

# KINGS COUNTY

## Water Commission Meeting

**John Howe - District 1**

**Mark Gilkey – District 2**

**Jim Verboon – District 3**

**Craig Pederson – District 4**

**Don Mills – District 5**

**Brian Ehlers - Member at Large**

**Harold Reed – Special District John Gordon – City Rep.**

**Harlin Casida – City Rep.**

**Secretary: Gregory Gatzka**

**Staff: Chuck Kinney (559) 852-2674**

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### **REVISED AGENDA**

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday, August 26, 2013, at 5:00 P.M.**

This regular meeting of the Kings County Water Commission will be held at the Kings County Government Center in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Administration Building (Bldg. No. 1), 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA.

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#### **I. CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson**

A. Roll Call of Water Commission Members: (*Gregory Gatzka- Secretary*)

B. **Unscheduled Comments:**

*Any person may address the Commission on any subject matter within the jurisdiction or responsibility of the Commission at the beginning of the meeting; or may elect to address the Commission on any agenda item at the time the item is called by the Chair, but before the matter is acted upon by the Commission. Unscheduled comments will be limited to five minutes.*

C. Approval of the Minutes of the April 1, 2013 meeting – *Chairman: call for motion, second and voice vote*

#### **II. OLD BUSINESS**

A. **IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM** – Dave Orth

Update the Commission on the status of the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program.

1. Discussion

B. **CENTRAL VALLEY SALINITY ALTERNATIVE FOR LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY (“CV-Salts”)** – Dave Orth

Update the Commission on the status of the CV-Salts program.

1. Discussion

C. **UPPER KINGS BASIN INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

– Dave Orth

Update the Committee on the status of Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

1. Discussion

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. TULARE LAKE BED MUNICIPAL AND DOMESTIC SUPPLY BENEFICIAL USE (MUN) DESIGNATION – Michael Nordstrom**

1. Discussion
2. Action: Provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

**B. DRAFT WATER BOND FRAMEWORK**

1. Discussion
2. Action: Provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. Member comments:
- B. Staff comments:
- C. Correspondence:

**V. ADJOURNMENT –**

Next regular meeting is scheduled for November 25, 2013.

# KINGS COUNTY WATER COMMISSION MINUTES

**DISTRICT 1**  
John Howe

**DISTRICT 2**  
Mark Gilkey - Chair

**DISTRICT 3**  
Jim Verboon

**DISTRICT 4**  
Craig Pedersen

**DISTRICT 5**  
Don Mills

**MEMBER AT LARGE**  
Brian Ehlers – Vice Chair

**SPECIAL DISTRICT  
REPRESENTATIVE**  
Harold Reed

**CITY REPRESENTATIVE**  
John Gordon

**CITY REPRESENTATIVE**  
Harlin Casida

**KINGS COUNTY**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY STAFF:** Greg Gatzka (559) 852-2682 Mark Sherman (559) 852-2675

**CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting of the Kings County Water Commission (KCWC) was called to order by Chairman Gilkey at 5:00 p.m., on April 1, 2013. The KCWC meeting was held in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Administration Building (Bldg. No. 1), 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California.

Roll call of members was conducted by Secretary Gatzka, and a quorum of appointed Committee members were in attendance.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Don Mills, Brian Ehlers, Mark Gilkey, John Gordon, Harold Reed, Jim Verboon, Harlin Casida, John Howe

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Craig Pedersen

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Greg Gatzka - Director, Johannah Hartley – Deputy County Counsel, Chuck Kinney – Deputy Director, Terri Yarbrough – Executive Secretary

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

Joe Neves, Mike Nordstrom, Sharon Gordon, Steve Staduek, Dale Melville, Larry Spikes, David Kahn

**UNSCHEDULED COMMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made and seconded (Gordon/Mills) to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2013 meeting. Motion carried unanimously with Pedersen absent.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program – Michael Nordstrom**

