# Seeking Sustainability in an Era of Change



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Colorado River Commission of Nevada 2010 Symposium The California Water Story

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**Challenges and Opportunities** 



### Headlines

### San Francisco Chronicle

#### S.F., East Bay fear water rationing in future

By Wyatt Buchanan. Matthew Yi

San Francisco and East Bay water managers are warning that a plan to overhaul the state's water system could result in draconian restrictions

Bay Area and possibly undermine water rights that are more than 100 vears old.

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The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and the East Bay Municipal Utility District, which combined serve approximately 3 million people i Bay Area, fear t dry years they c be forced to giv up water to prot the Sacramento-Joaquin River E The Fresno Bee

#### State launches campaign to conserve water

Web site and ads offer tips to help consumers save. By E.J Schultz

SACRAMENTO California in the grip of a three-year drought officials Tuesday announced multimillion-dollar media campaign that will ask residents to save water in every way

Billboards, radio and TV ads will implore Californians to take shorter showers, turn off the faucet, check for plumbing leaks wash only full laundry loads, cut back on lawn watering and use a broom instead of a hose to clean



#### **Ecologist say unrestricted** pumping will harm fish

The Associated Press

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### The Sacramento Bee

#### Legislature ends session without solution to water problems

By Jim Sanders

California

early this morning. unable to agree on

on another low note Capitol shortly before sunrise following an a wide-ranging plan all-night session

#### The Fresno Bee

#### Judge rejects delay in delta pumping restrictions

By John Ellis

West Valley farmers last week were celebrating a reprieve from water pumping restrictions in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Five days later, it's over.

A federal judge Wednesday rejected an emergency request by water districts representing cities and Valley farmers to delay set of pumping restrictions

U.S. District Judge Oliv Wanger's ruling means of five delta pumps operated federal government will b down at 7 a.m. today. The :



#### White House intervenes in state water crisis

Administration wants lawmakers back in session

Kevin Freking

WASHINGTON The Obama administration yesterday urged California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to

call state lawmakers into a special session to deal with the state's water crisis. Meanwhile, the administration will ask the National

Academies of

Sciences to look at alternatives to protecting endangered species in California that could allow for more water delivery from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to

### San Francisco Chronicle

#### Lowest delta-river salmon run ever in 2009

Peter Fimrite

The lowest number of chinook salmon in recorded history made their way up the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers

last fall, turning what was already a disaster for the fishing industry into what some are calling an environmental and economic catastrophe. It is the second year

in a row that there have been record low numbers of spawning salmon, a situation that has created a political conundrum as the battle among farmers, fishermen and



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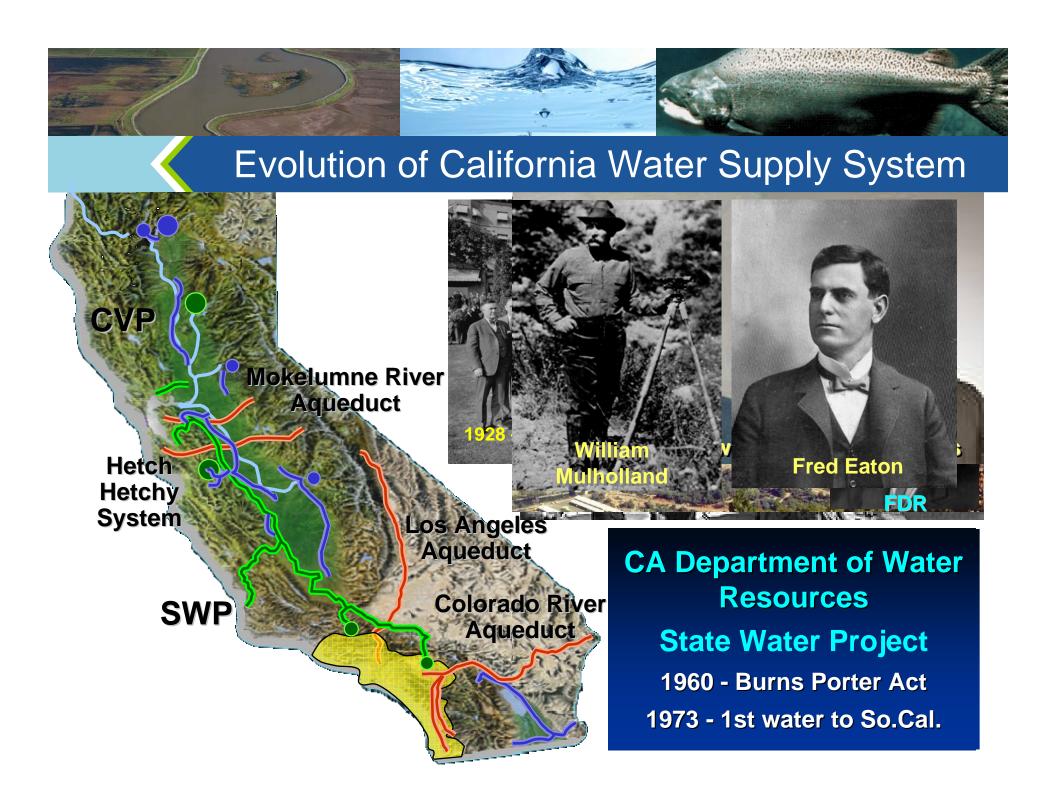


