

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
and for Special Districts, Agencies and Authorities Governed by the Board

Adopted this Resolution on 12/04/2012 by the following vote:

AYES: ☐

NOES: ☐

ABSENT: ☐

ABSTAIN: ☐

RECUSE: ☐



Resolution No. 2012/482

In The Matter Of: A Candidate List of Water Resource Management Projects For The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and San Joaquin Valley.

WHEREAS the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is the largest estuary on the Pacific Coast of the United States and includes major tributaries that receive nearly half the snowmelt and runoff of the entire state; and

WHEREAS the Delta provides water not only to residents of Contra Costa County and other Delta counties, but also provides some water to households, businesses and farms elsewhere in the Bay Area, the Central Valley, and southern California; and

WHEREAS the Delta also is habitat for hundreds of plant and animal species, a recreational area for boating and fishing, and a key part of the economy of eastern Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS millions of Californians depend on the Delta for drinking water, irrigation and livestock water, recreation, the shipment of goods from inland ports on ships and on highways and railways crossing the Delta, natural gas fields, and electrical transmission and conveyance facilities, among many other benefits; and

WHEREAS the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley ("Partnership") and the Delta Counties Coalition ("Coalition") together include twelve counties in the Delta and the San Joaquin Valley (which includes the San Joaquin River, one of the tributaries to the Delta); and

WHEREAS the Partnership and Coalition have been engaged in a collaborative dialogue to bring together these vital regions under a shared vision of actions needed to safeguard the Delta as a sustainable resource for future generations while ensuring the economic and environmental well-being of both the Delta and the San Joaquin Valley; and

WHEREAS the Partnership and Coalition together formed a Water Work Group consisting of supervisors and staff from all of the counties to advance the goals of the Delta Protection Act of 1992 and the Delta Reform Act of 2009; particularly the latter Act's two coequal goals of providing a more reliable water supply and protecting, restoring and enhancing the Delta ecosystem along with the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource and agricultural framework of the Delta as an evolving place; and

WHEREAS the Water Work Group has developed a list of water resource management projects which appear to be consistent with the coequal goals and which appear to do no harm to any participating County or other member of the Partnership or Coalition; and

WHEREAS the intent of the Partnership and Coalition was for the Work Group to identify such a list of mutually agreed-upon projects that are "no regrets" projects that benefit the entire region; and

WHEREAS the list of projects is not intended to be comprehensive or exhaustive for the San Joaquin Valley or the Delta, and by no means is intended to resolve all of the issues that are common or exclusive to the members of the Partnership or the Coalition regarding the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta; and

WHEREAS it is the intent of the partners in this process that such a list of projects be submitted for consideration by the appropriate authorities; and

WHEREAS the Water Work Group on May 23, 2012 approved the list of projects on behalf of the Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley and the Delta Counties Coalition; and

WHEREAS the Partnership and the Coalition now seek adoption of the project list by the respective boards of supervisors of the

12 participating counties represented by the two groups.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved: that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors supports the attached Candidate List of Water Resource Management Projects for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and supports the efforts of the Delta Counties Coalition and California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley to move these projects forward.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: December 4, 2012

David J. Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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