

**San Diego County Water Authority
Bay-Delta & Project Policy Principles
Adopted by the Board of Directors July 25, 2019**

1. On April 29, 2019, Governor Newsom signed Executive Order N-10-19, directing the preparation of a water resilience portfolio approach that meets the needs of California's communities, economy, and environment through the 21st century, including consideration of multi-benefit approaches that meet multiple needs at once, and a single-tunnel Bay-Delta project.
2. The Water Authority Board of Directors supports Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-10-19 and directs staff to inform the Newsom Administration that its support for a single-tunnel Bay-Delta project is expressly conditioned upon the project costs being characterized by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) as conservation, or supply charges, as similar facilities historically have been defined in the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (MWD) State Water Project (SWP) contract with DWR.
 - As reflected in Table 2 of DWR's Appendix B to Bulletin 132-17, Data and Computation Used to Determine Water Charges, and for which costs are recovered in Article 22(a) of Delta Water Charge of MWD's SWP Contract; allow for the exemption of north-of-Delta SWP contractors.
3. Support establishment of an independent and transparent oversight function to monitor and provide regular updates on project implementation progress, including expenditure tracking, construction progress, project participants' contributions, and all other relevant activities and developments.
4. Continue to support the co-equal goals of water supply reliability and environmental restoration embodied in the 2009 Delta bill package.
5. Improve the ability of water-users to divert water from the Delta during wet periods, when impacts on fish and the ecosystem are lower and water quality is higher.
6. Encourage the development of a statewide water transfer market that will improve water management and allow more efficient use of available resources.
7. Allow access to all SWP facilities, including project facilities, to facilitate water transfers.
8. Support improved coordination of Central Valley Project and SWP operations and implementation of voluntary agreements that are fair to users of both projects and do not unfairly shift costs to SWP contractors.
9. Support continued state ownership and operation of the SWP, including project facilities, as a public resource.