

Resolution 2008-10
of the
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

**A RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
EFFORTS TO BALANCE A LIMITED WATER SUPPLY
FOR PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

WHEREAS, The Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) is responsible for managing groundwater extractions and preserving and protecting vital water supplies within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, The United Water Conservation District (United) owns and operates important facilities that supplement local water demand, in particular the Vern Freeman Diversion across the Santa Clara River which serves to offset and minimize seawater intrusion into the Oxnard Plain aquifers by providing significant quantities of surface water for both farming and groundwater recharge; and

WHEREAS, United Water has undergone a difficult and lengthy Section 7 consultation process with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) to deal with Freeman Diversion issues related to the Endangered Species Act for steelhead trout; and

WHEREAS, After the NMFS issuance of a biological opinion concluding that measures proposed by United and the Bureau for the benefit of steelhead are insufficient and are likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the species, the Bureau decided to withdraw from further participation in the process leaving United with no authorization for its diversion operations.

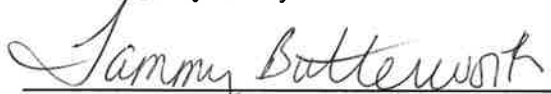
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, that the FCGMA acknowledges and declares that United's operations are important for protecting aquifers essential for local cities and farms; further, that water resources managed by United are essential to the economy of Ventura County; and the FCGMA Board supports United's mission to conserve local water resources in an environmentally balanced manner; thus, we call upon all parties to work together towards common-sense solutions to protecting riparian habitat while maintaining water supplies needed to replenish critically over-drafted aquifers.

On a motion by Director Craven and seconded by Director McIntyre, Resolution No. 2008-10 was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board held on this 3rd day of December 2008 in Ventura, California.



Lynn E. Maulhardt, Chair
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

ATTEST: I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2008-10.

By: 

Tammy Butterworth, Clerk of the Board