

RESOLUTION NO. 9594

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF PASADENA SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA  
WATERFIX AND CALIFORNIA ECO RESTORE

**WHEREAS**, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta ("Delta") is a major water hub for California's water supply system for the majority of the State, accounting for approximately 30% of the supplies for Southern California, and therefore supports the overall economy of California; and

**WHEREAS**, the Delta has been significantly altered over the last 100 years, and will continue to worsen and decline at an ever increasing rate as sea level rises and subsidence occurs, resulting in salinity intrusion and levee related failures, which will become more frequent and more expensive to mitigate or repair as time passes; and

**WHEREAS**, 25 million residents in California rely on water from the Delta, and local conservation efforts will not be able to replace the water that the Delta has historically supplied to Southern California; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no economically efficient way to construct, heighten and reinforce the existing levees to keep pace with sea level rise or prevent the levees from collapsing during a large seismic earthquake. The consequences to the Bay Delta ecosystem, the water supply, and the California economy would be immediate, severe and negative if these events occur; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Brown's California Water Fix and California Eco Restore proposals provide a framework for how best to approach the management of the Delta's combined water and land resources in a manner that will achieve improvements in both water supply reliability and ecosystem protection for the Delta; and

**WHEREAS**, California Eco Restore will pursue more than 30,000 acres of critical Delta restoration over the next three years, including improvements of habitat conditions for fisheries and native wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, California WaterFix includes the construction of three intakes north of the Delta, two underground tunnels 30 miles in length and each rated at 4,500 cubic feet per second, and modification of Clifton Court Forebay. The three new intakes and tunnels will improve existing environmental conditions in the Delta by reducing reverse flow conditions thus minimizing harm to migrating fish, provide operational flexibility to enhance water deliveries, and protect against water supply disruption due to sea-level rise, earthquakes and flood events; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 27, 2017, the City Council approved the Calendar Year 2017 State Legislative Platform that includes support of state and federal funding for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan Alternative 4A, known as California WaterFix, for increasing the statewide water supply reliability coupled with a comprehensive environmental restoration plan for the Delta; and

**WHEREAS**, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (“MWD”), consisting of 26 member agencies including the City of Pasadena, is the largest State Water Project (“SWP”) contractor receiving approximately 60% of its imports from the SWP and the remaining 40% from the Colorado River that is vulnerable to climate change and susceptible to water shortages. If California WaterFix does not proceed forward, the projected water shortages would be too frequent and overall reliability would not be sustainable by as early as 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pasadena imports approximately 60% of its water supplies from MWD, and it should continue to support and strongly advocate for the implementation of California WaterFix and California Eco Restore proposals, as they represent the most cost-effective large-scale reliability solution to improving regional water supply reliability for Southern California and hence the reliability for the City of Pasadena; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pasadena ratepayers have already invested millions of dollars over the years to build and maintain the SWP system in Northern California as well as portions of MWD’s regional storage, distribution, and treatment systems that take delivery of SWP supplies; and modernizing the system through California WaterFix will help protect this investment for decades to come; and

**WHEREAS**, California WaterFix and California Eco Restore will not be an inexpensive endeavor; however, to do nothing in the Delta is far costlier to the businesses, residents, and economy in California and the City of Pasadena, and all of the costs for California WaterFix will be paid for exclusively by water agencies benefiting from the project; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Pasadena that it hereby supports California WaterFix and California Eco Restore as described in the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Agenda Report.


Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Hampton, Masuda, McAustin, Wilson, Mayor Tornek


NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Madison, Vice Mayor Kennedy

ABSTAIN: None

  
For Mark Jomsky, CMC  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Lisa Hosey  
Deputy City Attorney