



July 26, 2016

Re: California WaterFix Policy Statement

Dear State Water Resources Control Board,

My name is Brandon Matson, and I represent BizFed, the Los Angeles County Business Federation. With more than 155 business organizations representing 275,000 employers with 3 million employees throughout LA County, BizFed is a massive, diverse grassroots alliance that advocates for policies and projects that strengthen our regional economy. And we are here today to advocate for the CA WaterFix.

Our region is highly dependent on an outdated water distribution system that was built mid-century to deliver water supplies to millions of residents.

- Particularly during dry years, water from the Delta ensures that cities throughout the region have clean water that might not be available from other sources. This has been especially important in dry years, with some cities relying on imported supplies for nearly all of their water, for example as much as 75% of water supplies for the city of Los Angeles and more than 50% of water supplies for the city of Long Beach come from the State Water Project.

But this outdated system does not allow us to move and store water efficiently when we have abundant rain and snow.

CA WaterFix would replace aging infrastructure by building a modern water pipeline under the Delta to more efficiently and safely deliver water, while adding greater protection for the environment.

While Los Angeles is doing a great job conserving, recycling and developing new local water resources, we still desperately need to invest in our conveyance system - it is the only way to make local solutions work most effectively.

We thank you for this open process that allows us to express our strong support for the CA WaterFix.

Sincerely,

Brandon Matson, Policy Manager

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