

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 19, 2009

TO: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Patricia Allison, City Manager's Office

SUBJECT: **REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER KERN FOR PRESENTATION BY MR. STEPHEN SHELDON, PRESIDENT OF THE SHELDON GROUP, AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTION TO RESTORE CALIFORNIA'S DELTA AND PROVIDE A RELIABLE WATER SUPPLY**

1 RESOLUTION NO.

2 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENTAL
3 ACTION TO RESTORE CALIFORNIA'S DELTA AND
4 PROVIDE A RELIABLE WATER SUPPLY

5 WHEREAS, the Sacramento- San Joaquin River Delta, known as California's
6 Delta, provides water to an estimated 25 million people throughout the State of
7 California;

8 WHEREAS, the Sacramento and San Joaquin River systems, which provide
9 much of the state's reservoir inflow, were classified as Critically Dry for the 2008 water
10 year;

11 WHEREAS, a biological opinion issued by the United States Fish & Wildlife
12 Service on December 15, 2008, imposed a 30 percent restriction on water deliveries
13 from the State Water Project and Central Valley Project to protect Delta smelt;

14 WHEREAS, State Water Project water allocations have now been reduced to 15
15 percent of requested deliveries, with many of the allocations for agriculture users
16 reduced to zero;

17 WHEREAS, in February 2009, Governor Schwarzenegger declared a State of
18 Emergency due to water supply shortages;

19 WHEREAS, the Delta is home to more than 750 plants and animals, some of
20 which are unique to the Delta;

21 WHEREAS, the Delta Vision Committee drew a fundamental and significant
22 conclusion that California's Delta must be managed according to two co-equal goals:
23 "Restore the Delta ecosystem and create a more reliable water supply for California";

24 WHEREAS, the Bay Delta Conservation Plan is a collaborative approach to
25 restore the Delta ecosystem and protect water supplies; and

26 WHEREAS, THE Delta Vision and Bay Delta Conservation Plan provide a
27 critical piece of the comprehensive solution to provide a sustainable and reliable water
28 supply for California.

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NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oceanside does support as follows: Co-equal goals of the Delta Vision and the ongoing Bay Delta Conservation Plan process as valuable in providing a sustainable water supply for California. The Mayor and City Council further support a comprehensive solution to the issues facing California's Delta.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California this _____ day of _____, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Mayor of the City of Oceanside

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Clerk



City Attorney