



**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ALLEN ISHIDA
District One

PETE VANDER POEL
District Two

PHILLIP A. COX
District Three

J. STEVEN WORTHLEY
District Four

MIKE ENNIS
District Five

AGENDA DATE: June 17, 2014

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 Akins PHONE: 636-5005				

SUBJECT: Message From a Broad Coalition for the 2014 Water Bond Legislation

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:
Approve signing a message from a broad coalition concerning the details of a balanced 2014 Water Bond

SUMMARY:
The Legislature originally approved a Water Bond measure in 2009, for the November 2010 ballot. In 2010 the Legislature amended and postponed the bond measure to November 2012. However, the Legislature could not agree on how best to reduce the bond and polls showed voters would not support the bond measure; therefore, it was again amended and postponed by the Legislature to November 2014.

On July 23, 2013 your Board passed Resolution No. 2013-0538 sending a letter to the Legislature regarding the 2014 Water Bond.

On April 22, 2014 your Board passed Resolution No. 2014-0230 sending a message from a broad coalition of counties expressing the importance of a balanced Water Bond for the 2014 ballot. Deliberations over the next Water Bond are still occurring and the bond measure must contain sufficient funds to garner statewide support.

Since that time, Supervisor Ishida has been working with San Joaquin County

SUBJECT: Message From a Broad Coalition for the 2014 Water Bond Legislation

DATE: June 17, 2014

Supervisor Larry Ruhstaller to identify specific dollar amounts for 6 areas of water projects and also calls for continuous appropriations so that those projects may be completed.

The attached cover letter (Exhibit A) and Message (Exhibit B) were sent out by Supervisors Ishida Ruhstaller at the end of May. The letter requests that California county Supervisors sign on in support of the message. It is requested that your Board also sign on in support of the message.

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:

Denise Akins
Administrative Analyst- Water Resources

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

Attachment: Exhibit A- Cover Letter from Supervisors Ishida and Ruhstaller
Exhibit B- Message Re: Water Bond Legislation

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

IN THE MATTER OF MESSAGE FROM A)
BROAD COALITION FOR THE 2014) Resolution No. _____
WATER BOND LEGISLATION) 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:

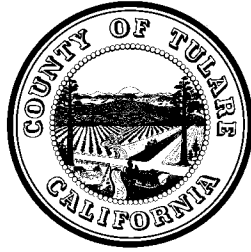
AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

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

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

* * * * *

Approved signing a message from a broad coalition concerning the details of a
balanced 2014 Water Bond



May 23, 2014

Dear County Supervisor,

We are extremely grateful to all the counties and county supervisors who have signed on to our effort to secure a water bond for the November ballot. As you all know, California needs a water bond that can produce new water and actually be approved by the voters.

As promised, we are writing you again to provide more detail for what we believe such a water bond would entail. This proposal was derived after extensive discussions with as many of you as possible.

The current proposal adheres to these two core principles:

1. That every part of California needs new water, and;
2. That every county in California should have its local interests protected and that it is not necessary to pit any part of the State against another.

Time is of the essence. We again need to show the legislature and the governor how many of us support this effort. We need as many counties and county supervisors as possible to weigh in again with renewed support for the now more detailed proposal that we are advancing. ***What we are asking is this: that at a minimum at least two supervisors from each of your counties indicate support, by signing on County letterhead, for the attached proposal by Friday, June 6.***

As we stated in our original letter to you on this subject, crafting a broadly supportable water bond is not easy. However, we know what many of you are committed to doing this. Thank you for your support thus far and thank you in advance for supporting our now more detailed proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allen Ishida".

Allen Ishida
Tulare County Supervisor, District 1

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Ruhstaller".

Larry Ruhstaller
San Joaquin County Supervisor, District 2

June 17, 2014

Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

Assembly Speaker John Pérez
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

2014 Water Bond Legislation

We the undersigned County Supervisors believe in a comprehensive Water Bond to be placed on the November 2014 election. We strongly believe that every region in the State of California should receive funds to be used for regional water sustainability and for developing new water storage capacity. We also believe that no region should benefit from use of the bond funds at the expense of another region. There should not be any funds dedicated for the destruction of existing storage capacity without concurrent replacement dams being built in the same watershed with increased capacity, nor any policy or funding that advances the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

The various water bond proposals appear to be attempting to earmark watershed protection funds for specific locations. We believe that can cause regional infighting which would be detrimental to the bond passage. The proposed earmarking again ignores the mountain source counties. It appear that only one fifteenth of the money set aside for the Sierra Nevada and Cascade Mountain Counties which provide eighty percent of California's surface water is not consistent with our goals. The reason we recommend that the Conservancies administer these fund is to attempt to eliminate regional conflict. Watershed protection has very different meaning verses watershed restoration. Watershed protection is a byproduct of watershed restoration. Watershed restoration produces more water which is our goal in a water bond.

This is the structure of what can be supported throughout the State of California – we urge the Legislature and Governor Brown to incorporate these suggestions into any new water bond so that we can move expeditiously and noncontroversially towards a prosperous future.

We respectfully offer the following which we strongly support and will gain statewide support for a 2014 Water Bond.

CONTINUOUS APPROPRIATIONS

Without continuous appropriations the water bond does not guarantee any of the following projects will be completed.

WATER STORAGE - \$3 Billion

\$3 Billion for groundwater and surface water storage with the monies to be spent on land acquisitions, engineering and construction

WATERSHED RESTORATION - \$1.7 Billion

\$600 Million set aside for the following:

\$200 Million for the Sierra Nevada and Cascade Mountain Ranges to be administered by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy

\$200 Million for the California Coastal Counties to be administered by the Coastal Conservancy

\$200 Million for counties South of Kern County

IRWMPs - \$1.5 Billion

DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES CLEAN WATER SUPPLY - \$900 Million

DELTA SUSTAINABILITY - \$1.2 Billion

\$800 Million to be administered by the Delta Conservancy, of which a reasonable proportion shall be reserved in clear language in the bond for water quality projects and Delta agriculture/ economic sustainability

\$400 Million for Delta levee improvement projects

WATER REUSE & RECYCLING - \$1 Billion

Sincerely,

Allen R. Ishida
District One

Pete Vander Poel
District Two

Philip A. Cox
District Three

J. Steven Worthley
District Four

Mike Ennis
District Five