**B. Central Valley Salinity Alternative for Long-Term Sustainability (“CV Salts”) Michael Nordstrom**

Mr. Nordstrom provided an update on the status for the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program and the Central Valley Salinity Alternative for Long-Term Sustainability (CV Salts). He stated that the focus is on areas with high nitrate, saline and arsenic levels. Mr. Nordstrom stated that concerns with the tentative order are the cost of compliance, the broadness of the tentative order, and the lack of scientific analysis of both beneficial impacts from the tentative order and legacy issues with nitrates. He reported that the CV Salts Coalition has been trying to bring those who have discharge requirements into their membership. He stated that the fee is \$30,000 but that there is a benefit with banding together. A draft letter to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board to comment on the March 2013 Tentative Order: Tulare Lake Basin Area Waste discharge Requirements form Irrigated Lands was presented to the Committee and recommended that it be presented to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration.

A motion was made and seconded (Mills/Ehlers) to recommend that the Board of Supervisors send the letter to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality control Board to comment on the March 2013 Tentative Order: Tulare Lake Basin Area Waste Discharge Requirements from Irrigated Lands. Motion carried unanimously with Pedersen absent.

**C. Permanent State Water Project Table A Transfer of 1,991 Acre-Feet from Dudley Ridge Water District and 1,451 Acre-Feet from Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District to Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency – Dale Melville**

Mr. Melville provided a history on the Dudley Ridge transfer. He stated that a negative declaration was prepared and distributed and no public comments were received. A Notice of Determination was filed and requested in January with the Department of Water Resources to start the process. Table A will be transferred January 1, 2014.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. Staff Comments – None**
- B. Member Comments – None**
- C. Correspondence – None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next scheduled regular meeting of the Water Commission is Monday, May 20, 2013 at 5:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
KINGS COUNTY WATER COMMISSION

  
Greg Gatzka, Secretary

# **Tulare Lake Bed Municipal and Domestic Supply Beneficial Use (MUN) De-Designation**

## **Summary**

The Water Quality Basin Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin has a default groundwater designation of Municipal and Domestic Supply Beneficial Use (MUN). Much of the shallow groundwater within the Tulare Lake Bed area is either virtually nonexistent due to extensive clay layers or is too high in salinity for municipal use. The Tulare Lake Drainage District and Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District are leading the effort to remove the MUN designation from the shallow groundwater through the Central Valley Salinity Coalition (CV-SALTS).

A MUN Delisting boundary has been proposed and Ken Schmidt (a local expert hydrogeologist) is preparing a technical report to validate the proposed boundary. The validation process is done by ensuring the shallow groundwater and the lower aquifer are isolated by extensive clay layers. The originally proposed boundary was adjusted to ensure public, municipal or domestic wells are outside of the MUN delisting area. A map of the currently proposed MUN delisting area is included as Attachment 1.

The City of Corcoran, Community of Stratford, Kettleman City Community Services District and the Town of Alpaugh water supply wells are outside and up gradient of the proposed MUN delisting area. The Tulare Lake Bed interests have approached the surrounding water purveyors to provide a letter in support of removing the MUN designation within the Tulare Lakebed. The landowners are also supportive of removing the MUN designation.

If the County so desires, they could also submit a letter in support of the MUN delisting. A draft letter is included as Attachment 2.

