

RESOLUTION NO. 2013 - 34

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SOLANO COUNTY REQUESTING THE CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR BROADEN THE RANGE AND DEPTH OF ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE EVALUATION OF THE BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN (BDCP) AND ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE ALTERNATIVE REFERRED TO AS THE "PORTFOLIO ALTERNATIVE" THAT HAS BEEN PREPARED BY A COALITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS AND WATER DISTRICTS.

WHEREAS; it is critical that implementation of the twenty-two (22) conservation measures being proposed as part of the BDCP do not cause harm and irreversible impacts to Solano and other Delta Counties; and

WHEREAS; the current primary alternative of the BDCP includes provisions that will potentially result in the conversion of tens of thousands of acres of prime and highly productive agricultural lands in Solano County to habitat restoration in addition to other potential water quality and flow impacts; and

WHEREAS; the extent of agricultural land conversion contemplated by the BDCP for Solano County could have extensive and irreversible economic and socio-economic impacts on the County's Delta economy and communities; and

WHEREAS; the current version of the BDCP only considers one primary alternative for full environmental evaluation; the 9000cfs alternative that includes extensive habitat restoration and has the greatest potential impact for Solano County; and

WHEREAS; for a project of the magnitude contemplated by the BDCP, good and informed public policy would dictate that the standard approach to EIR/EIS preparation, with one primary alternative and several secondary alternatives evaluated at a lesser level, would be augmented by a more robust approach that fully evaluates more than one alternative/approach at an equal weight level so that an informed public can fully understand policy choices to be made; and

WHEREAS; the "Portfolio Alternative", developed by a coalition of environmental groups and water districts, represents an intriguing and more comprehensive approach to management of California's precious water supplies than the current primary BDCP alternative consistent with the approved 2009 legislative water package and represents an alternative that should be fully evaluated as part of the BDCP; and

WHEREAS; the "Portfolio Alternative" proposes full analysis of a smaller 3000cfs intake, requires less agricultural land conversion and commits to development of local water supply options, all components that would have less impact on Solano County.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Solano formally requests the California Natural Resources Agency and the United States Department of the Interior to broaden the range and depth of analysis of alternatives associated with the BDCP, including, but not limited to the "Portfolio Alternative" referenced above.

Passed and adopted by the Solano County Board of Supervisors on March 26, 2013 by the following vote:

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| AYES: | Supervisors | <u>Hannigan, Spering, Thomson,</u> <u>Vasquez, and Chair Seifert.</u> |
| NOES: | Supervisors | <u>None.</u> |
| EXCUSED: | Supervisors | <u>None.</u> |


Linda J. Seifert, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
Birgitta E. Corsello, Clerk
Board of Supervisors

By: 
Patricia J. Crittenden, Chief Deputy Clerk