



California Partnership for the
San Joaquin Valley

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Supervisor - Chair William O'Brien
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
1010 10th St., Ste. 6500
Modesto, CA 95354

Subject: Water Work Group Invitation

Dear Supervisor O'Brien,

As co-conveners of the Water Work Group of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership), we invite you to appoint a member of your Board of Supervisors to the Partnership Water Work Group. In addition, you are welcome to include a technical advisor who is familiar with water management issues in your county.

The Partnership was established by Executive Order in 2005 and continues under the leadership of Governor Brown to advocate for issues that are important to the whole of the San Joaquin Valley. Reliability and quality of water supplies is one of the critical issues facing the Valley today.

Attached is a list of current members of the Water Work Group. At this time, the only two County Supervisors on the list are Partnership Board members appointed by the Governor. The Partnership wants to insure that input is received from the remaining six counties in the San Joaquin Valley as the Water Work Group pursues its agenda.

Thus far, the Water Work Group has developed and adopted a framework for an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the San Joaquin Valley. The framework does not represent the plan, but provides for the incorporation of principles built around the co-equal goals of protecting the Delta while insuring the reliability and quality of water supplies for the entire Valley.

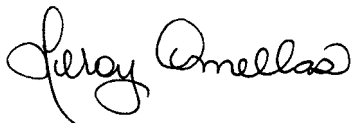
As you may know, the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) is the official environmental process to determine how the co-equal goals mentioned above will be met. One of the objectives of the Water Work Group going forward will be to seek common responses to various aspects of the draft environmental document. To the extent that the Valley can speak with one voice, our needs are more likely to be met.

Even after the BDCP is adopted, the related projects are likely to extend well beyond a decade. In the interim, we must advocate for projects that help sustain the Delta infrastructure, improve flows, and conserve and reclaim water to

stabilize and make the best use of available water supplies. The Water Work Group will be analyzing and prioritizing projects that will benefit the entire Valley, and advocate for them at State and Federal levels.

Both of the aforementioned goals of the Water Work Group will require input and ultimate support from all eight counties in the Valley. We are also collaborating with the Delta Coalition of five counties, with San Joaquin County being represented in both organizations. Meetings are scheduled ad hoc as dictated by issues and work load. For these reasons we ask that you appoint a representative to the Partnership Water Work Group, and would appreciate your advising us of your decision. We're looking forward to working with you.

Sincerely,
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Leroy Ornellas, San Joaquin County Supervisor
Water Work Group Co-convener
California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley



Ray Watson, Kern County Supervisor
Water Work Group Co-convener
California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

CC: Supervisor Vito Chiesa
Supervisor Jim DeMartini
Supervisor Dick Monteith

WATER POLICY WORK GROUP PRINCIPALS – 2011

First name	Last name	Organization
Ron	Addington	Business Council- S.J. County
Brent	Walthall	Kern County Water Agency
DeeDee	D'Adamo	Congressman Dennis Cardoza
Michael	Peterson	Sacramento County Director of Water Resources
Mike	Dozier	California State University, Fresno
Sarge	Green	California Water Institute, CSU Fresno
John	Greitzer	Contra Costa County Water Agency
Fritz	Grupe	California Partnership for the SJV
Pete	Kutras	Delta Counties Coalition
Dr. Mel	Lytle	San Joaquin County
Mike	McGowan	Yolo County Supervisor
Sunne	McPeak	California Emerging Technology Fund; California Partnership for the SJV
Don	Nottoli	Sacramento County Supervisor
Leroy	Ornellas	San Joaquin Co. Supervisor
Scott	Tyrell	Office of Supervisor Ornellas
Mary	Piepho	Contra Costa County Supervisor
John	Vasquez	Solano County Supervisor
Jim	Tischer	Calif. Water Institute, CSU Fresno
Ken	Vogel	San Joaquin County Supervisor
Ray	Watson	Kern County Supervisor
Peter	Weber	California Partnership for the SJV