## **CV-SALTS Background**

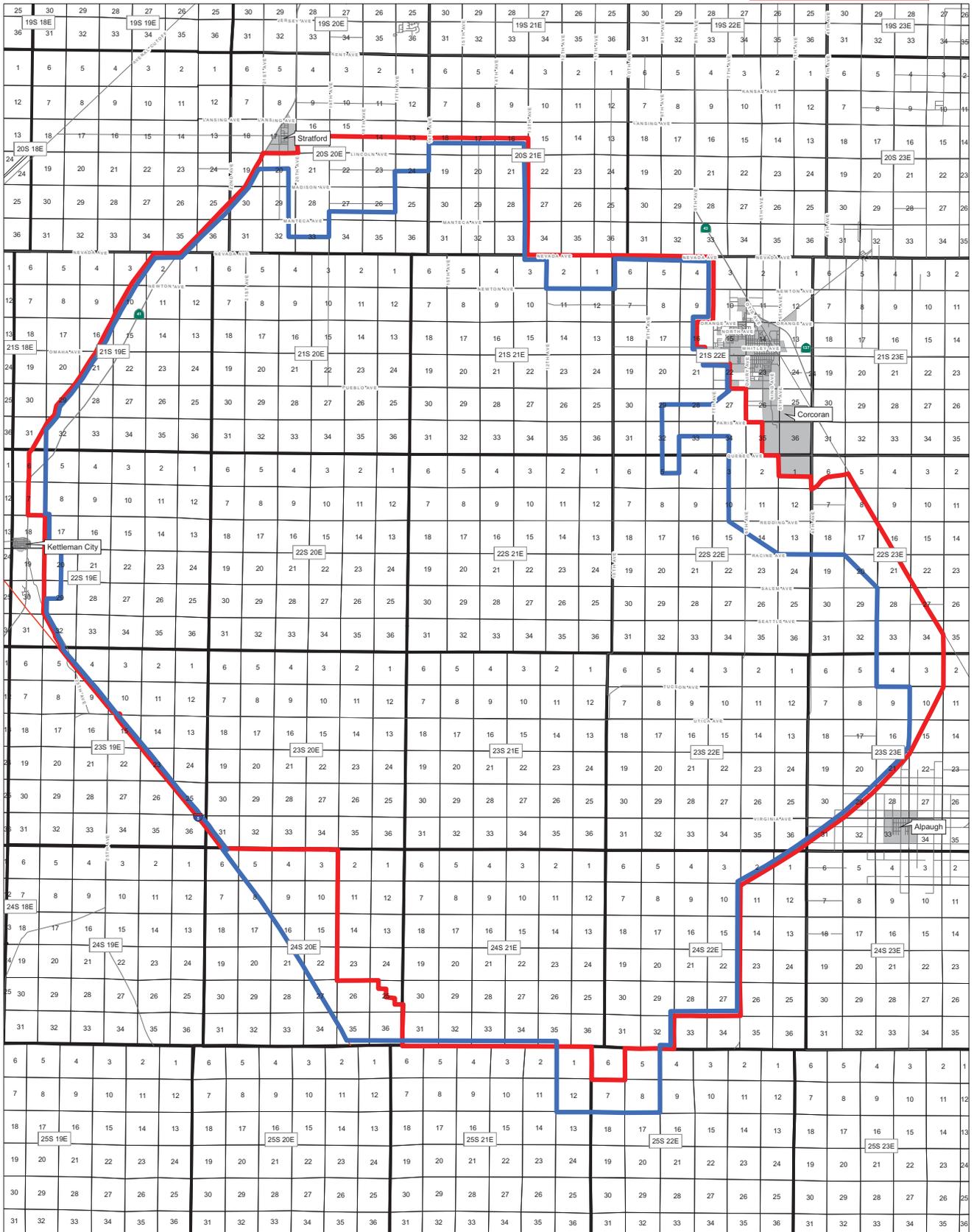
The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) is moving forward with a program that will result in an amendment to the Water Quality Basin Plans for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River and the Tulare Lake Basin (Basin Plans). In 2006 a broad group of agriculture, cities, industry, and regulatory agencies joined together to form the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV-SALTS) initiative to develop a vision and plan for managing salts and to develop a workable, comprehensive plan to address salinity and nitrate concerns in a consistent and sustainable manner. The intent of this project is to amend the existing Basin Plans to incorporate a stakeholder developed Salt and Nutrient Management Plan for the Central Valley Region. Both the Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District and the Tulare Lake Drainage District are active members in CV-SALTS.

Through CV-SALTS, in 2011 the Tulare Lake Drainage District and Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District (Districts) prepared a study proposal for proposed removal of Municipal and Domestic Supply Beneficial Use (MUN) from the shallow groundwater portion of the historic Tulare Lake Bed. Following meetings, the Regional Board staff provided a letter outlining the steps the Districts should follow to move forward with a potential Basin Plan Amendment to de-designate MUN from the Tulare Lake Bed. The Districts were directed to work with CV-SALTS and their Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to develop the Workplan. The purpose of the Workplan was to outline technical tasks required for a Basin Plan Amendment. A water body may be exempted from an MUN designation if the appropriate technical justification can be made and supported through a Basin Plan Amendment.

