



July 27, 2016

Re: California WaterFix Policy Statement

Dear State Water Resources Control Board,

My name is John Cooper and I represent Associated General Contractors of California in support of the California WaterFix. We want to thank you for this open and important process and for giving us an opportunity to share our thoughts.

The Associated General Contractors of California is more than 1,000 members strong who are contractors, specialty, and associate member companies and represent the full spectrum of the construction industry.

We support the California WaterFix because it will update our outdated statewide water distribution infrastructure by creating a modern water pipeline below ground relying on the most innovative technologies and engineering practices.

CA WaterFix will protect our precious water supplies from major earthquakes, floods and natural disasters.

It will create nearly 119,000 new construction jobs and \$7 billion in employee compensation. The result of an updated and reliable water delivery system will protect nearly one million statewide jobs.

WaterFix will also offer the state flexibility to capture and store more water during times of heavy rainfall. With WaterFix, we will be able to keep supplies steady as the state and economy grow.

Additionally, this plan will improve the health of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta ecosystem for threatened and endangered fish by reducing harmful reverse water flows.

CA WaterFix was chosen after nearly a decade of extensive expert review, planning and scientific and environmental analysis by the state's leading water experts, engineers and conservationists, and unprecedented public comment and participation.

The Associated General Contractors of California urges your support to approve this permit. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to voice our support.

Sincerely,

John Cooper

Director, Joint Engineering Division

Associated General Contractors of California