



Board of Supervisors COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2010

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Jeff Forbes PHONE: (559) 636-5000

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for Nick Canata to be appointed to the Delta Stewardship Council.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve sending a letter of Support for Nick Canata to be appointed to the Delta Stewardship Council.

SUMMARY:

In November 2009, after extensive debate and negotiations, the California Legislature adopted a multi-bill package of laws designed to address statewide water supply issues and Sacramento River Delta protection. The Governor signed all five of the bills into law. The five separate legislative bills:

- Establish a statewide groundwater elevation monitoring program that will backstop local groundwater elevation monitoring efforts;
- Increase enforcement activities and penalties for failure to report water diversions from surface waters and certain, limited subterranean streams;
- Establish benchmarks to achieve a 20-percent reduction in statewide urban water use *per capita* by the end of 2020, and require agricultural water suppliers to implement efficient water management practices by July 31, 2012;

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- Create a seven-member Delta Stewardship Council tasked with developing a “Delta Plan” to achieve the “Coequal Goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring and enhancing the (Sacramento-San Joaquin River) Delta ecosystem;”
- Approve a \$11.14 billion bond to fund the measures.

The Delta Stewardship Council, which will consist of seven politically appointed members, will have the authority to adopt a “Delta Plan” that could recommend the peripheral canal around the Delta. The construction of the canal could allow the state to divert a larger quantity of water around the Delta to users in the Central Valley and Southern California.

After the Council adopts the Delta Plan, any public agency that undertakes or approves a specified “covered action” within the geographic boundaries of the Delta Plan must submit to the Council a certification that the action is consistent with the provisions of the Plan. The Council serves as the appellate agency for any challenge brought by “any person” to the adequacy of the public agency’s certification. The Council must hold a hearing on the challenge, and may deny the challenge or it may, if it finds that the certification is not supported by substantial evidence in the record, remand the certification for further consideration by the public agency.

The Delta Stewardship Council will play a very important role in shaping the future of water in California. It is extremely important that a representative of Tulare County serve on the Council to ensure that Tulare County’s residents and farmers have a seat at the table.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

N/A

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Advocating for a local representative on the statewide Delta Stewardship Council is linked to the Safety and Security initiative of the Tulare County Strategic Business Plan. Having a local representative will help Tulare County provide an adequate and safe water supply.

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ALTERNATIVES:

The Board of Supervisors could choose to not approve the letter of support for Nick Canata. This is not recommended because the Board of Supervisors has consistently supported a safe and adequate water supply.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Jeff Forbes
Board Representative III

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

Attachment - Letter of Support for Nick Canata to be appointed to the Delta Stewardship Council.

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

IN THE MATTER OF LETTER OF)
SUPPORT FOR NICK CANATA TO BE)
APPOINTED TO THE DELTA)
STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL)

RESOLUTION NO. _____
AGREEMENT NO. _____

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: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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The Board of Supervisors hereby:

Approved sending a letter of Support for Nick Canata to be appointed to the
Delta Stewardship Council.

February 9, 2010

Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

The Tulare County Board of Supervisors is pleased to recommend and support the nomination of Nick Canata to the Delta Stewardship Council. Nick is an ideal representative for this position because of his experience in the field of water, his hands on agricultural practice, and his exemplary leadership skills.

Nick's background is based in the Tulare County, which gives him a unique perspective and approach to water problems and solutions. He has dealt with the water issues in the Central Valley since the beginning of his employment career in 1972. He has signed both sides of a paycheck, which adds to the credibility of his water expertise. He knows the critical points surrounding California's water situation and the importance of the Delta.

We appreciate your consideration of our recommendation of Nick Canata. We are confident that he will be a great representative of Tulare County and the Central Valley.

Sincerely,

J. Steven Worthley, Chairman
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

Mike Ennis, Vice Chairman
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

Allen Ishida, District One
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

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