

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORT OF THE)
WATER BOND INITIATIVE ON THE)
NOVEMBER BALLOT)

RESOLUTION NO 18-169

WHEREAS, The Friant- Kern Canal has lost 60% of its capacity to convey water for both consumptive uses and groundwater recharge due to subsidence that, unless addressed, will only continue to get worse and further adversely affect agriculture and those local communities, including disadvantaged communities, who largely rely on groundwater to serve their citizens; and

WHEREAS, A ballot initiative has been drafted that would authorize the sale of bonds and add a new Division 38 to the California Water Code entitled the "Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018," which would govern how the proceeds of the bonds would be used to provide for the water needs of people, agriculture and the environment; and

WHEREAS, The water bond contains funds to repair the Friant-Kern Canal, help water agencies implement the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, and provide safe drinking water and wastewater disposal systems to many communities in the San Joaquin Valley; and

WHEREAS, If approved by voters, the measure would appropriate from the bonds issued and sold the sum of \$750,000,000 to the Department of Water Resources for a grant to the Friant Water Authority for water conveyance capital improvements, including restored and increased conveyance capacity to and in the Madera and Friant-Kern canals, resulting in greater groundwater recharge, improved conveyance and utilization of flood waters, and for water conservation.

WHEREAS, If approved, the measure would also appropriate from the bonds issued and sold \$675,000,000 for Sustainable Groundwater Management Act implementation programs and projects intended to stabilize groundwater levels in overdraft groundwater basins.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno: endorses the November Water Bond, and urges voters living in the San Joaquin Valley to support its passage.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 8th day of May, 2018, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Borgeas, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None


SAL QUINTERO, CHAIRPERSON BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO

ATTEST:
BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

By Susan Bishop
Deputy