California's Surface Water

A System in Crisis



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Headlines

San Francisco Chronicle

Peripheral canal, new levees urged for Delta

By Kelly Zito Chronicle Staff Writer

An influential

without the approval of the California Legislature.

million Californians. appointed task force

That differed from another governor-The panel backed

The Sacramento Bee

Nature Conservancy backs Delta canal, with conditions

By Matt Weiser

In a statement

water supplies.

Los Angeles Timi

Thursday, January 15, 2009

L.A.'s water woes worsen

By Shelby Grad

Los Angeles has been told it can expect a big jump in the cost of water -- and that has officials angry and has raised the specter

of rationing, according to the Daily Breeze:

Los Angeles could be facing a 21 percent increase in the cost of water as the continuing drought potentially

leads to a to The Metror

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Water Distr

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passed on by supplier. By Rick Oriov

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leads to a tougher water rationing plan limiting residents to outdoor watering only three days a week.

The cost of water may rise in L.A.

DROUGHT: The hike of as 21 percent could be

The Metropolitan Water District, which provides the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power with 60 percent of its supplies, unveiled the higher costs at a recent meeting, drawing anger

CONTRA COSTA

WEDNESDAY, December 31, 2008

Federal ruling helps fish,

but water costs feared

By Matt Weiser

Sierra snow pack low, a dry winter looms

By Mike Taugher

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Ocean conditions have shifted in a way that probably means

The Sacramento

dams, according to sweeping new

federal rules that

nd sturgeon in the Central en to extinction by Delta and upstream reservoir

system imperils fish

Federal draft

report: Delta

The impacts are so significant that the agency is also studying whether killer whales in the ocean could be imperiled by declining Central Valley salmon, their primary prey.

The grave findings suggest that California's efforts to serve thirsty farms and cities while sustaining healthy fisheries will only get more difficult.

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The Sacramento Bee

TUESDAY, January 13, 2009

Delta fish hit record lows in 2008

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Water rationing likely in SoCal this spring

By Associated Press

The giant water wholesaler serving 18 million Southern Californians says there's an increased likelihood water will

be rationed this spring

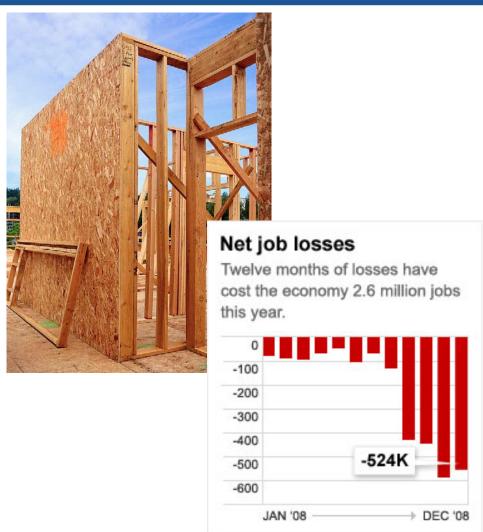
The Metropolitan Water District. which supplies cities and water agencies throughout the region, had said earlier there was a 33 percent chance of rationing. In a report Tuesday,

the district hiked the possibility to 50 percent.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has restricted Sacramento-San Joaquin river delta water deliveries to Southern California

The Real Economic Consequences





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Delta cutbacks put Valley town on edge

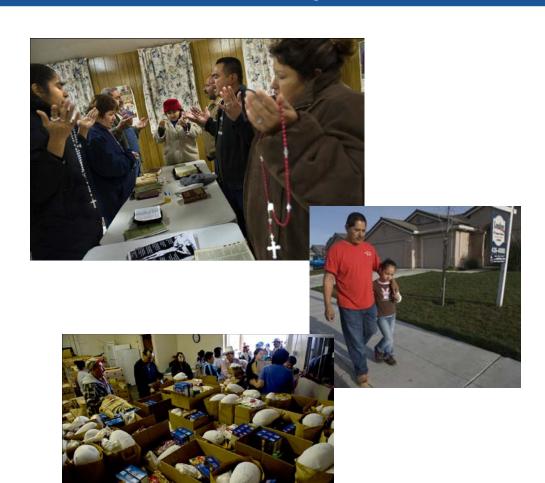


Residents wonder how they'll survive as farm jobs die

By Susan Ferriss

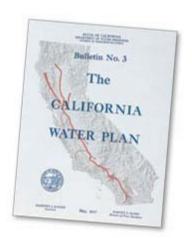
MENDOTA – In the San Joaquin Valley, the most productive farmland on earth, panic is more abundant than the crops that usually blanket the ground. Drought and environmental concerns have led to severe cuts in irrigation water deliveries from Northern California over the past year, and unemployment in this town of 10,000 is approaching 40 percent.

