RESOLUTION NO. 2014-105

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANAHEIM SUPPORTING THE BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN FOR RELIABLE WATER SUPPLIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION

WHEREAS, water supplies from Northern California that move across the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (the "Delta") are vital to the economy of California, serving 25 million people from the Bay Area to the Mexican border and agriculture throughout the Central Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Delta is the 550,000-acre estuary where the rivers of the Sierra Nevada merge before heading west to San Francisco Bay; and

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

WHEREAS, the decline in the Delta’s health threatens this unique environment and water supplies that are key to the California economy; and

WHEREAS, the Delta’s levees are not engineered to protect the State of California’s water supply distribution system from a major earthquake, and multiple levee failures could disrupt water deliveries and the state economy for up to three years; and

WHEREAS, state and federal agencies, via the Bay Delta Conservation Plan ("BDCP") process, have worked for years towards developing a comprehensive package of ecosystem and water system improvements to address both current conflicts in the Delta and long-term threats to the California’s water supplies; an

WHEREAS, the BDCP represents an effort to comply with state and federal environmental laws for 50 years through a cooperative effort to reverse the Delta’s decline; and

WHEREAS, the failure to take decisive actions would be an unacceptable risk to the environment of the Delta and the economy of California; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2013, the State of California released a public draft BDCP and its environmental impact statement/report; and

WHEREAS, out of all the proposed BDCP alternative plans examined by the State of California, Alternative Number 4 was designated as the state’s preferred alternative for the BDCP; and

WHEREAS, the preferred alternative of the State of California is the most promising plan developed to date to solve Delta challenges and resolve decades of conflicts between agricultural, urban and environmental water users with a comprehensive solution that
achieves California's co-equal goals of a reliable water supply and a restored Delta ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the Anaheim City Council is supportive of the proposed twin-tunnel conveyance system that isolates and protects drinking water supplies and helps restore natural flow patterns in the Delta for the benefit of native species as well as the complementary habitat restoration, water quality and predator control measures outlined in the BDCP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Anaheim urges the State of California to move forward with the draft BDCP, specifically with support for Alternative Number 4, the State's preferred alternative, and focus efforts on resolving those remaining issues needed to provide assurances that the plan will achieve California's co-equal goals of water supply reliability and ecosystem restoration in a cost effective manner.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION is approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Anaheim this 17th day of June, 2014, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Tait, Council Members Eastman, Murray, Brandman and Kring

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CITY OF ANAHEIM

By: ________________

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ANAHEIM

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF ANAHEIM

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