



**CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF ATWATER**

Public Hearing (3/20/13)
Bay-Delta Plan SED
Deadline: 3/29/13 by 12 noon

MAR 28 2013



RESOLUTION NO. 2695-13

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF ATWATER OPPOSING THE STATE
WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
SUBSTITUTE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT
REGARDING POTENTIAL CHANGES TO THE
WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE
SAN FRANCISCO BAY – SACRAMENTO/SAN
JOAQUIN DELTA ESTUARY**

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board's Draft Substitute Environmental Document (SED) proposes to require the Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Merced Rivers release 35 percent of unimpaired flow from February to June each year; and

WHEREAS, the proposed requirement will create "significant and unavoidable" impacts to the economy, agriculture, and the groundwater basin used by the residents and business owners of the City of Atwater; and

WHEREAS, the proposed requirement will result in an over-draft of the groundwater basin used by the City of Atwater and its residents, which rely exclusively on groundwater for their drinking supplies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atwater and the County of Merced face significant challenges with poverty, unemployment and foreclosures, and the City of Atwater's economic development efforts benefit significantly from competition between investor-owned utilities and the Merced Irrigation District; and

WHEREAS, the adverse impacts of the proposed SED include approximately \$69 million in annual losses to this economically distressed region of our state, including approximately \$23.5 million in annual losses to the people that live and work in and around the City of Atwater; and

WHEREAS, the proposed requirement would fallow approximately 128,295 acres of prime farm land and result in the loss of over 800 family farms in the region; and

WHEREAS, approximately 460 jobs in the region will be permanently lost; and

WHEREAS, the proposed requirement ignores non-flow alternatives that are less costly and more effective.

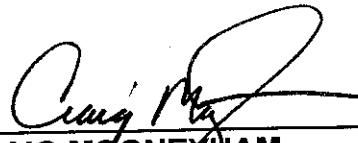
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Atwater does hereby oppose the proposed requirements contained in the State Water Resources Control Board's draft SED.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Water Resources Control Board should pursue a comprehensive solution that prioritizes non-flow measures to protect native fish species, such as predation reduction programs, before demanding flow increases that would threaten the economic vitality of already distressed people, businesses, and small family farms located in and around the City of Atwater.

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted this 11th day of March, 2013.

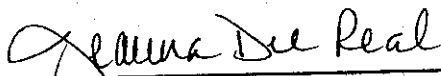
AYES: Joe Rivero, Jeff Rivero, Bergman, Mooneyham
NOES: None
ABSENT: Faul

APPROVED:




**CRAIG MOONEYHAM,
MAYOR PRO TEM**

ATTEST:

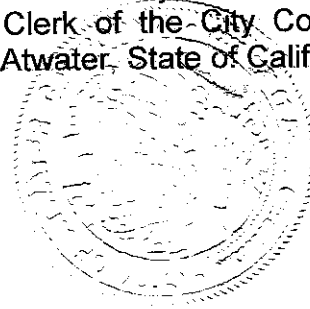


**JEANNA DEL REAL, CMC
CITY CLERK**

"I, Jeanna Del Real, City Clerk of the City of Atwater and as such Ex-Officio Clerk of the City Council of the City of Atwater, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true, correct, and complete copy of the original of such resolution, which is on file in my office.



Jeanna Del Real, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Atwater, and
Ex-Officio Clerk of the City Council of
the City of Atwater, State of California."



**CITY OF ATWATER
CITY CLERK/HUMAN RESOURCE
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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

DATE 3/27/13

RE Resolution No. 2695-13

Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay – Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta Estuary

TO: Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95814-0100

WE ARE SENDING YOU:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of letter | <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Resolution or Ordinance |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified Resolution |

COPY	DATE	NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	3/11/13		Certified copy of Resolution No. 2695-13

THESE ARE TRANSMITTED as checked below:

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REMARKS: Attached is a certified copy of Resolution No. 2695-13 opposing the State Water Resources Control Board substitute environmental document regarding potential changes to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay – Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta Estuary

COPY TO: Resolution Nol. 2695-13 , Corres '13 File

SIGNED *Jeanne Del Real*
Jeanne Del Real, CMC
City Clerk