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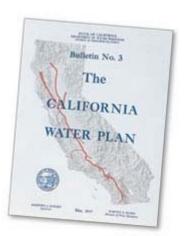




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1957 Plan



Wild & Scenic Rivers Acts



**Clean Water Act** 



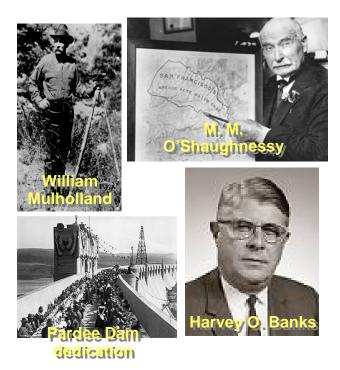
**Legal Decisions** 



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20<sup>th</sup> century solutions focused on resource extraction for utilitarian purposes.



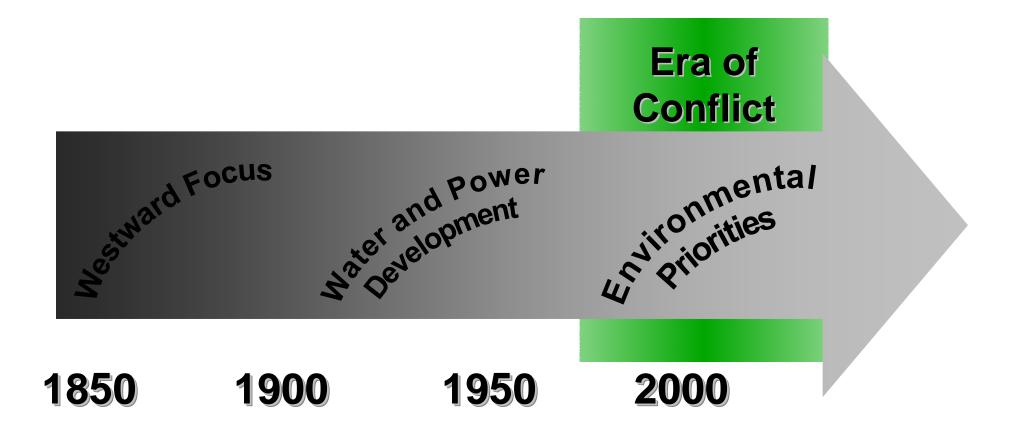






21st century solutions must invest in sustainability for the environment and economy











### The Real Economic Consequences









### The Sacramento Bee

RIDAY, October 31, 2008

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#### Delta cutbacks put Valley town on edge



#### Residents wonder how they'll survive as farm jobs die

By Susan Ferriss

MENDOTA - In the San Joaquin Valley, the most productive farmland on earth, panic is more abundant than the crops that usually blanket the ground.

Drought and environmental concerns have led to severe cuts in irrigation water deliveries from Northern California over the past year, and unemployment in this town of 10,000 is approaching 40 percent.

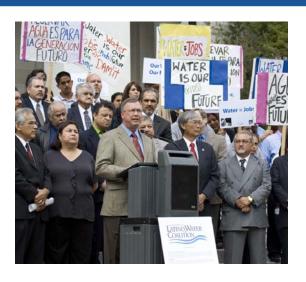
Mendota may be proud to call itself the Cantaloupe Capital of the World, but with California in danger of a third year of drought and more water cuts











