

California Business Roundtable Endorses *The Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010*

Say Passage of Water Bond in November is Vital to Restoring California's Economy. Join Broad Coalition of Environmental, Business, Farmers, Labor, Water Agencies, Community and Ethnic Groups in Support of November Statewide Water Bond

SACRAMENTO, CA – Today, the coalition in support of the November 2010 water bond, the Alliance for Clean Water and Jobs, announced the endorsement of the California Business Roundtable and the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. These groups join a diverse and rapidly-growing coalition of environmental groups, business and labor, farmers, water agencies, community and ethnic organizations working to secure voter approval of the water bond in November. [Click here](#) for a current list of supporters.

“Water supply cutbacks are slowing economic growth in regions throughout the state, and without action the water crisis threatens our entire economy and job creation,” said Bill Hauck, president of the California Business Roundtable. “We must take action now to restore the physical infrastructure that delivers water to millions of businesses and California residents before it’s too late.”

California's water system is outdated and straining to meet the needs of its residents, farms, businesses and environment. Designed 30 years ago to serve 16 million residents, our water system now serves more than 38 million, and is struggling to meet the needs of our homes, farms, businesses, wildlife and the environment. A myriad of problems plagues our water system, including:

- **Severely Limited Supplies of Water.** California faces many challenges storing and moving sufficient water supplies to meet the needs of our economy and population, challenges that have been worsened after three straight years of drought.
- **Contamination & Pollution of Rivers, Lakes, Streams and Groundwater.**
- **An Environment at Risk.** In areas critical to our water supply, entire ecosystems and watersheds are threatened because of contamination and changes in natural water flows.
- **Crumbling & Aging Infrastructure at Risk of Failure.** California's network of water storage and delivery infrastructure (pipes, canals, surface and groundwater storage) is outdated and inadequate to meet California's water supply and environmental needs.
- **The Delta in Crisis.** The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) - which delivers water to more than 25 million people and which is the largest natural estuary on the West Coast – faces a host of environmental and infrastructure problems that threaten our water supply and the environment.

If passed, *the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010* will:

- ✓ **Help develop more reliable water supplies** by improving the infrastructure that stores and delivers water.
- ✓ **Clean up drinking water sources** by funding emergency actions to clean up water supplies in at-risk areas, cleaning up groundwater contamination, and protecting rivers, lakes and streams that supply our drinking water.

- ✓ **Protect & restore the environment** by providing vitally needed ecosystem restoration including reviving threatened fish populations, investing in conservation and watershed protections, and cleaning up of rivers, lakes, streams, beaches and the coast.
- ✓ **Increase local water supplies** through funding of local and regional projects to clean up local water sources and reduce dependence on water brought in from other regions by funding advanced treatment technologies to promote water recycling and clean up projects.
- ✓ **Restore the Delta.** By fortifying hundreds of miles of levees and restoring the delta ecosystem and habitats, the measure will help protect the delta and prevent a full-fledge collapse of its infrastructure and natural environment.
- ✓ **Enhance conservation** by funding local water agency conservation efforts to reduce water usage and enhance water-use efficiency.

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