



MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Holly L. Heinzen, Assistant County Executive Officer
DATE: October 25, 2011
SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of Regional Water Coalition

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a resolution in support of development of a regional coalition comprised of local agencies and stakeholders to address water challenges and support solutions relative to Delta water needs.

BACKGROUND

At the Board of Supervisors' meeting of September 27, staff from the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) presented information on the challenges and risks resulting from legislative changes and regulatory actions in maintaining and managing our water resources. These actions threaten, among other things, water supply reliability, land use, economic development and water and wastewater rates. In order to protect this resource, PCWA is seeking support of a regional effort in support of principles for a Delta solution.

The coalition as envisioned would be comprised of a number of regional agencies including SACOG, the Regional Water Authority (RWA), Northern California Water Association (NCWA), and Mountain Counties Water Resources Association (MCWRA) who would seek support from broad and diverse group of interests, including business, labor and local governments. The coalition would focus on shared regional concerns and would not be intended to replace or constrain individual actions on issues, but to complement and strengthen such efforts. The coalition could evolve to serve a number of functions including:

- Educating and informing interested parties on the status and potential impacts of Delta activities and related land use and water management issues,
- Aligning and coordinating the individual actions of coalition partners on issues,
- Identifying and educating those seeking a more active role in advocating for the region, and
- Providing a more influential voice before the legislature and the administration.

ISSUE

The Placer County Water Agency Staff requested that the Board participate in supporting this effort by approving a resolution in support of the Regional Water Coalition and the underlying principles of the group. The Board of Supervisors directed that a Resolution be prepared and brought back to the Board for formal action.

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Attachment: Resolution

Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of:

Resol. No: _____

Support of development of a regional coalition comprised of local agencies and stakeholders to address water challenges and support solutions relative to Delta water needs.

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held on _____ by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, the six-county Sacramento Region and adjacent areas of northern California can benefit from regional coordination and collaboration in developing implementable solutions to future water resources challenges and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, proposed solutions for the Delta could pose serious risks to the water supplies, economy, environment, and quality of life of the Sacramento region and northern California, and

WHEREAS, in order to protect these interests the Placer County Board of Supervisors seeks to promote regional cooperation on water issues, and to be a part of a collaborative and comprehensive solution to the issues facing the Delta,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors for the County of Placer supports a regional coalition of public entities to participate in efforts to develop a solution to the problems facing the Delta based on the following principles:

1. Water rights priorities and area-of-origin assurances must be recognized and protected to ensure reliable supplies for all water uses and environmental needs in our region.
2. Stakeholders in the Sacramento region and northern California must be given the opportunity to be fully included in and consulted on all aspects of development of a Delta solution and other state and federal water policies that affect the region.
3. A Delta solution and other state or federal actions must honor and not reduce or preempt the authority and responsibilities of cities, counties, and other local agencies.
4. The Sacramento region and northern California will continue to invest in and implement water supply, water efficiency, recycling and re-use, storage, and other water management projects and programs that are cost-effective and improve our regional self-sufficiency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors supports a Delta solution that:

1. Is based on sound science to ensure it is effective and implemented in an equitable manner,
2. Requires the beneficiaries of any actions associated with a Delta solution to fully fund the costs of such actions, and
3. Does not shift negative economic, environmental, or societal impacts to areas in our region.