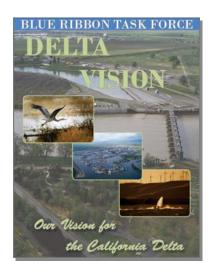


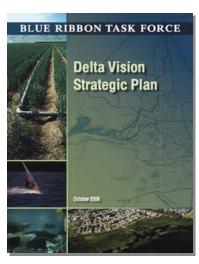


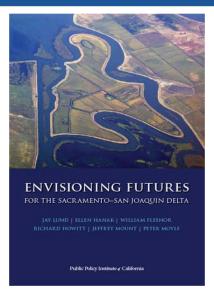
### **Turning the Corner?**



Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force







Public Policy Institute of California



**Bay-Delta Conservation Plan** 



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### **Co-equal Goals**

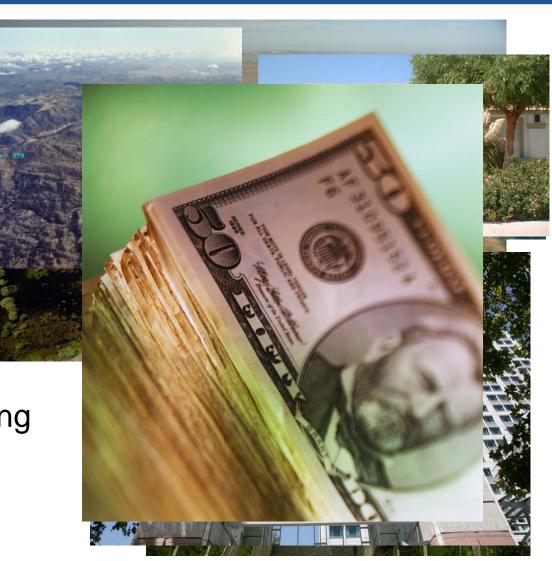
### **Delta Policy**

- Governance
- Conveyance
- BDCP

### **Statewide Policy**

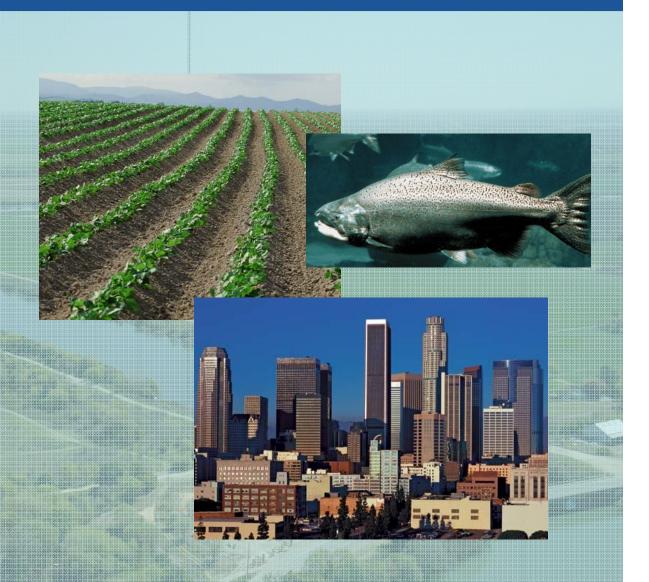
- Storage
- Conservation
- Groundwater monitoring
- Water Rights

#### **Finance**





"Co-equal goals means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem." — SB 1 (Steinberg), Section 85054







**Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force** 

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- Local resource development
- New conveyance and storage infrastructure
- Delta habitat and watershed investments



# Finance: "Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010." – \$11.14 Billion



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### AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY NOVEMBER 4, 2009 AMENDED IN SENATE NOVEMBER 2, 2009

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE-2009-10 SEVENTH EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

SENATE BILL

No. 2

Introduced by Senator Cogdill
(Principal coauthor: Senator Hollingsworth)
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Blakeslee and Caballero)
(Coauthors: Senators Cedillo and Florez)

October 27, 2009

An act to add Division 26.7 (commencing with Section 79700) to the Water Code, relating to a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program, by providing the funds necessary therefor through an election for the issuance and sale of bonds of the State of California and for the handling and disposition of those funds, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

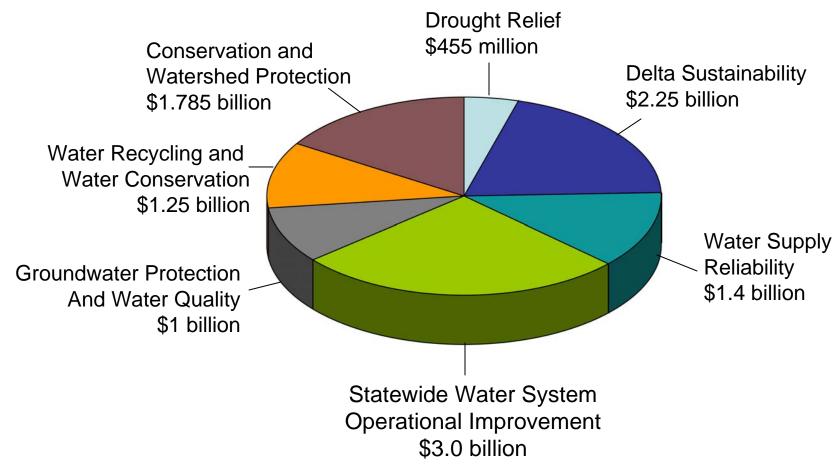
SB 2, as amended, Cogdill. Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010: water quality control plan: 2010.

 Under existing law, various measures have been approved by the voters to provide funds for water supply and protection facilities and programs.

This bill would enact the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$9,990,000,000 \$11,140,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program.

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**Total Funding \$11.14 billion** 



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- \$4 billion: Local Resource development
- \$4 billion: habitat and watersheds
- \$3 billion for storage for co-equal goals and other public benefits









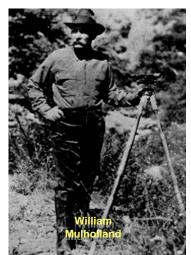






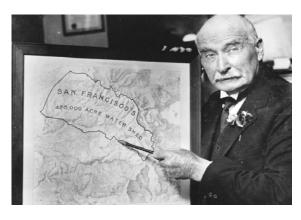
**Delta Conveyance** 

















What will be our legacy to the next generation?



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