



California Partnership for the
San Joaquin Valley

Mr. Phillip Isenberg, Chair
Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force
650 Capitol Mall, Fifth Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Isenberg and Members of the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force:

The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Board of Directors is writing to express our strong support for the ongoing development of a Delta Vision Plan. The Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force efforts to develop a comprehensive vision, together with integrated and linked actions are agreeably the key to success.

The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, initiated by an executive order from Governor Schwarzenegger, is an unprecedented effort to bring together public and private leaders and resources to address economic, environmental and social issues in the eight-county San Joaquin Valley, from Kern to San Joaquin.

The Partnership's Board of Directors has identified Water Quality, Supply and Reliability as one of the region's top priorities because of the significant benefits it would bring to the entire state of California. In August 2007, the Board passed a resolution to strongly support a comprehensive water plan that includes water storage, a comprehensive Delta solution (including improved conveyance and environmental protection) and water use efficiency. A copy of the resolution is attached.

Again, we would like to express our support of the Delta Vision efforts to date and look forward to the strategic action plan which will identify and evaluate alternative implementing measures and management practices that would be necessary to implement Delta Vision recommendations.

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Partnership through Ashley Swearengin, Lead Executive, at AshleyS@csufresno.edu, or at 559-294-6021.

Sincerely,

Connie Conway, Chair

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY IN SUPPORT A COMPREHENSIVE WATER PLAN.

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 saline water management; e) expanding environmental restoration and conservation strategies; and f) expanding agricultural and urban water use and energy efficiency programs; and

WHEREAS the Water Quality, Supply and Reliability recommendations require well crafted local, state and federal funding mechanisms for full implementation so the citizens of the San Joaquin Valley can achieve the Partnership's vision of a Prosperous Economy, Quality Environment and Social Equity; and

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WHEREAS Governor Schwarzenegger has proposed a comprehensive water plan as part of his Strategic Growth Plan for California that includes water use efficiency, additional water storage, and a comprehensive Delta solution that includes an improved conveyance system to protect the integrity of the water supply to 25 million Californians; and

WHEREAS, this package presents an historic opportunity to provide needed water investments as the Governor, the Legislature and the media are focused on California's critical water issues and the need for immediate solutions; and

WHEREAS, without a comprehensive water solution and adequate funding mechanisms to complete in its entirety, investments proposed in the Governor's water plan, California's water system will not have the capacity it needs to respond to the challenges ahead; and

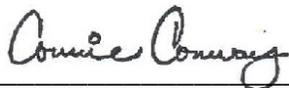
WHEREAS, despite ongoing investments in conservation, recycling and other water use efficiency programs, California infrastructure will be unable to support a strong economy and a healthy environment without investments in water storage and Delta sustainability as outlined in the Governor's plan; and

WHEREAS, action is needed now in Sacramento to move forward with these investments to ensure Californians have the reliable water supply they deserve now and in the future;

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 and environmental protection) and water use efficiency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge the Legislature to work with the Administration to pass a comprehensive water package that addresses the needs in their entirety this year and put that package before voters in 2008.

PASSED APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 10 day of August, 2007, by the board of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.



Connie Conway, Chair