Mendota may be proud to call itself the Cantaloupe Capital of the World, but with California in danger of a third year of drought and more water cuts

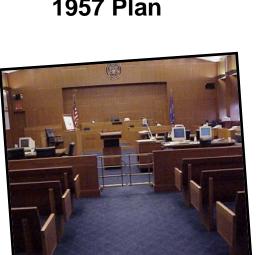




Managing Water is Managing Change



1957 Plan



Legal Decisions



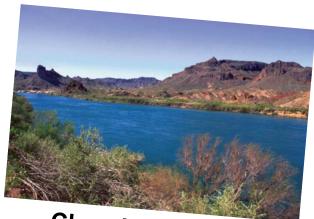
Wild & Scenic Rivers Acts



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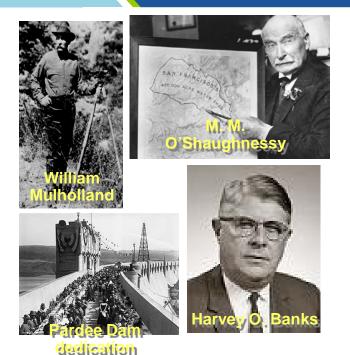


Endangered Species



Clean Water Act

From Extraction to Sustainability







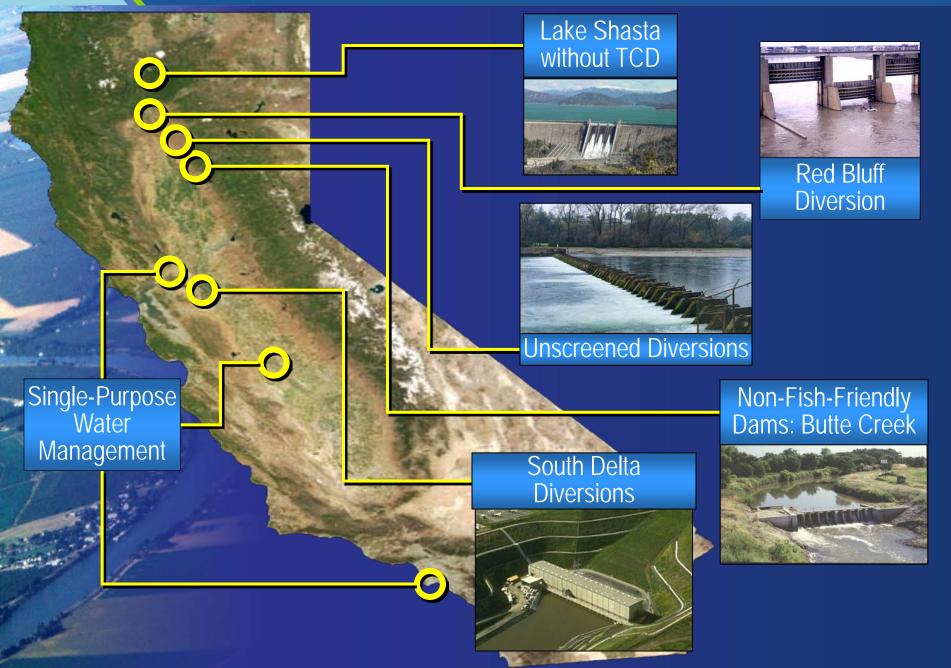






21st century solutions must invest in sustainability for the environment and economy

High Conflict Infrastructure (circa 1980s)

