



**IN THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF OAKDALE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2013-19**



**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OAKDALE CITY COUNCIL
OPPOSING THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD PROPOSAL TO
REQUIRE THE STANISLAUS, TUOLUMNE, AND MERCED RIVERS TO RELEASE
THIRTY-FIVE PERCENT (35%) OF UNIMPAIRED FLOWS**

THE CITY OF OAKDALE CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE THAT:

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 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, 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-percent of the jobs in the three county area will be permanently lost and up to 3.1-percent of related sector jobs will be lost during draught periods; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed requirements will not provide measurable benefits to 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; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council discussed the State Water Resources Control Boards proposed requirements at the March 18, 2013 Council meeting.



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **CITY COUNCIL** hereby opposes the State Water Resources Control Board's Draft Substitute Environmental Document (SED) unimpaired river flow requirements and urges the Board to 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.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION IS HEREBY ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF MARCH, 2013 by the following vote:

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| AYES: | Council Members: | Brennan, Dunlop, Jackson, Paul and Petersen | (5) |
| NOES: | Council Members: | None | (0) |
| ABSENT: | Council Members: | None | (0) |
| ABSTAIN: | Council Members: | None | (0) |

Pat Paul

Pat Paul
Mayor

Attest:

Kathy Teixeira

Kathy Teixeira, CMC
City Clerk

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Oakdale March 18, 2013.

Kathy Teixeira

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