



July 27, 2016

Re: California WaterFix Policy Statement

Dear State Water Resources Control Board,

My name is Orville Thomas and I am contacting you on behalf of California Alliance for Jobs. We represent more than 2,000 heavy construction companies and 80,000 union construction workers from Kern County to the Oregon border and strongly support the California WaterFix.

The Alliance for Jobs is part of a robust coalition of business, labor, agriculture, local government, public safety, water advocates and others that strongly support this plan.

More than 2/3 of California residents rely on an antiquated water distribution system that brings water from the Sierra Nevada mountains through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Delta water contributes \$400 Billion to the state's economy. Residents, cities and businesses from the Bay Area to Los Angeles to San Diego receive Delta water and make up the core of our state's economy.

While we can and are doing our part to find local solutions like water conservation and recycling, the fact is that the California WaterFix is the connecting piece of the puzzle that will make our local efforts succeed in securing water supplies for us now and for years to come.

WaterFix will help us manage for the future growth of the state.

Clean water is vital to our economy and WaterFix will protect supplies from salt water contamination as a result of earthquakes and climate change.

WaterFix will protect and create nearly one million jobs across California, nearly 119,000 in construction jobs alone.

We can no longer afford to neglect this aging infrastructure and urge you to support the California WaterFix and approve the change of diversion petition.

Thank you for your time and thank you for this open and important process.

Sincerely,

Orville Thomas

Director of Government Affairs

California Alliance for Jobs