

Water Blueprint

for the San Joaquin Valley

We are pleased to share some information about a group that is seeking to highlight one of the San Joaquin Valley's greatest challenges, California regulation and water policy, while advancing a pragmatic solution set and convening a thoughtful dialogue with a diverse and collaborative group of stakeholders.

The Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley (the "Blueprint") is supported by a broad coalition of water users that are continuing to seek input from all stakeholders including local governments, public water agencies, agriculture industry representatives, disadvantaged communities, environmental organizations, academia, and others.

Over the past year the Blueprint has accomplished the following:

Created a more robust mission, vision and goals for the organization through a strategy session to lead Blueprint:

- **Mission – Unifying the San Joaquin Valley's voice to advance an accessible, reliable solution for a balanced water future for all**
- **Vision – The Water Blueprint serves as the united voice to champion water resource policies and projects to maximize accessible, affordable, and reliable supplies for sustainable and productive farms and ranches, healthy communities, and thriving ecosystems in the San Joaquin Valley.**



Reorganized the association and established a formal board of directors with an approved set of bylaws to help facilitate order and governance.



Executed a letter to Governor Newsom outlining near term investment projects that Water Blueprint supports to help in drought response.



Conducted meaningful discussions related to California water policy with environmental organization leaders and disadvantaged community groups.



In coordination with water organizations and agencies from the Central Valley, Northern California and Southern California, a letter was sent to Governor Newsom and California Legislature calling for more drought and flood investment.



Highlighted the impending calamity facing the San Joaquin Valley through communications with the Governor's office, state and federal Cabinet Secretaries, agency heads, key legislators, and other policymakers.



In collaboration with congressmen Jim Costa and Josh Harder, the Blueprint assisted in curating a letter sent to the U.S Department of the Interior and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on behalf of Costa and Harder. The letter listed projects that should be prioritized by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

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The primary purpose of the Blueprint is to highlight the impacts of California regulation and water policy while advancing balanced solutions. The Blueprint's success will require several activities to be executed in a coordinated fashion over the next 20 years. The next phases of activities will require planning and engineering services to support the development, evaluation, and selection of activities that will be pursued, including:



Supporting efforts to develop safe, clean, affordable water supplies for disadvantaged communities.



Developing an environmental plan to manage land use changes for agricultural lands that unavoidably must come out of production.



Assisting Groundwater Sustainability Agencies within the San Joaquin Valley with implementation of SGMA and their Groundwater Sustainability Plans.



Developing a water supply plan that includes recharge and infrastructure investments aimed at minimizing the loss of productive agricultural lands and addressing socio-economic impacts to communities who experience those losses.

Please feel free to visit the Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valleys' website at waterblueprintca.com

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