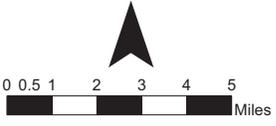
The Workplan required presentation of the following data:

1. Delineation of the specific area (horizontal and vertical) to be considered for de-designation of the MUN beneficial use;
2. Summary and analysis of data within the proposed de-designation area, including identifying the portions of the aquifer that are above 3,000 parts per million (ppm) total dissolved solids (TDS);
3. Study of the proposed de-designation area equivalent to a use attainability analysis for surface water, where any use of water in the area for municipal and domestic water supply would be identified, including:
  - (a) Map showing the specific locations of all known wells within the project area and highlighting those that serve as domestic water supply sources;
  - (b) Water quality data, where available, from wells identified in (a).

A draft technical report has been prepared and is currently being revised to clarify and address comments received. The report summarizes the geology of the Tulare Lake Bed, current groundwater quality, and shows the location of existing known wells. A proposed de-designation area is recommended per the attached map.



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Legend

- Draft Recommended MUN Delisting
- Originally Proposed MUN Delisting Boundary
- Cities/Towns

DRAFT  
**RECOMMENDED DELISTING  
 BOUNDARY**

August ??, 2013

Mr. Clay Rodgers  
Assistant Executive Officer  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
1685 E Street  
Fresno CA, 93706

RE: Letter of Support for the Proposed Municipal Delisting of the Tulare Lake Bed.

Dear Mr. Rodgers,

Based upon the recommendation from the Kings County Water Commission the Kings County Board of Supervisors supports removing the groundwater MUN designation within the Tulare Lake Bed area. The County is well aware that groundwater within the Tulare Lakebed has historically and is currently unsuitable for Municipal use. The shallow groundwater contains very high levels of salt. Furthermore this area is prone to flooding.

It is the County's understanding that all of the public supply wells are located outside of the area that has been proposed for MUN delisting and that the future use of the shallow groundwater is impracticable for municipal use. Any potential new public supply wells would be located up gradient and further away from the Recommended Delisting area; which is consistent with past trends. We do not believe the MUN delisting would cause any risk to any nearby public supply wells and no shallow wells are anticipated in the future.

As stated in this letter, the County is supportive of the MUN delisting for the Tulare Lake Bed area. Our county relies heavily on the viability of agriculture in the area for its future. The farmers have been very progressive in managing the salts and through these efforts have been successful in maintaining the sustainability of these lands. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

**KINGS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Doug Verboon, Chairman

CC: Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District



# Water Bond Working Group

## 2013 Water Bond Framework

- I. Title: Clean Drinking Water & Climate Change Response Act of 2014
- II. Findings & Declarations: Need for Water Infrastructure
- III. Definitions: Retain Definitions
- IV. General Provisions
  - A. Retain Existing Accountability Provisions
    - 1. Retain Caps on Planning & Administration
    - 2. Public Process for Developing Competitive Grant Programs
    - 3. State Auditor Programmatic Review
    - 4. Intent Statement – Public Benefits
  - B. Retain Assurances
    - 1. Water Rights/Area of Origin
    - 2. Prohibition on Delta Conveyance Funding
    - 3. Protection of Wild & Scenic Rivers
    - 4. Beneficiaries Pay for Benefits
    - 5. Prohibition on Funding Environmental Mitigation, Except as Project Part
  - C. Terminate Authorization For Water Bond Funds Not Yet Appropriated
  - D. Leverage State/Local Funding – Priority for Local Funding Commitment
  - E. Make All State Agencies Eligible for Appropriation
  - F. Priority for Projects that Produce Greatest Public Benefit
  - G. Savings Clause: Contractual Commitments in the Delta
  - H. Priority for Shovel-Ready Projects
- V. Water Quality: Clean and Safe Drinking Water (\$1B)
  - A. Purpose: Address Drinking Water Contamination and Water Quality
  - B. Funding:
    - 1. Benefit Disadvantaged Communities
      - a) Minimal Cost-sharing Requirements
      - b) Require Ability to Continue Operating Treatment Facility
      - c) Operations & Maintenance
    - 2. Focus on Groundwater Cleanup
    - 3. Wastewater Treatment Facilities
    - 4. Stormwater Management
  - C. Leverage Bond Funding with Other Sources (federal, state, local)
  - D. Identify Contaminants – Nitrates, Perchlorate, MTBE, Arsenic, Salinity, Chrome6, mercury
- VI. Protecting Rivers, Lakes, Streams and Watersheds (\$1B)
  - A. Purpose: Economic Benefits of Watersheds, Fishery & Instream Flow
  - B. Funding
    - 1. Broad Range of Activities – watersheds, wetlands, water quality
    - 2. Remove Barriers to Fish Passage
    - 3. Collaboration with Federal Gov't on Anadromous Fish Protection/Salmon

