



California Partnership for the
San Joaquin Valley

A RESOLUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY IN SUPPORT OF THE PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENT AND RESULTS FROM THE DELTA COUNTIES COALITION/PARTNESHIP JOINT WATER WORK GROUP

1. **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 water issues are a keystone element of that Proposal; and
2. **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 may be vulnerable to sudden disruption and reoccurring droughts. Over decades groundwater supplies have been drawn down faster than they have been replenished; and current infrastructure is insufficient to address water storage and water supply needs anticipated under current and future demand patterns while also protecting the fragile Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta ecosystem. Each of these challenges must be addressed; and
3. **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 that incorporates inter-regional cooperation between the San Joaquin and Tulare hydrologic regions; 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 water 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;
4. **WHEREAS** implementation of the Water Supply, Quality and Reliability recommendations require development of cooperative processes as well as specific actions to meet the goals of the Partnership; and
5. **WHEREAS** the Partnership has previously adopted a Resolution that establishes principles and charges the Partnership Water Policy Working Group to develop a cooperative process and proposed specific actions in conjunction with the Delta Counties Coalition; and

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6. **WHEREAS** the process and actions of the joint effort of the Partnership and Delta Counties Coalition are embodied in two inclusive, subordinate Resolutions labeled as “Joint Resolutions A and B” that are proposed as part and parcel of this Resolution; and

7. **WHEREAS** the combined effort has developed a successful template for ongoing efforts to meet the needs of the water element of the Partnership Strategic Action Proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley unanimously supports and adopts the efforts of the joint Delta Counties Coalition and Partnership Water Work Group including;

- a) The process embodied in the inclusive and attached “Resolution A” adopted by the combined Delta Counties Coalition and Partnership Water Work Group.
- b) A process that seeks ongoing affirmation of the projects by the participating Counties and project sponsors of interest.
- c) Advancing the list of “representative and integrated” projects recommended in the inclusive and attached “Resolution B” adopted by the joint Delta Counties Coalition and Partnership Water Work Group with an emphasis on near term improvements and other projects that meet Delta co-equal goals; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Board commends and supports the efforts of the joint Delta Counties Coalition and Partnership Water Work Group to continue under the agreed upon process as long as the effort is beneficial to all the parties; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Partnership, on behalf of its Board of Directors and any of the 12 County Board of Supervisors providing a formal resolution of support, will expeditiously submit and champion the products and projects from this effort to all the agencies and authorities that have the duty and resources to implement these efforts.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this September 21, 2012, by the Board of Directors


Chair


Deputy Chair