

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Chairman Marion Ashley

SUBMITTAL DATE: April 28, 2010

SUBJECT: Resolution Supporting the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors approve Resolution No. 2010-159

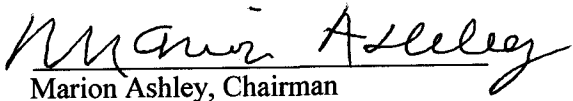
BACKGROUND:

The Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010, also known as the water bond, is an \$11.14 billion general obligation bond that will appear on California's November 2010 statewide ballot. The water bond would authorize long-term investments to begin reversing the decades of neglect and damage to California's aging water system and most especially repair of the Delta which consists of hundreds of miles of manmade levees that supplies water to more than 25 million people. Catastrophic failure of the Delta could occur at any time, leaving most of the state's population with a severe water shortage that would last for years.

The water bond would increase local water supplies through funding of local and regional projects to clean up local water sources and reduce dependence on imported water. It would also provide vitally needed ecosystem restoration in areas that are vital to our water supply by investing in conservation and watershed protections and cleaning up rivers, lakes, streams, beaches and the coastline.

The Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010 is also supported by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Western Municipal Water District, Eastern Municipal Water District, the Association of California Water Agencies, and the San Diego Water Authority as well as the California Building Industry Association and the California Chamber of Commerce.

I urge the Board to endorse the Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010.


Marion Ashley, Chairman

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-159

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN SUPPORT OF THE SAFE,
CLEAN, AND RELIABLE DRINKING WATER SUPPLY ACT OF 2010**

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3 **WHEREAS**, California's water system, designed 30 years ago to serve 16 million residents, is
4 outdated and straining to meet the needs of its more than 38 million residents, as well as farms,
5 businesses and the environment; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, the challenges facing our water system are significant, with severely limited
8 supplies of water threatened with contamination; water infrastructure - including levees,
9 waterways and pipes - aging and at risk of failure with entire species of fish and wildlife crashing
10 and our environment at risk; and the hundreds of miles of manmade levees known as the Delta ,
11 which provides water to 25 million Californians, 2.5 million acres of farms, and hundreds of
12 species of wildlife - at risk of catastrophic failure; and

13 **WHEREAS**, action is taken, experts warn that our state will face continued water shortages, as
14 well as economic impacts of slow job creation, limited agricultural production and stalled
15 economic growth; and

16 **WHEREAS**, immediate investments are needed to repair and upgrade our network of
17 waterways, levees and other water infrastructure, increase above and below ground water
18 storage, clean up our sources of drinking water, increase local supplies, expand conservation
19 efforts, and restore key ecosystems; and

20 **WHEREAS**, *The Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010* is a \$11.14
21 billion bond on the November 2010 ballot that would provide funding to repair what's broken
22 with California's water system; and

23 **WHEREAS**, voter approval of this measure will provide funding for programs throughout the
24 state to increase water supply and reliability, address ecological problems in the Delta, add
25 operational flexibility to the state's water storage and delivery system, and expand water
recycling and conservation; and

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WHEREAS, the County of Riverside will specifically benefit from this bond through funding to enhance local water supply and reliability, to clean up contaminated water supplies, to improve the physical infrastructure of our water system, and to fund environmental and species restorations and protections:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside formally supports the *Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010* on the November ballot.