

**OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
REVISED RESOLUTION No. 2013-20****IN OPPOSITION TO THE STATE WATER RESOURCES  
CONTROL BOARD FOR SUBSEQUENT  
ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT (SED)**

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Directors of the Oakdale Irrigation District that,

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

**WHEREAS**, the proposed requirements will create "significant and unavoidable" impacts to the economy, agriculture, and groundwater basins in Stanislaus, San Joaquin, and Merced Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, those impacts include approximately \$69 million in economic impacts in an economically distressed region of our state; and

**WHEREAS**, the impacts result in a loss of \$4.5 million in energy revenue to the Modesto, Merced and Turlock Irrigation districts only to be offset by rate increases to all power users in Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Merced Counties; 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**, the proposed requirement will result in over-drafted groundwater basins; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 1.5% of the jobs in the three county areas will be permanently lost and up to 3.1% of related sector jobs will be lost during drought periods; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed requirements will not benefit native fish populations or promote ecosystem restoration; and

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

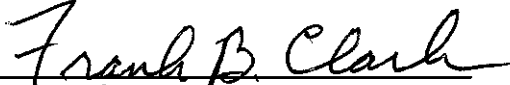
**WHEREAS**, the proposed requirement compromises attaining the dual goals of ecosystem restoration and water supply reliability under SBx7-7.


**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the State Water Resources Control Board should pursue a comprehensive solution that is consistent with the timing of the overall comprehensive Delta planning process and which takes into account the potential

impact on hydroelectric energy generation. This solution must prioritize non-flow measures to protect native fish species, such as predation reduction programs, before demanding flow increases that would threaten the economic vitality of these California counties, cities, and small family farms.

Upon motion of Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and duly submitted to the Board for its consideration, the above titled resolution was unanimously adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.


OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

  
Frank B. Clark, President

  
Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original on file with the Oakdale Irrigation District.

OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

  
Steve Knell, P.E.  
General Manager/Secretary