

**SUPPORT FOR GARAMENDI'S
"A WATER PLAN FOR ALL OF CALIFORNIA"**

WHEREAS the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) is an outdated and destructive plan to transfer enormous amounts of water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta to the San Joaquin Valley and southern California through two peripheral tunnels, tearing up the Delta's prime agricultural land for the tunnel construction, negatively impacting the economy of the Delta, with the potential to destroy the largest delta estuary in the western half of the Western Hemisphere, and with the potential to threaten dozens of species of fish and having an extreme expense of \$24.5 billion over 50 years some of which will be funded by an unprecedented general bond, making it the first water structure project paid for not by the users but by all Californian taxpayers.

WHEREAS, what is needed are scientific-driven projects to increase water storage, conservation and production by (1) an increase in water storage south of the Delta in San Joaquin Valley aquifers, expansion of the San Luis and Los Vaqueros reservoirs, and building of more dams at Los Banos Grandes and Temperance Flats; (2) the repair and replacement of deteriorating Delta levees, flood plain, fresh and saltwater marsh habitat improvements with scientific monitoring of the improvements; (3) water conservation including improved agricultural watering devices that measure moisture in the soil and apply the exact amount of water needed and (4) the continued development of more efficient and affordable recycling treatment and desalinization plants; none of which is addressed in the BDCP proposal.

WHEREAS, alternative projects with smaller capacity of no more than 3,000 cubic feet per second to deliver water from the Sacramento to the Tracy pumps should be considered, e.g. a shorter 12-mile pipe beneath the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, built on federal property along the river that leads to the Tracy Pumps.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the DPCCC endorses a comprehensive water plan, "A Water Plan For All of California," proposed by U.S Representative John Garamendi (CA-03).

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County will notify all of our Democratic state representatives, telling them that we reject the BDCP and ask for their assistance in stopping the BDCP plan, which has been approved by the Delta Stewardship Council.