

Why a California Water “Fix?”

Five Benefits for Orange County

Orange County’s imported water supply from Northern California is at long-term risk. The reliability of this supply for Orange County and all of Southern California is threatened due to pumping restrictions, deteriorating environmental conditions in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and an aging water system that was not designed to meet today’s challenges. State and federal agencies want to modernize this system through a project known as the California WaterFix that has both water delivery and ecosystem benefits. Here are five benefits to Orange County if the project moves forward.



Ensuring a Reliable Supply

Nearly half of Orange County’s total water supply is imported from the Colorado River and Northern California. Even with new local supplies and more conservation in the future, imported water will remain critical. California WaterFix will help protect an essential water supply.



Supporting Local Water Storage

Orange County has a large system of reservoirs and groundwater basins that store and protect local and imported water supplies. These reserves supply water to the entire region. California WaterFix helps promote healthy local storage levels for long term reliability.



Protecting Orange County’s Investment

Orange County ratepayers have invested hundreds of millions of dollars over the years to build and maintain the State Water Project system in Northern California. Modernizing the system through the California WaterFix will help protect this investment for decades to come.



Preserving Jobs

Orange County and Silicon Valley rely on this same vital water supply. Securing its reliability will protect nearly 1 million jobs statewide, based on a University of California study. Secure employment leads to healthy consumer demand which encourages business development and growth.



Preparing for Drought and Emergencies

Nearly all Southland water held in reserves is imported water. These reserves are used to protect the region from devastating effects of drought and other emergencies. California WaterFix helps ensure that Orange County will have sufficient supplies at critical times when we need them.

An Integral Part of the Southland's Water Strategy

There is no single solution to Southern California's water challenges. Changes in weather patterns, population growth, economic development and a variety of regulatory challenges will require action on every front to ensure a reliable water supply for the future. Maintaining - not increasing - imported water supplies is a vital component of the Southland's long-term water strategy.

California WaterFix Helps to Connect Solutions Together



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