VII. Climate Change Preparedness & Regional Self-Reliance for Water (\$1B)

- A. Purpose: Adapt to Climate Change, Improve Regional Self-Reliance
- B. Funding
  - 1. Integrated Regional Water Management (Grants and Loans)
  - 2. Broad Range of Activities – Infrastructure, Stormwater Capture
  - 3. Specific Program Allocations Within Integrated Regional Water Management
    - a) Water Conservation
    - b) Water Recycling
    - c) Desalination with Renewable Energy Generation & Reduced Delta Exports
- C. Policy
  - 1. Retain Current Regional Allocations
  - 2. Require Regional Prioritization of Water Infrastructure Projects
  - 3. Requirements: Regional Plan, Urban or Agricultural Water Management Plan

VIII. Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Sustainability (\$1B)

- A. Purpose: Ecosystem Restoration and Delta Sustainability
- B. Describe Programs Broadly

IX. Storage for Climate Change (\$1B)

- A. Purpose: Expand Surface & Ground Water Storage for Climate Change
- B. Funding
  - 1. Surface and Groundwater
  - 2. Funding for Public Benefits
  - 3. Restoration of Storage Capacity of Existing Dams
- C. Policy
  - 1. Retain Requirement for Delta Improvement From Storage Project
  - 2. Continuous Appropriation
  - 3. Cost-Sharing

**Informational Hearing: *Framework for a Water Bond***  
**Thursday, August 15, 2013**  
**Assembly Committee on Water, Parks & Wildlife, Room 4202**

**Introduction of Framework**

Hon. Anthony Rendon

- Current \$11.14 Billion Bond Now on Ballot Will Fail
- CA Water Infrastructure Funding Needs Growing More Urgent
- Need Clean Process, Clean Bond, Clean Water
- Proposed Water Bond Framework
  - Development based on *Principles* and public process
  - Adopt assurances central to bond funding
  - Not using bond as a vehicle for new policy – policy belongs in policy bills
  - Funding: 5 categories from *Principles*; \$1 B each; \$5 B total
    - Delta, regional self-reliance; safe drinking water, watersheds, storage
    - Not rank order – \$1 B each
- Plan For Going Forward – Need Stakeholder Help in Documenting Funding Needs
  - Continue public conversation; 3<sup>rd</sup> water bond hearing by WPW
  - Documentation of facts on water bond funding needs

**DEADLINE: COB, Wednesday, August 21      SUBMIT: WPW Committee**

**Committee/Working Group Member Comments**

Hon. Henry Perea

- Clear that water bond on ballot has price tag that voters may not like
- Opportunity to craft water bond that gets through legislature and appeases voters
- Glad to see commitment to clean and safe drinking water
  - Contaminants that affect communities throughout the State (arsenic, nitrates, etc)
- Storage critical to capture water
  - Critical that storage section of bond allows for building of surface and groundwater storage, and meaningful projects to improve water storage

Hon. Toni Atkins

- Different communities have different issues
- Lack of action on bond caused San Diego to deal with certain issues on its own desalination
- Take record of what different communities have done to be self-reliant
- Agricultural needs as important as clean drinking water

