

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



FROM: Supervisor Marion Ashley

SUBMITTAL DATE: Nov. 25, 2013

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of The Association of California Water Agencies' Statewide Water Action Plan (SWAP).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors approves sending the resolution of support to the members of the State Legislature and Governor Brown.

BACKGROUND: The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) is the largest statewide coalition of public water agencies in the country. Its nearly 440 public agency members collectively are responsible for 90% of the water delivered to cities, farms and businesses in California.

Long-term water supply reliability and improved ecosystem health are the hallmarks of the Statewide Water Action Plan (SWAP). Submitted to Gov. Jerry Brown on Oct. 2 with a letter signed by ACWA President Randy Record, the plan identifies 15 actions ACWA recommends be included in the Administration's water action plan for the state. It calls for the state to move ahead on vital actions such as water storage, protection of water rights, a plan to avoid future "dead pool" conditions at key reservoirs due to climate change, and conveyance solutions in the Delta. The SWAP also lays out guiding principles to ensure actions benefit the entire state.

The real power of the SWAP is its focus on the statewide picture and the opportunity it creates for unprecedented unity on key water issues. More than 40 ACWA member agencies from across California have approved resolutions supporting SWAP.

Please join me in supporting the resolution.



Marion Ashley, Supervisor District Five

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS SUPPORTING THE ASSOCIATION OF
CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES' STATEWIDE ACTION PLAN
RESOLUTION No. 2013-278**

WHEREAS, A broad cross-section of water interests convened by the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) has developed a Statewide Water Action Plan to address overall water supply reliability and ecosystem health in California; and

WHEREAS, The ACWA Board of Directors unanimously approved the Statewide Water Action Plan at its Sept. 27, 2013 meeting and directed that it be submitted to California Gov. Jerry Brown as the water community's recommendations for developing the Administration's water plan; and

WHEREAS, ACWA's Statewide Water Action Plan outlines 15 actions to improve water supply reliability, protect water rights, protect the integrity of the state's water system and promote better stewardship; and

WHEREAS, The plan also includes guiding principles for implementation to help ensure actions benefit the entire state, respect water rights and contract terms and reflect a new regulatory approach that can better meet the needs of California water users and ecosystems; and

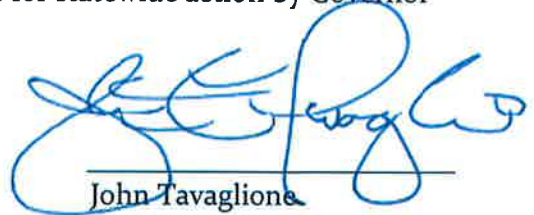
WHEREAS, The Statewide Water Acton Plan provides context for a Delta solution and other critical actions as components of a broader set of strategies to secure California's water future; and

WHEREAS, When implemented together, this suite of statewide actions will serve as a sustainable path forward for California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County on this 3rd day of December in 2013 hereby supports ACWA's Statewide Water Action Plan and encourages its adoption as the basis for statewide action by Governor Brown.



Kevin Jeffries
First District



John Tavaglione
Second District



Jeff Stone
Third District



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