STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL
-- A Delta Initiative of Cities and Agencies of San Joaquin County --

RESOLUTION ON LAND USE, WATER, AND OTHER DELTA RELATED ISSUES

This Resolution is effective upon passage by the CITIES, the COUNTY AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS WITHIN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY, which include political subdivisions of the State of California and other interested parties, both public and private, hereinafter collectively referred to as "the MEMBERS."

RECATALS

WHEREAS, the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta is at risk from many factors, and in addressing these threats the State is proposing large-scale changes to the Delta ecosystem, land use authority within the Delta, water conveyance through and around the Delta, water rights, statewide management, and many other aspects related to the Delta; and

WHEREAS, the CITIES, COUNTY and OTHER STAKEHOLDERS as Members believe there is value in developing an initiative on issues concerning the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, its watershed, and greater Bay/Delta estuary; and

WHEREAS, the MEMBERS wish to collectively articulate the issues and interests from the perspective of the Delta region itself, from the people who call the Delta home and best understand the tremendous resource the Delta represents; and

WHEREAS, the MEMBERS have identified a need for joint action, advocacy, and mutual interests on Delta-related issues.

NOW THEREFORE, the MEMBERS adopt this Resolution for the purpose of articulating mutual interests on Delta issues. Furthermore, the MEMBERS resolve to work together to defend Delta-related interests at a regional perspective and to use their unified voice to advocate on behalf of local government in available forums at all levels. Our principles of mutual interests are as follows:

1. Recognition of the authority and responsibility given to local government related to land use, water resource development, flood management, public health and safety, economic development and sustainable growth, agricultural stability, recreation, and environmental protection.
2. Protect the economic viability of agriculture, industry, recreation, and the ongoing vitality of communities throughout the Delta.

3. Represent and include local government in any new governance structures for the Delta.

4. Funding and implementation of urban and non-urban flood protection through rehabilitation, improvement, and maintenance of flood control levees and structures.

5. Protection and restoration of the Delta ecosystem including adequate water supply, quality, and outflow to support fisheries, wildlife, and habitat in perpetuity while supporting immediate improvements to the existing Through-Delta Conveyance as part of a complete strategy for the State’s water management.

6. Incorporation of sustainable approaches for improved water supply, quality, and reliability through the overarching principle of regional self-sufficiency to reduce future reliance on exports from the Delta.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED December 13, 2011

ATTEST: 

ANN JOHNSTON, Mayor
of the City of Stockton

BONNIE PAIGE
City Clerk of the City of Stockton