

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016

Regular Meeting – 1:30 p.m.

MERCED COUNTY
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SCHEDULED ITEMS

1:30 P.M.

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ITEMS)**

REGULAR CALENDAR

BOARD ACTION

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEV.

1. Presentation from the State Water Resources Control Board staff on the revised draft Substitute Environmental Document (SED); and provide staff direction regarding the revised draft SED for the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan.

REVIEW BOARD ORDER – SEE PAGE 3 AND 4

**THE BOARD ADJOURNED THE MEETING UNTIL TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016
AT 10:00 A.M.**

BOARD ORDERS – SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES – OCTOBER 18, 2016 – 1:30 p.m.

ACTION ITEM NO. 1

2016-10-18 COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEV.

The Clerk announces Presentation from the State Water Resources Control Board staff on the revised draft Substitute Environmental Document (SED); and to provide staff direction regarding the revised draft SED for the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan is before the Board for consideration.

Assemblyman Adam Gray states concerns with the Water Board's actions, reviews the history of the projects and the lack of opportunity for public comment. Assemblyman Gray states frustration with the lack of coordination between the groups and the 60 day timeline to read and comment on a 4000 page document.

County Executive Officer Jim Brown reviews the history of the Water Plan and states the revised draft recommendations of the plan will have a significant impact on the economy, groundwater and many other significant impacts to our community. Mr. Brown also states the comment period on the plan has been extended to January and meetings are being scheduled.

Supervisor Walsh states frustration on how long it has taken to get meetings scheduled with the Water Board.

Tom Howard, Executive Director of the State Water Control Board briefs the Board on the draft SED for the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan and reviews a powerpoint presentation (Supplemental #1) covering the following slides: Lower San Joaquin River (LSJR) Basin, Four Key Points, Current Plan out of Date, Why Focus on Flow?, This is Hard, Requires Balancing, Settlements are Encouraged, Comment Period Schedules, Current SJR Spring Flow Objective, Proposed LSJR Flow Objective, Current Southern Delta Salinity Objective, Proposed Southern Delta Salinity Objective, Instream Flows Under the Flow Proposal, Ecosystem Benefits of the Flow Proposal, What are the Impacts of the Flow Proposal, and Phase 1 Nest Steps.

The Board has lengthy discussion regarding how flow studies were performed, 40 Percent reductions in water flow to valley, impact on farming and the entire economy, recharge to groundwater, not enough time for comment period, the possibility of water flow being diverted for Governor's Twin Tunnel Project.

Congressman Jim Costa states meeting today is a good first step for public to give input on a flawed proposal and submits copy of letter sent to Felicia Marcus at the State Water Resources Control Board requesting extension of the comment period. Congressman Costa also states the population has doubled since the 50's and 60's, the proposal is incredibly unbalanced and need to fix the water system first then talk about a revised plan.

The following individuals state concerns with the State Water Resources Control Board's revised draft Substitute Environmental Document for the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan and the effects of what a 40 percent reduction of water will do to the Valley and Merced County, and

the need to extend the comment period on the Plan: Carmen Ramirez local Attorney; Wayne Morris, Farmer; Larry Morse, Merced County District Attorney; Mike Murphy, Merced City Council member; Diana Westmoreland-Pedrozo, Steve Chester, Westside Contractor; Hicham Etal, M.I.D; Mike Jenson, M.I.D; Darrell Cordova, Vice President Stanislaus Farm Bureau; Cole Upton, Chowchilla Water District member; Brad Samuelson, Farm and Environmental Planner; Ralph Gonzalez, Army Veteran; Brian Raymond, Atwater resident; Dr. Salvador Sandoval, Ken Robbins, Water Attorney; Josh Pedrozo, Merced City Council member and Teacher; Joe Scoto, Farmer and McSwain School Board member; Maxwell Norton, Bob Weimer, Dan Dewise, Water Board member; Brianne Ramos, Executive Director Farm Bureau; and Dennis Brazil, Gustine Mayor.
Present: Walsh, Pedrozo, McDaniel, Kelsey, O'Banion