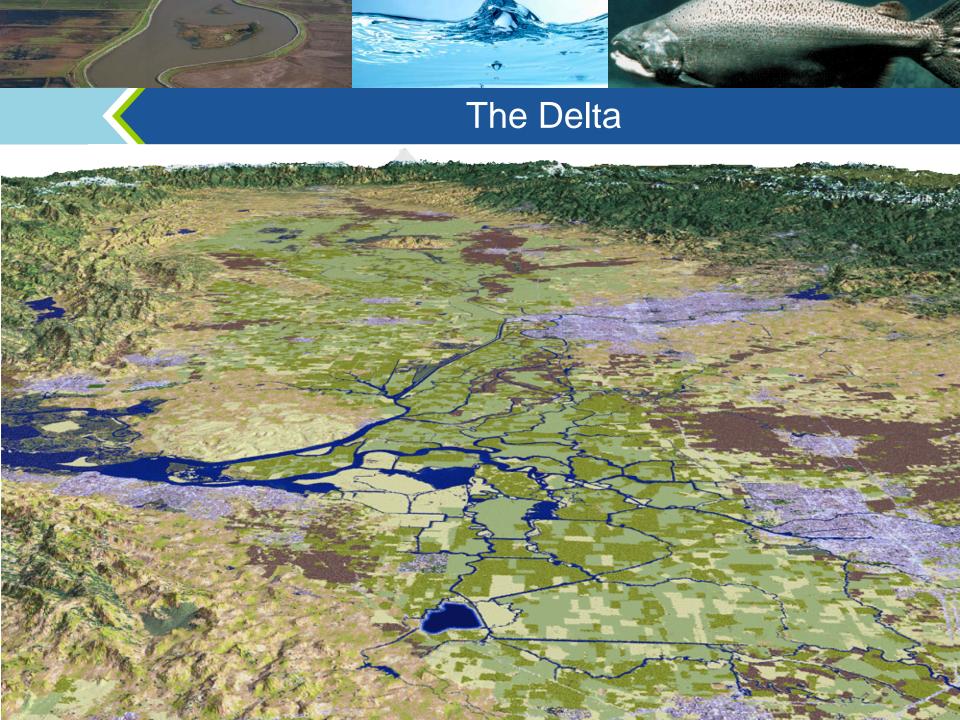


Low conflict Infrastructure - Above Delta



Low conflict Infrastructure - Below the Delta





Where California Water Policy is Being Made Today



Wanger Decision in a Nutshell



Impacts of ESA Decision Making



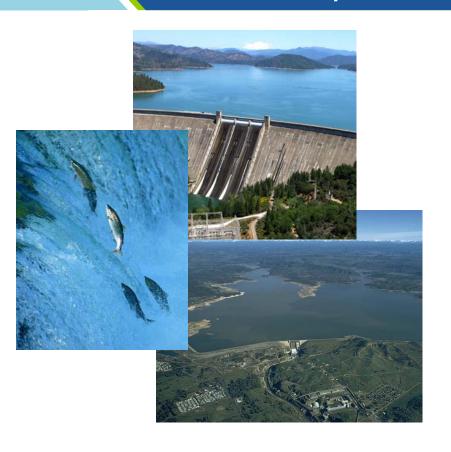
40% loss of conveyance capacity

- 40% of supplies lost on average
- Over 50% in drought years
- Going to get worse

