



**A RESOLUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY IN SUPPORT OF DEVELOPING A COMPREHENSIVE WATER PLAN THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF ALL VALLEY COUNTIES AND CALIFORNIA.**

**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. The Partnership has crafted a Strategic Action Proposal that will achieve those goals and has been charged by Governor Schwarzenegger to implement that Strategic Action Proposal; and

**WHEREAS** the growing population and expanding economy of the San Joaquin Valley require an adequate water supply of sufficient quality that is reliable for all sectors, including the environment. Current water supplies are vulnerable to sudden disruption from catastrophic earthquakes and floods; groundwater supplies have been drawn down faster than they have been replenished; and current facilities are insufficient to address water storage and conveyance needs anticipated under future climate patterns. Each of these challenges must be addressed; and

**WHEREAS** the Strategic Action Proposal's recommendations for Water Quality, Supply and Reliability focus on; a) developing an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the San Joaquin Valley; b) incorporating major levee enhancements in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and San Joaquin Valley to safeguard and enhance regional water quality and water supply as well as provide for flood control; c) augmenting surface and groundwater banking programs and recycled water projects; d) improving water quality and expanding inland saline water management; e) expanding environmental restoration and conservation strategies; and f) expanding agricultural and urban water use and energy efficiency programs; and

**WHEREAS** implementation of the Water Supply, Quality and Reliability recommendations require development of a convergence of interest between the eight counties of the San Joaquin Valley, the San Francisco Bay Area and Southern California that depend on the integrity of water supply for 25 million people; and

**WHEREAS** a major goal of the Partnership is to build bridges of understanding and shared vision between interests and regions of the San Joaquin Valley and California that meld together to provide for the economic well being and quality of life for all its citizens; and

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**WHEREAS** the Partnership Water Policy Working Group has been engaged in a structured, collaborative dialogue since September 2007 to bring the interests and regions together to develop a shared vision for reliable water supply that protects water quality and reliability and meets many, but not all individual requirements;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley strongly supports a comprehensive water plan that includes water storage, a comprehensive Delta solution (including improved conveyance, reliability and Estuary protection), water use efficiency and includes the following elements, subject to the review and approval of lead agencies;

- a) Build/reinforce the use of rock stockpiles in the Delta (both working stockpiles and those used for levee maintenance and repair); and
- b) Installation of two (2) fish protection diverters in the Central Delta in areas specified in the modeling study (see item f. below) to create a tranquil area for smelt and other species and to protect the fish from flows that would direct them to the export pumps; and
- c) Construct a fish protection diverter at the Three-Mile Slough to protect fish from flows that would take them away from normal river flows and to export pumps; and
- d) Encourage state and federal agencies to refine Delta cross-channel operations to meet the multiple convergent needs of flood control, water supply, quality and reliability for multiple beneficiaries, specifically to optimize through-channel conveyance by dredging Middle River and other major channels to move additional water when it is surplus to the environment; and
- e) Work proactively with the University of the Pacific Natural Resources Institute to develop and fund a Phase I "Building Regional Self-Sufficiency in the San Joaquin and Tulare Basins" Study Plan to collect information on groundwater banking projects and develop the outline for Phase II. Phase I study is expected to cost \$250,000; and
- f) Complete the New Melones Modeling Study based on increased utilization of Sacramento River flow routed to Stanislaus/ San Joaquin Rivers, tributary exchanges, feeder canals and existing storage capacities in the Delta region (New Melones and New Don Pedro Reservoirs) Study to be completed in 30 days; and
- g) Urge expeditious completion of the San Joaquin Valley flood control study to comply with SB 5 provisions, and provide for major improvements to strategic Delta levee systems and program approved Proposition 1E funds for such purposes; and
- h) Complete the San Joaquin Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan IRWMP framework.

PASSED APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2008, by the board of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.



Connie Conway, Chair



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