Hon. Richard Gordon

- Legislators must work to serve all Californians

Hon. Adam Gray

- Current water infrastructure fails to meet agricultural, urban, environmental needs
- Water storage caused groundwater pumping leading to overdraft and quality issues
- California needs 21<sup>st</sup> century solution and investment in water infrastructure
- 50-50 level of investment in infrastructure and storage
- Temperance Flat and Sites Reservoirs important for storage
- Conservation, increased storage, and updating conveyance system all important

Hon. Susan Talamantes-Eggman

- Balance local interests and statewide needs
- Delta serves as a middle ground for all things involving water in California
- Fair and equitable distribution of water across the State, understanding agricultural needs

Hon. Paul Fong

- Ensure that Delta community has a voice because it has the most to lose
- Water bond must address Delta ecosystem protection and restoration
- Consider the effects of climate change on the Delta
- Natural environment is key contributor to growth of state's economy
- Habitat protection is critical to the bond
- Bond should be in line with Co-equal goals of the BDCP

Hon. Raul Bocanegra

- Regional self-reliance important to state water system
- So Cal needs greater self-reliance; Water from Delta will not be adequate
  - Cleaning Southern California groundwater for storage is important
- Looking at state needs and at local needs

Hon. Jim Frazier

- Groundwater/Surface storage is important to California water supply
- Preservation of habitat and Delta ecosystem are critical elements to the bond
- BDCP is mitigation for the federal/state water projects
- Bond can be the fix to Delta issues
- Self-reliance is key component to determining investment
- Agrees with Gray on 50% commitment to storage
- Concerned with contaminants, particularly carbon tetrachloride
- Working group should consider all methods of self-reliance
- Opportunity to achieve common goal

Hon. Mariko Yamada

- Concerns over Delta Sustainability
- New range of activities that bond will have to undertake
- Supports fully participatory process

**Other Legislator Comments**

Hon. V. Manuel Perez

- Bond must meet California's long term water needs and future sustainability
- Cannot overlook current commitments, such as Salton Sea Restoration
- Funding for current state commitments to water settlements must be in bond
  - Bring litigating parties on commitment cases together and protect the State
  - Cases address not only regional needs but California's needs
  - Without state intervention, commitments would not have been agreed
  - Parties agreed to settle their cases; State must honor those terms
  - These agreements represent contractual agreements that will not go away
- Consider QSA agreement of 2011
- Supports prohibiting earmarks to specific project
- Settlement agreements are different – statewide interests

### Rendon/Chesbro Response Statement

- State has legal obligations for these settlements
- Water bond seems appropriate place to meet these obligations

### Public Comment

#### ACWA (Cindy Tuck)

- Look back to 2009 bond
- Next steps include refining amounts for each category
- Prioritize categories where there are broad public benefits
  - \$2.25 billion for Delta sustainability
  - \$3 billion for storage
- Important for disadvantaged communities to get safe drinking water

#### Contra Costa Water District (Jennifer Allen)

- CCWD has invested in treatment and delivery systems, including upgrades to Los Vaqueros Reservoir
- CCWD priority Areas
  - Levee improvements
  - Ecosystem restoration
  - Protection for water quality and water storage
- Message to public should be that this is the beginning of work on water storage
  - Present voters with funding for near-term and long-term storage

#### WiLDCOAST (Serge Dedina)

- CA River Parkway program falls under watershed protection
- Parkway programs are restoring rivers that were considered garbage dumps
  - Lower Calaveras, Tuolumne, San Joaquin, Otay
  - Program establishes parks and trails along river
- Bond should reauthorize program and support its funding
- Ensure that voters in San Joaquin and Southern California receive equitable distribution

#### San Diego Water Authority (Jonathan Clay)

- Key priorities include staying away from earmarks
  - Funding for IRWM program are a good way to achieve this
  - Through IRWM, regions can set priorities on projects
  - IRWM empowers local agencies to undertake meaningful local projects
- Concerns over repurposing of previous bond funds – Wants to see further discussion

