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ADOPTING NORTH STATE WATER ALLIANCE WATER POLICY PRINCIPLES

RESOLUTION NO. 11-01

WHEREAS, the counties in Northern California on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada supply the majority of water that flows through the Delta, and

WHEREAS, northern California and the adjacent six-county Sacramento region can benefit from regional coordination and collaboration in developing implementable solutions to future water resources challenges and opportunities, and

WHEREAS, conditions in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta have reached a state of crisis that threatens the environment of the Delta and the economy of California, and

WHEREAS proposed solutions for the Delta could pose serious risks to the water supplies, economy, environment, and quality of life of northern California and the Sacramento region, and

WHEREAS, in order to protect these interests, Mountain Counties Water Resources Association seeks to promote regional cooperation on water issues, and to be a part of a collaborative and comprehensive solution to the issues facing the Delta,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we support a regional coalition based on the following principles:

- Water rights priorities and area-of-origin assurances must be recognized and protected to ensure reliable supplies for all water uses and environmental needs in our region.
- Stakeholders in northern California must be given the opportunity to be fully included in and consulted on all aspects of development of a Delta solution and other state and federal water policies that affect the region.

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- A Delta solution and other state or federal actions must honor and not reduce or preempt the authority and responsibilities of cities, counties, and other local agencies.
- Northern California will continue to invest in and implement water supply, water efficiency, recycling and re-use, storage, and other water management projects and programs that are cost effective and improve our regional self-sufficiency.

We will support a Delta solution that:

- Is based on sound science to ensure it is effective and implemented in an equitable manner,
- Requires the beneficiaries of any actions associated with a Delta solution to fully fund the costs of such actions, and
- Does not shift negative economic, environmental, or societal impacts to areas in our region.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the MOUNTAIN COUNTIES WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION on the 4th day of October 2011.



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