



**Board of Supervisors  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**AGENDA DATE:** May 15, 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: Samantha Ferrero PHONE: 636-5000				

**SUBJECT:** Endorsement of the November Water Bond

**REQUEST(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:  
Adopt a resolution endorsing the November Water Bond

**SUMMARY:**  
California continues to face aging water infrastructure, impacts from groundwater overdraft, and disadvantaged community water challenges. Subsidence along the Friant-Kern Canal is limiting the system’s capacity to deliver surface water. The implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act is putting additional strain on already limited resources. Additional funding for projects that benefit the well-documented challenges of disadvantaged communities is vital.

On February 6, 2018, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Amendments to the State Legislative Platform, which included support for the November Water Bond, also known as the Meral Water Bond.

The November Water Bond was identified as being a solution to one of the Board’s legislative priorities, which was to advocate for support of Water Supply Legislation and initiatives that improve Tulare County water users’ ability to be sustainable. The \$8.9 billion proposal provides funding to fix the Friant-Kern Canal, improving water deliveries in southern Tulare County, funding for wastewater recycling projects, disadvantaged community drinking water and wastewater projects, and watershed improvement projects.

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**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the response to this request.

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

The endorsement of the November Water Bond is linked to Tulare County's Strategic Initiative of Quality of Life – Promote public health and welfare, educational opportunities, natural resource management and continued improvement of environmental quality.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

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Samantha Ferrero  
Board Representative

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

Attachment(s)

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

IN THE MATTER OF ENDORSE THE  
NOVEMBER WATER BOND

)  
) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**WHEREAS**, the Friant-Kern Canal has lost 60% of its capacity to convey water for both consumptive uses and groundwater recharge due to subsidence that, unless addressed, will only continue to get worse and further adversely affect agriculture and those local communities, including disadvantaged communities, who largely rely on groundwater to serve their citizens; and

**WHEREAS:** A ballot initiative has been drafted that would authorize the sale of bonds and add a new Division 38 to the California Water Code entitled the "Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018", which would govern how the proceeds of the bonds would be used to provide for the water needs of people, agriculture and the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the water bond contains funds to repair the Friant Kern Canal, help water agencies implement the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, and provide safe drinking water and wastewater disposal systems to many communities in the San Joaquin Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, if approved by voters, the measure would appropriate from the bonds issued and sold the sum of \$750,000,000 to the Department of Water Resources for a grant to the Friant-Water Authority for water conveyance capital improvements, including restored and increased conveyance capacity to and in the Madera and Friant-Kern canals, resulting in greater groundwater recharge, improved conveyance and utilization of flood waters, and for water conservation.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors does hereby endorse the November Water Bond and urges voters living in the San Joaquin Valley to support it in the November election.

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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Adopted a resolution endorsing the November Water Bond.