#### Metropolitan Water District (Kathy Cole)

- Co-equal goal
  - Supports 2009 package to achieve Co-equal goals
  - Reduce reliance on Delta through regional self-reliance
  - Southern California has taken important strides toward self-reliance
  - Uncertainty over whether or not bond will fully achieve self-reliance goals
- Savings Clause on Contractual Agreements in Delta
  - Concerned; Wants to ensure no impacts on other contractual agreements
- Storage for Climate Change
  - Bond may be funding source for seismic upgrade for reservoirs, like Lake Perris

California Latino Water Coalition, California Conference of Carpenters & Latin Business Association (Michael Zaragoza)

- Bond should achieve the public good
  - Storage
  - Delta protection
- Continuous appropriation is necessary to protect Delta and have adequate storage
- Include safeguards to ensure accountability
- Water bond can address sustainability needs to grow economy and create jobs

Santa Clara Valley Water District (Tom Martinez)

- Supports funding safe, clean drinking water and groundwater cleanup
- Groundwater cleanup should be in different fund than IRWM
  - Bond should maximize funding for those groundwater cleanup programs
  - Nitrate presents a huge problem in achieving safe, drinking water
  - Groundwater resources are valuable resource
  - Cleaning up groundwater must be essential part of water bond
- Bond should support storage language in 2009 bond, including funding for seismic upgrade and retrofit for existing reservoirs (Anderson Reservoir)
- Bond should also support achievement of Co-equal goals
- Ensure that bond addresses needs of the environment, Silicon Valley and the entire State

California Alliance for Jobs (Andy Fields)

- Water is critical to growing California's economy
- Statewide delivery system is in poor condition
- SJ Valley in danger of not receiving necessary amount of water; tech giants too
- Must improve water delivery system through building south of Delta storage and through protecting the Delta
- Bond funded projects create large numbers of jobs
- Three key priorities: reliable delivery, delta protection and job creation

California State Council of Laborers (Joe Cruz)

- Construction industry stands ready to start projects; golden state because of water
- Water system must improve to meet growing CA needs

Pacific Forest Trust (Paul Mason)

- Watersheds need protection
  - Continue to face pressures from extractive industries
  - Will not necessarily continue to provide high quality/quantity of water
  - Bond must provide funding to support these well-functioning watersheds
  - Klamath-Cascade area ("horseshoe at the top of CA) provides overwhelming amount of freshwater for the Delta and is critical to CA water supply
- Recognize the effects of climate change
- Preserve watershed function; conservation easements are cost-effective

Trust for Public Land (Rico Mastrodonato)

- California lacks effective stormwater capture capabilities
- Permeable surfaces can capture stormwater
- Design modern greenspaces with ways to capture water

#### California Association of Sanitation Agencies (Mike Dillon)

- Highlight importance of recycled water
- Current bond has \$1 billion for recycled water – recognize that amount not feasible
- Recycled water is low hanging fruit

#### Northern California Water Association (Todd Manley)

- Protect area-of-origin rights
  - Important to set foundation for development of creative solutions
- Support continuous appropriation for storage; \$3 billion is “right number”
- Protection watersheds and migratory corridors; Salmon and the Pacific flyway

#### Audubon California & The Nature Conservancy (Christopher Tjernell)

- Keep bond neutral on BDCP
- Investments need to be made in Delta, regardless of planning efforts
- Bond should support inclusion of funding in investment in watersheds
- Bond should support funding to complete State commitments to water settlements
  - Klamath, San Joaquin, Salton Sea
- Strongly supports bond focus on needs of disadvantaged communities
- Supports regional investments and regional self-reliance
  - Less reliance on ecosystems for water alleviates pressure on environment

#### California Farm Bureau Federation (Danny Merkley)

- Shasta, Sites, Los Vaqueros and Temperance Flats will increase water storage by four million acre-feet
- Conservation is an important facet of water management, but is not the way out of California’s water problems
- Storage is a must to meet state water needs
  - Continuous appropriation imperative to meet climate change and increased needs due to environmental stressors and population growth
- Disadvantaged communities need comprehensive, immediate solutions with comprehensive funding source

