



**County Administrative  
Office  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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District Three  
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DENNIS TOWNSEND  
District Five

**AGENDA DATE:** January 28, 2020

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Denise England    PHONE: 559-636-5005		

**SUBJECT:** Letter of Support for a Surface Water Treatment Project in Northern Tulare County

**REQUEST(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:  
1. Approve a letter of support for a surface water treatment project in northern Tulare County.

**SUMMARY:**  
Tulare County has been an advocate for a surface water treatment plant in the north County for a number of years. The County was the recipient of a Local Entity Formation Assistance grant, which provided funding to form the Northern Tulare County Water Alliance (Alliance). The Alliance represents five communities in the north County, including East Orosi, Sultana, Monson, Yettem, and Seville. In April 2019, the Alliance submitted a funding application to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for planning funds to move forward on the design and engineering of a surface water treatment plant. The surface water treatment plant would provide drinking water to its five member communities, as well as the potential to serve other communities in the region. The SWRCB denied the Alliance’s request in September 2019 and recommended the Alliance pursue regional solutions, which do not include new infrastructure projects. The Alliance continues to meet and is pursuing regional shared solutions.

After leaving the Alliance Joint Powers Agreement negotiations, the Cutler and Orosi Public Utilities Districts formed their own Joint Powers Authority to pursue the same surface water treatment project. The Cutler-Orosi Surface Water Plant Authority intends to submit funding applications to USDA and SWRCB for the

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project. The Cutler-Orosi Surface Water Plant Authority requested the County's support of the project. The attached letter provides that support.

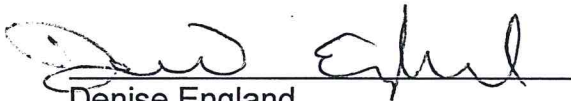
**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

There are no costs to the County to support the project.

**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:**



Denise England  
Water Resources Director

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Letter of Support

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

IN THE MATTER OF LETTER OF SUPPORT )  
FOR A SURFACE WATER TREATMENT ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
PROJECT IN NORTHERN TULARE ) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY )  
 )

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: JASON T. BRITT  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

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### **CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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*Chief Clerk*

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January 28, 2020

California State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject:** Support for the Surface Water Treatment Project for Northern Tulare County.

To Whom it May Concern:

The Tulare County Board of Supervisors supports access to safe, affordable, and sustainable drinking water supply for our residents. The Surface Water Treatment Project for communities and residents in northern Tulare County is a good solution to both existing drinking water challenges and future vulnerabilities. Diversifying water supply, providing a regional remedy, and fostering community collaboration will move the communities into a sustainable water future.

Please contact us directly if you would like any other information.

Sincerely,

Pete Vander Poel, Chair  
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

Amy Shuklian, Vice Chair  
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

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