

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



FROM: Supervisor Marion Ashley

SUBMITTAL DATE: August 23, 2012

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution 2012-192 to Support the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors Adopt Resolution 2012-192 to support the revised Bay Delta Conservation Plan and the advancement of the process that identifies key elements included in the environmental review.

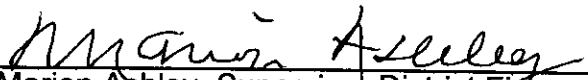
BACKGROUND: On July 25, 2012 California Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Assistant Administrator for Fisheries Eric Schwaab outlined revisions to the proposed Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) that, along with a full range of alternative proposals, will undergo a rigorous public environmental review in the coming months.

The announcement represents a significant milestone in this multi-year process that will bring California closer to implementing the infrastructure upgrades and environmental improvements that are necessary to achieve the state's co-equal goals of restored water reliability and restored ecosystem.

California's water system is unsustainable from an environmental and economic perspective, and that the BDCP is a key part of a comprehensive solution to achieve the dual goals of a reliable water supply for California and a healthy California Bay Delta ecosystem that supports our state and local economy.

The announcement by Governor Brown and Secretary Salazar acknowledged the key components needed for completion of the BDCP: a governance structure, decision tree, and dispute resolution process. Together these elements emerged by collaboration and compromise to create the framework for concluding the lengthy process in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible.

Please join me in supporting the BDCP.


Marion Ashley, Supervisor District Five

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RESOLUTION NO. 2012-192

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TO
ENDORSE AND SUPPORT THE
BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) is critical for restoring and protecting the Delta Environment and ensuring that California has a reliable water supply to support future significant growth; and

WHEREAS, California's water system and the largest estuary on the West Coast – the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta - is highly vulnerable to a major tectonic event; and

WHEREAS, the BDCP is a key part of a comprehensive solution to achieve the dual goals of a reliable water supply for California and a healthy California Bay Delta ecosystem that supports the State's economy; and

WHEREAS, local communities are at risk and water supplies for 25 million people, businesses and farms throughout the state are in jeopardy should there be a catastrophic failure of the Delta; and

WHEREAS, the failure of the Delta would allow saltwater intrusions that would deal a crippling blow to Riverside County's ability to provide water to businesses and residents for a significant period of time; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a new water conveyance facility, as outlined by the California Water Commission, is an essential element of the BDCP;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors does hereby support the Bay Conservation Delta Plan and recognizes the critical need to restore and protect the Delta environment on behalf of the 2.4 million residents of Riverside County