#### Rural County Representatives of California (Kathy Mannion)

- Supports area-of-origin protection, wastewater management, continuous appropriation for storage and funding for disadvantaged communities
- Shovel-ready projects should not take precedence over other “greatest good” projects
- Supports language on IRWM from ACWA document

#### Riverside County Economic Development Agency (Phil Rosentrater)

- Bond needs to fulfill existing commitments to the Salton Sea
- Bond should fulfill other existing commitments

#### Imperial Irrigation District (Kendra Diajogo)

- Supports Perez’s comments on settlement cases; Mitigate effects of QSA
- Supports comments of Audubon California/Nature Conservancy

### Community Water Center (Omar Carillo)

- Consider needs of disadvantaged communities; previous bonds have not reached them
- Funding for clean drinking water in schools, basic wastewater service public health
- Oppose priority for shovel-ready projects; hurts disadvantaged communities
  - Need planning and technical assistance for their projects to be ready
- Need for targeted funding source for private wells and septic systems
- Regionalization: new strategies to foster collaboration among agencies

### Clean Water Action (Jennifer Clary)

- Continuous appropriation for water storage projects is not appropriate
  - Every bond is a policy document, dollars are policy
  - Legislature abdicates to the Administration with continuous appropriation
- Supports funding for disadvantaged communities
  - Definition for “disadvantaged communities”
  - Be sure that funding reaches disadvantaged communities
- Wastewater management desperately needs funding
- Reinforce RCRC comments on shovel-ready projects
- Bond funding is to fulfill state obligations
  - Klamath, Salton Sea, AND human right to water

### California Building Industry Association (Richard Lyon)

- Must have plan that addresses storage needs and Co-equal Goals
- Develop local and regional solutions
- Working group is generally on the right track
- ACWA proposal is a good framework too
  - Incorporates basic agreement in 2009; recognizes need to trim bond

### California Waterfowl Association (Jeffrey Volberg)

- Appreciates recognition of the importance of wetlands
- Investment in wetlands is highly leveraged among multiple benefits
- Additional storage (Sites Reservoir) helps provide flexibility to benefit wetland

### California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation (Noe Paramo)

- Disadvantaged communities needs are critical
- Bond should not prioritize shovel-ready projects

### Imperial County (Bill Dohring)

- Ensure that QSA receives funding

### California Defenders of Wildlife (Kim Delfino)

- Bond should honor existing and past commitments
  - Salton Sea commitment is very important
  - Also San Joaquin and Klamath
  - Refuge Water through Central Valley Project Improvement Act
- Relying on use of previous bond allocations
  - Previous commitments made in previous bonds should not lose monies

### Water Reuse (Richard Harris)

- Recycled water deserves stand-alone category and funding within bond
- 2002 Task Force on Recycled Water Provides Factual Foundation for Bond Funding
- Funding through SWRCB for using recycled water for groundwater recharge

### Groundwater Resources Association of California (Rosanna Carvacho)

- Pleased to see emphasis on groundwater
- Supports Gray's comments on groundwater recharge
- Wants to see groundwater recharge addressed in framework

### Local Agencies of the North Delta (Osha Meserve)

- Supports focus on regional self-reliance
- Water supply reuse and conservation is a critical facet of water management
- Need "sideboards around commitments" so that BDCP cannot rely on bond funding
- Ensure that public funds are spent in ways that serve habitat and ecosystem health

### Friant Water Authority (Louis Brown)

- Pleased with process and progress; bond must be something that voters will pass
- Three areas of focus from guidelines
  - People
    - Work on disadvantaged communities; groundwater cleanup
    - Do not focus on specific contaminants; focus on CA groundwater cleanup
  - Environment
    - Delta protection and restoration
  - Infrastructure
    - Need more storage; climate change or not
    - Stormwater capture and storage
    - Groundwater storage does not work as well without surface storage

### California Water Association (Meg Catzen-Brown)

- Supports focus on different strategies to maximize water supply
- Encourages inclusiveness that all rate-payers benefit from bond funds