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## **California Infrastructure Coalition Endorses ACWA's "Blueprint" for Water Calls Bold Action Plan Essential to Meet the State's Water Needs**

SACRAMENTO – Calling it the right plan at the right time, the Board of Directors of the California Infrastructure Coalition (CIC) voted at their recent July board meeting to endorse the Association of California Water Agencies' (ACWA) newly released action plan for meeting future water needs in the state. The ACWA document, "No Time to Waste: A Blueprint for California Water," recommends a diverse mix of actions and investments to ensure that California has the water system it will need in the decades to come.

"This plan correctly emphasizes the need to improve and expand our water supply infrastructure to meet California's water needs in the future," said CIC Chairman and California League of Cities Executive Director Chris McKenzie. "If we expect to meet those needs, our elected leaders and policy makers need to make investments today in our infrastructure and continue to support local and regional efforts to improve water supplies and water management."

Formally presented to the Schwarzenegger Administration in May and distributed to state and federal lawmakers and policy leaders, the Blueprint has been praised for laying out an action-oriented plan for investing in California's vital water supply infrastructure.

"This state is growing by 600,000 people a year," noted Robert Rivinius, CIC vice-chairman and California Building Industry Association CEO. "Water is our future. Here we have water experts talking about what we ought to do about water; we should embrace this."

Developed by a task force representing local public water agencies from throughout the state, the Blueprint is intended to serve as a roadmap for state and federal leaders to ensure that California has the water supply system it will need to support people, jobs and ecosystems in the future.

"When it comes to investing in our water future, there literally is no time to waste," ACWA's Executive Director and CIC Board Member Steve Hall said. "Over the past decade, there has been tremendous progress at the local and regional levels to improve the management of our water supplies. But we see a clear role for our state and federal leaders to do their part by investing in our statewide backbone infrastructure so we will have the capacity and the flexibility to complement local efforts and meet the diverse water needs of the future."

Key recommendations include improving the existing water conveyance system in the

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Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta; evaluating long-term threats to Delta levees and pursuing actions to reduce risks to the state's water supply and the environment; developing additional groundwater and surface water storage; and supporting and funding local efforts to expand recycled water use, water use efficiency and desalination of seawater and brackish

To read the Blueprint and learn more about its development, contact ACWA at 916.441.4545 or visit [www.acwa.com](http://www.acwa.com).

The California Infrastructure Coalition is a non-profit, broad-based organization that advocates for dedicated and consistent sources of funding to sustain California's vital infrastructure. For more information, visit CIC's website at [www.calinfrastructure.org](http://www.calinfrastructure.org).