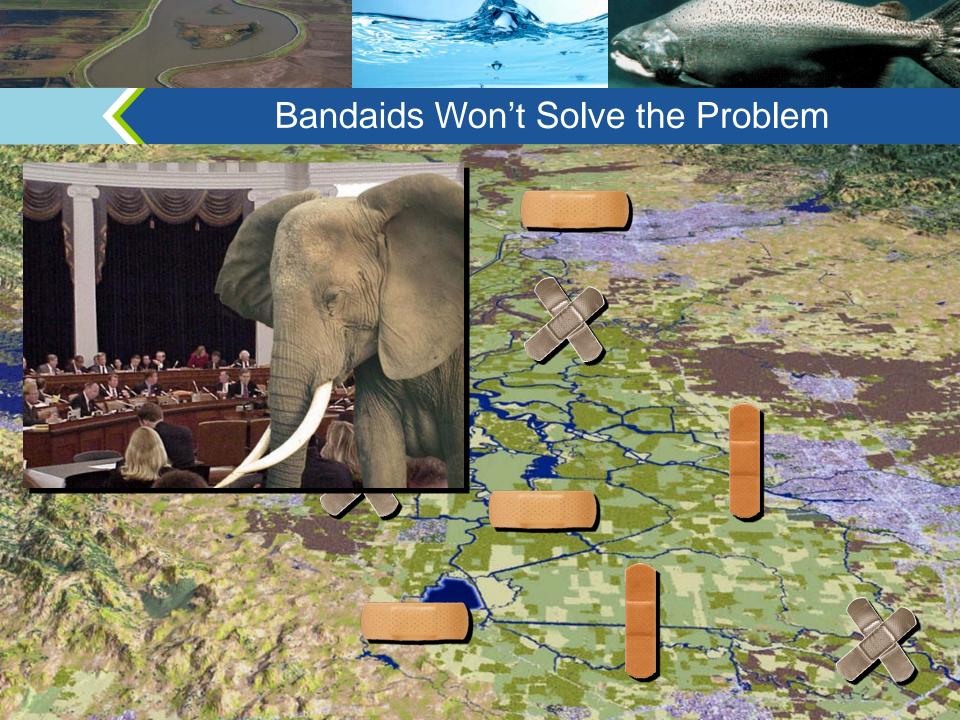


Additional loss of capacity

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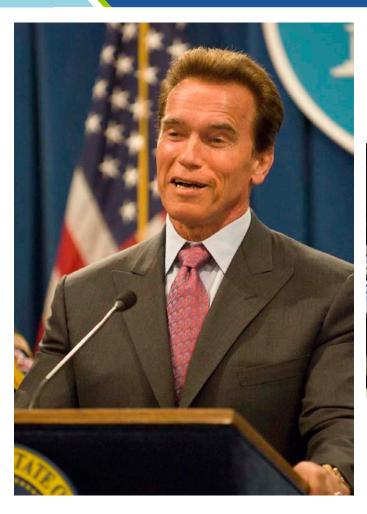
ACWA Blueprint Calls for Delta Vision





Blueprint calls for Blue Ribbon Commission "To Think Outside the Box"

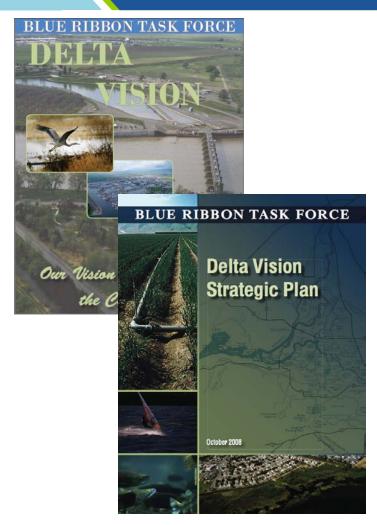
Governor Responds





Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force

Delta Vision Strategic Plan













Cabinet Committee Review





Delta Vision Strategic Plan: Six Point Plan

- 1. Coequal Goals
- 2. Dual Conveyance
- 3. Additional Storage

4. Local Resource Development

- 5. Habitat Restoration
- 6. All Stressors





ACWA Supports the Vision...But



Governance



Finance



Water Rights





Near Term Action: Restore Balance









Modify ESA Implementation



Water Bank



Aggressive Conservation



Public Education

Action on Water Now

Long Term Action: Implement Six Point Plan



Challenges for California & Obama Administration









Action on Water Now

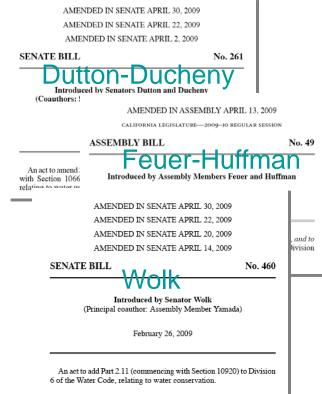
State Leaders Must Act



Comprehensive Water Bond



Governance Legislation



Conservation Legislation

Call for Action on Water Now!





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