

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 4642**

***A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN, RELIABLE WATER SUPPLIES, AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION***

**WHEREAS**, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is a 550,000-acre estuary where the rivers of the Sierra Nevada merge before heading west to San Francisco Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, water supplies from Northern California that traverse across the Delta are vital to California, providing water for 25 million people from the Bay Area to the Mexican border; and

**WHEREAS**, the Delta is in a state of environmental decline due to the loss of wetlands habitat, invasive species, pesticide runoff, pumping operations and other stressors; and

**WHEREAS**, the decline in the Delta's health threatens this unique environment and water supplies that are key to California's farming communities and the state's overall \$1.7 trillion economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Delta's levees are not engineered to protect the state's water supply distribution system from a major earthquake, and multiple levee failures could disrupt water deliveries and the state's economy for up to three years; and

**WHEREAS**, experts predict that there is a 66 percent probability of a 6.5 or greater magnitude earthquake within the Delta by 2032; and

**WHEREAS**, state and federal agencies, via the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) process, have worked for seven years towards developing a comprehensive package of ecosystem and water system improvements to address both current conflicts in the Delta and long-term threats to the state's water supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, BDCP represents an effort to comply with state and federal environmental laws for fifty years through a cooperative effort to reverse the Delta's decline; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost-benefit analysis identifies the 9,000 cubic feet per second, twin tunnel option as superior, with a net economic benefit of \$4.5 to 5.5 billion, offering the best value that also effectively accomplishes key environmental objectives; and

**WHEREAS**, the smaller facility ('portfolio-based alternative') is inferior in several ways, including its net economic benefit of negative \$1.1 billion; and

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**WHEREAS**, the failure to take decisive action represents an unacceptable risk to the Delta, environment, economy and lives of 25 million Californians; and

**WHEREAS**, the State and Federal Administrations have agreed to a comprehensive set of actions outlined in the Administrative Draft of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan that includes Delta water conveyance improvements to protect public water supplies, habitat restoration and enhanced conservation efforts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Perris, California, as follows:

**Section 1.** The City of Perris supports the current Bay Delta Conservation Plan process, the 9,000 cubic feet per second twin tunnel option and the concepts in the plan advanced by the State and Federal Administrations.

**Section 2.** The City of Perris urges the state and federal agencies to continue progress on releasing a public draft of the plan for review and comment by October 1, 2013 to ensure that the final BDCP plan meets the co-equal goals of ecosystem restoration for the Delta and reliable water supplies for California

**ADOPTED, SIGNED** and **APPROVED** this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

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Mayor, Daryl R. Busch

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Nancy Salazar

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE ) §  
CITY OF PERRIS )

I, Nancy Salazar, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, CALIFORNIA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution Number 4642 was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Perris at a regular meeting held the 29<sup>h</sup> day of October, 2013, by the following called vote:

AYES: RODRIGUEZ, ROGERS, YARBROUGH, LANDERS, BUSCH  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE

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City Clerk, Nancy Salazar