



July 27, 2016

Re: California WaterFix Policy Statement

Dear State Water Resources Control Board,

Hi I'm Bryan Starr from Orange County Business Council, and we are here in support of the California WaterFix.

OCBC represents 300 of the State's largest employers, and more than 250,000 employees across Southern California.

Orange County is highly reliant on this clean water that flows from the Sierra Nevada mountains through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. In fact, nearly **100% of drinking water** for South Orange County comes from this source.

WaterFix will protect these clean water supplies from salt water intrusion from earthquakes, floods and sea-level rise.

The project will also keep supplies steady. Without it, we'll have an estimated 20% less water over time. WaterFix will allow us to capture and store water during times of heavy rainfall when these new diversion points pose less risk to fish and water quality.

The project will continue to operate under the water quality and flow standards set by the Water Board, and will have the ability to stay in compliance when future conditions change.

Furthermore, this plan will improve ecological conditions in the Delta.

It is the only viable plan supported by leading scientists, water agencies, engineers and other experts.

Orange County Business Council urges your approval for the California WaterFix permit.

Thank you for this open process and the opportunity to voice our strong support the CA WaterFix.

Sincerely,

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