHEREAS**, the California State University, Fresno Foundation California Water Institute has provided staff support to the Partnership Water Policy Working Group since September 2007. The Working Group was formed to frame the elements of an integrated regional water management plan that meets the needs of a wide variety of interests in the San Joaquin Valley.

**WHEREAS**, the Water Policy Working Group has determined that a professional area of expertise not available through existing resources is required to frame equitable water policy solutions that are implementable and have a sound legal foundation while protecting all eight counties equitably. The Working Group has recommended that John Briscoe, principal of the firm Briscoe, Ivester & Baxel LLP be retained due to demonstrated expertise in natural resource stewardship and California water law.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

- A. Authorize the Secretariat to retain the firm Briscoe, Ivester & Baxel LLP to act in an advisory capacity to the Water Policy Working Group; and
- B. Approve of necessary modifications to the budget detail, not to exceed \$10,000, and scope of work for the California Water Institute and the Secretariat in order to accomplish this objective.

PASSED APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 8 day of February, 2008, by the board of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.

  
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