

RESOLUTION NO.10-17-928

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT IN SUPPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA WATER FIX AND CALIFORNIA ECORESTORE

WHEREAS, water supplies from Northern California that move across the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta are vital to the economy of California, serving 25 million people for drinking and irrigation uses; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta has reached a point where reliability in receiving a continuous clean water supply is at a dangerously low point; and

WHEREAS, the Delta is in a state of environmental stress due to the loss of wetlands habitat, invasive species, a depletion of native food supplies, pumping operations and other factors; and

WHEREAS, state and federal agencies have worked for several years towards developing a comprehensive package of ecosystem and water system improvements to address fishery conflicts in the Delta and long-term threats to the state's water supplies; and

WHEREAS, California WaterFix includes the construction of three intakes north of the Delta, a 35-mile 9,000 cfs underground diversion facility and modification of Clifton Court forebay that will provide operational pumping flexibility and protect against water supply disruption due to sea level rise, seismic activity and flood events; and

WHEREAS, California EcoRestore will pursue more than 30,000 acres of critical Delta restoration over the next five years, including the improvements of habitat conditions for fisheries migration, restoring tidal and non-tidal wetland habitat for native wildlife, and improving connectivity among existing grassland and other natural habitat; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released their biological opinions for the construction and operation of California WaterFix. Both biological opinions found the construction and operation as proposed would not jeopardize the continued existence of species listed under the Endangered Species Act and the project would not destroy or adversely modify critical habitat for those species; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California has prepared three comprehensive white papers pertaining to Infrastructure, Operations, and Finance and Cost Allocation and can be located on their website at www.mwdh2o.com; and

WHEREAS, California WaterFix will complement water supply projects by allowing the safe capture of water in wet and above-normal years so that it can be stored and used in dry years; and

WHEREAS, the California WaterFix provides the most long-term sustainable benefits towards a reliable water supply, and

WHEREAS, Central Basin Municipal Water District is supportive of the proposed project as presented to protect drinking water supplies, enhance water quality and help to restore natural flow patterns in the Delta for the benefit of native species;

WHEREAS, Central Basin Municipal Water District is supportive of the Metropolitan Water District's cost participation of 25.9% resulting in a 25.9% share of water supply benefit; and

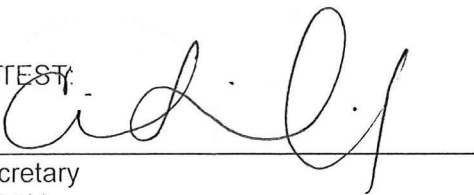
WHEREAS, Central Basin Municipal Water District is supportive of the Metropolitan Water District's plans to work with other state and federal water contractors to efficiently manage design and construct the California WaterFix Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, in order to improve water supply reliability, enhance water quality, protect the Delta, and create a more resilient and sustainable water system, the Board Members of the Central Basin Municipal Water District hereby support the California WaterFix as it has been presented to the Board in the three water papers and with a cost participation of 25.9 % to achieve co-equal goals of water supply reliability and ecosystem restoration in a cost-effective manner.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 5th day of October 2017.


President

ATTEST:



Secretary
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