

RESOLUTION NO. 39-12

ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF JOINT ACTION AND ADVOCACY BY ALL STAKEHOLDERS ON DELTA-RELATED WATER ISSUES TO PROTECT THE SENSITIVE DELTA ECOSYSTEM

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Bay and the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (“the Delta”) are at risk from many factors, and the State is proposing large-scale changes to water conveyance through and around the Delta to address state-wide water supply needs, changes to the Delta ecosystem to address declining ecosystem health and fish populations, changes to land use authority within the Delta, and changes to water rights, statewide water management and many other aspects related to the Delta that will impact the areas in and around the Delta; and,

WHEREAS, each city and town in the County will be adversely impacted by planned actions in the Delta through reduction in water quality and health of the San Francisco Bay-Delta and the resulting increase in stormwater (NPDES) permit requirements; and,

WHEREAS, there is value in developing an initiative on issues concerning the Delta, its watershed and greater San Francisco Bay/Delta estuary; and,

WHEREAS, the STAKEHOLDERS wish to collectively articulate the issues and interests from the perspective of the Delta region itself, from the people who call the Delta home and best understand the tremendous resource the Delta represents; and,

WHEREAS, the STAKEHOLDERS recognize the efforts and value of the Delta Counties Coalition and a need for joint action and advocacy on Delta-related issues, and have identified mutual interests.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as a STAKEHOLDER, adopts this Resolution for the purpose of articulating mutual interests on Bay-Delta issues. Furthermore, the STAKEHOLDERS resolve to work together to defend Bay-Delta related interests at a regional perspective and to use their unified voice to advocate on behalf of local government in available forums at all levels, consistent with the following principles of mutual interest:

1. **Local Government Authority.** Recognition of the authority and responsibility given to local government related to land use, urban and agricultural water supply, waste water treatment and recycling, water resource development, flood management, public health and safety, economic development and sustainable growth, agricultural stability, recreation, and environmental protection.
2. **Delta Ecosystem.** Protection and restoration of a healthy sustainable Delta ecosystem including adequate water quality, inflows and outflow, and water supply, to support fisheries, wildlife and habitat in perpetuity.
3. **Existing System Reliability.** Support immediate improvements to the existing Through-Delta Conveyance and improvements to protect key regionally important infrastructure, such as trans-Delta aqueducts, as part of a complete strategy for the State’s water management and to ensure reliability of the existing water supply system.
4. **Delta Outflows.** Ensure adequate Delta outflows to San Francisco Bay to support fisheries, wildlife, habitat, water quality and other beneficial uses.
5. **Regional Self-Sufficiency.** Incorporation of sustainable approaches for improved water supply, water quality and reliability through the overarching principle of regional self-sufficiency to reduce reliance on exports from the Delta and reduce the current impacts on the Bay-Delta ecosystem.
6. **Delta Area Communities.** Protect the economic viability of industry, recreation, tourism, and agriculture, and the ongoing vitality of communities throughout the Delta and immediately adjacent to the Delta, and along the shoreline of the greater San Francisco Bay-Delta.

7. **Fair Representation.** Represent and include local government in any new governance structures for the Delta.

8. **Flood Protection.** Support funding and implementation of urban and non-urban flood protection, at the appropriate level of protection, through rehabilitation, improvement and maintenance of flood control levees and structures.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on March 20, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Booze, Butt, Ritterman, Vice Mayor Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

DIANE HOLMES
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

RANDY RIDDLE
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa } : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 39-12, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on March 20, 2012.