



July 27, 2016

Re: California WaterFix Policy Statement

Dear State Water Resources Control Board,

My name is Julian Canete, and I represent CalAsian Pacific Chamber of Commerce. Our members total more than 600,000 API-owned businesses, which generate over \$181 billion in annual revenue and employ more than 900,000 Californians. CalAsian Chamber strongly supports the California WaterFix.

The plan would address the severe vulnerabilities of California's outdated water delivery system.

WaterFix is needed to stabilize water supplies for 25 million people across California, from the Bay Area, Central Valley, Central Coast, Southern California to San Diego.

It will improve the ability to capture and store more water during times of heavy rainfall so we can use in dry years.

With a modern pipeline and by moving the system underground, WaterFix will mitigate the effects of climate change and natural disasters. It will protect our clean water supplies from salt water contamination.

WaterFix will also improve the Delta ecosystem by bringing back more natural flows and it uses advanced screening to protect fish and wildlife.

The Bureau and DWR's evidence clearly show that the project will maintain high quality water standards for this system and that it is flexible to meet any new standards that the Water Board establishes.

It will be operated in real-time in order to adapt to fluctuating conditions such as climate change, while also protecting the health of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The status quo is only further deteriorating our water system and our Delta environment. CalAsian Pacific Chamber urges you to approve the permit to move the California WaterFix forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for the project.

Sincerely,

Julian Canete

CalAsian Chamber of Commerce