

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLUMAS COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN SUPPORT OF THE
WATER SUPPLY AND WATER QUALITY ACT OF 2018**

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Whereas, in our frequently very dry state, our high-tech, agricultural and urbanized economy relies on an uninterrupted and high-quality water supply. By making water use more efficient, reducing the demand for water, providing new and diverse water supplies, improving the quality of our source watersheds, and protecting key environmental uses of water, this measure will assure that the economic and environmental engines of California are not derailed by a shortage of water;

Whereas, California's water situation requires implementation of the Governor's Water Action Plan to provide for the water needs of people, agriculture and the environment. This measure will help provide a more reliable water supply by reducing waste, increasing the amount of water available to meet our needs, and improving water quality. This measure also provides additional protection for our communities from floods;

Whereas, this measure provides a fair and reasonable distribution of funds directly and indirectly benefitting every region of the state;

Whereas, severe fire conditions can lead to significant erosion, reduced water quality and impacts on water infrastructure. This division provides funding to manage forests and watersheds to reduce fire danger, mitigate the effects of wildfires on water supply and quality, and enhance water supplies;

Whereas, the State Water Resources Control Board, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and many other agencies have recognized that providing funding for fish habitat enhancement is vital to restoring native California fish populations, and that relying solely on flow to restore those populations will not be sufficient. Providing funding for fish habitat enhancement is a vital complement to reasonable flows to protect fish;

Whereas, California has lost ninety-five percent (95%) of its historical wetlands. These wetlands provide food, water and cover for migratory and other birds, fish, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and a vast number of plant species. Many species may become endangered or threatened without wetlands and many more survive only due to wetlands available today. This division combines work to sustain and protect current wetlands with the potential to increase wetlands in California to support a thriving flora and fauna;

Whereas, this measure allocates \$350 million directly to forest health, restoration, conservation, water quality, and fuel reduction projects in the Sierra Nevada region;

