



Board of Supervisors COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2010

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| 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 recommendation for Mario Santoyo to be appointed to the California Water Commission.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve a letter of recommendation for Mario Santoyo to be appointed to the California Water Commission.

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. One of those bills placed an \$11 billion bond on the November 2010 California Ballot.

The California Water Commission will have a very large impact on how funding from the bond is allocated. Three billion dollars will be appropriated to the Commission for public benefits associated with water storage projects that improve the operation of the state water system. The Commission will rank potential projects based on the expected return for public investment. Projects eligible for funding through the Commission include surface storage projects, groundwater storage projects, ecosystem improvements, water quality improvements in the Delta or other systems and flood control benefits, among others.

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Given the role the California Water Commission will play in allocating \$3 billion in bond funds, it is extremely important Tulare County have a representative on the Commission. Tulare County will greatly benefit by having someone advocate for projects that benefit its residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

N/A

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Advocating for a local representative on the California Water Commission 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.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board of Supervisors could choose to not approve the letter of support for Mario Santoyo. 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 (3)

Attachment – Letter of recommendation for Mario Santoyo.

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

IN THE MATTER OF LETTER OF)
RECOMMENDATION FOR MARIO)
SANTOYO TO BE APPOINTED TO)
THE CALIFORNIA WATER)
COMMISSION)

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 a letter of recommendation for Mario Santoyo to be appointed to the
California Water Commission.

February 9, 2010

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

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The Tulare County Board of Supervisors is pleased to recommend the appointment of Mario Santoyo to the California Water Commission. Mario has the knowledge and expertise required to serve on this important Commission.

Mario currently serves as the Assistant General Manager of the Friant Water Authority and has over thirty years of technical experience in the field of water supply and management. He is also Director of the California Latino Water Coalition, which played a critical role in advocating for the passage of water legislation in 2009.

Members of the California Water Commission must have a high level of technical knowledge of California's water supply infrastructure. Mario's knowledge of the statewide water delivery system and related policy will allow him to excel as a member of the California Water Commission.

We appreciate your consideration of our recommendation of Mario Santoyo. We are confident that he will be a great representative of Tulare County and all of California.

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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