

RESOLUTION NO. 10-09-909

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WEST BASIN
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENTAL
ACTION TO RESTORE CALIFORNIA'S DELTA AND PROVIDE A
RELIABLE WATER SUPPLY**

WHEREAS, the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, known as California's Delta, provides water to an estimated 25 million people throughout the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento and San Joaquin River systems, which provide much of the State's reservoir inflow, were classified as Critically Dry for the 2008 water year; and

WHEREAS, a biological opinion issued by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service on December 15, 2008, imposed 30 percent restriction on water deliveries from the State Water Project and Central Valley Project to protect Delta smelt; and

WHEREAS, State Water Project water allocations have now been reduced to 15 percent of requested deliveries, with many of the allocations for agriculture users reduced to zero; and

WHEREAS, in February 2009, Governor Schwarzenegger, declared a State of Emergency, due to water supply shortages; and

WHEREAS, the Delta is home to more than 750 plants and animals, some of which are unique to the Delta; and

WHEREAS, the Delta Vision Committee drew a fundamental and significant conclusion that California's Delta must be managed according to two co-equal goals, "Restore the Delta Ecosystem and Create a more Reliable Water Supply for California"; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Delta Conservation Plan is a collaborative approach to restore the Delta ecosystem and protect water supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Delta Vision and Bay Delta Conservation Plan provide a critical piece of the comprehensive solution to provide a sustainable and reliable water supply for California.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT supports Co-equal goals of the Delta Vision and the ongoing Bay Delta Conservation Plan process as valuable in providing a sustainable water supply for California and the Board of Directors further supports a comprehensive solution for issues facing California's Delta

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on October 26, 2009.

President

ATTEST:

Secretary

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