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VWD Board endorses water delivery improvement package for state

San Marcos, CA – Given the controversy that has surrounded the State Water Project, a system of pumps and canals responsible for transporting water from the Sierras to Southern California, the Vallecitos Water District Board of Directors are in support of a comprehensive water package that improves Delta conveyance, additional surface water and groundwater storage, and expanded water use efficiency statewide.

The recent 10-day shutdown of the State Water Project - the result to protect threatened Delta smelt fish species, solidified the need for the passage of this package. Coming at the driest period in two decades, the shutdown underscores the need to invest in California's statewide infrastructure and change the way water is transported across the Delta.

The Delta is a key source of drinking water for 25 million Californians and more than 7 million acres of irrigated farmland. Passage of a water package will rebuild and revitalize a water system that is so critical to the state.

Governor Schwarzenegger has proposed such investments as part of the Strategic Growth Plan for Water. U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein has also expressed her strong support for the comprehensive water package.

Vallecitos joins hundreds of California water agencies, business and labor groups, and other organizations strongly supporting passage of a comprehensive water package this year.

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Vallecitos Water District is an independent, special district dedicated to providing water, wastewater and reclamation services to approximately 86,000 people in a 45- square-mile area that includes San Marcos, Lake San Marcos - portions of Escondido, Carlsbad, and Vista - as well as other surrounding unincorporated areas. The public is invited to Board Meetings, taking place at 4 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at VWD's Administration, Operations and Maintenance Facility - 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos.