



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

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**AGENDA DATE:** May 1, 2018

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Denise England    PHONE: 636-5000

**SUBJECT:** Letter of Opposition for AB 2975- Wild and Scenic Rivers

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve sending a letter of opposition for Assembly Bill 2975- Wild and Scenic Rivers

**SUMMARY:**

Tulare County is a member of the San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority (SJWWIA) with the objective of achieving development of the long-proposed Temperance Flat Reservoir project. This project, located on the San Joaquin River, would provide a vitally needed source of additional surface water storage that directly benefits residents and enterprises in Tulare County. A new dam would be constructed within the upper reaches of existing Millerton Lake to form the new reservoir. The new reservoir would have a capacity of 1.3 million acre-feet that would augment the local water supply. A vast amount of data collection, study, and planning has been invested in by State, Federal, regional, and local agencies. This investment culminated in the SJWWIA submitting an application to the California Water Commission in August 2017 for funding from the water bond (Proposition 1, Chapter 8) to help pay for Temperance Flat.

AB 2975 seeks to expand the scope of California's Wild and Scenic Rivers Act with potential adverse impacts on the State's water supply system, water supply development, water rights, and drought response. The authorities proposed by the bill could be used to obstruct the development of Temperance Flat's water storage capability, which is essential to addressing the San Joaquin Valley's current water crisis and new State groundwater sustainability mandates. Such obstruction would be

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to the detriment of the health and welfare of the Valley residents, businesses, and agriculture.

For these reasons, staff recommends your Board oppose AB 2975.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

N/A

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's Strategic Plan includes an initiative to provide for the safety and security of the public which includes the goal of providing an adequate and safe water supply.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

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Denise England  
Water Resources Program Director

Cc: Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel  
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment: Letter

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF LETTER OF )  
OPPOSITION FOR AB 2975- WILD AND ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
SCENIC RIVERS )

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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Approved sending a letter of opposition for Assembly Bill 2975- Wild and Scenic Rivers

May 1, 2018

The Honorable Laura Friedman  
State Capitol, Room 2137  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0031

**RE: Oppose AB 2975 Wild and Scenic Rivers**

To Whom It May Concern:

The County of Tulare Board of Supervisors opposes Assembly Bill (AB) 2975, which seeks to expand the scope of California's Wild and Scenic Rivers Act with potential adverse impacts on the State's water supply system, water supply development, water rights, and drought response.

Tulare County is a member of the San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority (SJWVIA) with the objective of achieving development of the long-proposed Temperance Flat Reservoir project. This project, located on the San Joaquin River, would provide a vitally needed source of additional surface water storage that directly benefits residents and enterprise in Tulare County. A new dam would be constructed within the upper reaches of existing Millerton Lake to form the new reservoir, which would have a capacity of 1.3 million acre-feet. A vast amount of data collection, study, and planning has been invested in by State, Federal, regional, and local agencies. In August 2017, the SJWVIA submitted an application to the California Water Commission for funding under the water bond (Proposition 1, Chapter 8) to help pay for Temperance Flat.

The Tulare County Board of Supervisors believes AB 2975 could be used to obstruct the development of Temperance Flat's water storage capability, which is essential to addressing the San Joaquin Valley's current water crisis and new State groundwater sustainability mandates. Such obstruction would be to the detriment of the health and welfare of the Valley residents, businesses, and agriculture.

For these reasons, the Tulare County opposes AB 2975

Sincerely,

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J. Steven Worthley  
Chairman of the Board  
District Four

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Kuyler Crocker  
Vice Chairman of the Board  
District One

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Pete Vander Poel  
District Two

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Amy Shuklian  
District Three

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Michael Ennis  
District Five

CC     Tulare County Delegation  
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