

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ORLAND-ARTOIS WATER DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 1-
THE WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY, AND INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014**

AS A BASIS AND PREMISE for this Resolution, the Board of Directors of ORLAND-ARTOIS WATER DISTRICT (OAWD) finds and states as follows:

WHEREAS, the State of California is currently suffering from the most impactful multi-year drought circumstance in modern history;

WHEREAS, the State of California has failed to make a significant investment in new surface storage and other vital water infrastructure over the past several decades, despite growth that has more than doubled the population of the state during that time frame, and despite regulatory and legislative actions that have resulted in the reallocation of millions of acre feet of water for environmental purposes;

WHEREAS, as an illustration of the impacts that have occurred as a result of these circumstances, in the 2014 Water Year, OAWD along with the seventeen other Water Districts which make up the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA), which collectively total 150,000 acres of farmland in four counties on the Westside of the Sacramento Valley, are currently experiencing, for the first time in history, a zero percent allocation of water from the Central Valley Project, resulting in significant farm, local, regional, and statewide economic impacts;

WHEREAS, OAWD farms have adopted the most efficient types of irrigation systems, including drip and micro-sprinkler and all water used is metered and billed volumetrically, yet current water supplies fail to meet the needs of OAWD growers in most years;

WHEREAS, water districts, counties, cities, and local, state and federal elected officials throughout California agree and acknowledge that a comprehensive, statewide water plan is necessary to create a more resilient water system that will provide for a secure and reliable supply of water for agriculture, urban, and environmental needs, now and for the future;

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has approved (in overwhelming fashion and with bipartisan support), and Governor Jerry Brown has signed The Water Quality, Supply and

Infrastructure Act of 2014, which will appear as Proposition 1 on the November 4th ballot, that if approved by the voters of California, will provide funding in the amount \$7.545 billion to advance a comprehensive statewide water plan, which will include funding for: new surface and groundwater storage, regional water supply reliability, sustainable groundwater management and cleanup, water recycling, water conservation, watershed protection, and safe drinking water;

WHEREAS, in 2010, the OAWD as part of the TCCA, along with two counties (Glenn and Colusa) and four other water agencies (Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, Maxwell Irrigation District, Reclamation District 108, and Yolo County Flood Control and Conservation District) joined together to form a joints powers authority, the “Sites JPA”, whose mission is: To be a proponent and facilitator to design and potentially acquire, construct, manage, govern, and operate Sites Reservoir and related facilities, to improve the operation of the state’s water system and to provide a net improvement in ecosystem and water quality conditions in the Sacramento River system and the Delta;

WHEREAS, included in the proposed funding provided by Proposition 1 is \$2.7 billion to construct new water storage, of which the proposed 1.8 million acre foot Sites Reservoir would be eligible for significant funding for the public benefits that would accrue as a result of constructing this dynamic, multipurpose off-stream storage project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT SO RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of Orland-Artois Water District hereby formally expresses its support for Proposition 1, The Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 on the November ballot.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Orland-Artois Water District Board of Directors on September 16, 2014, by unanimous vote:

AYES: Vereschagin, Pieper, Erickson, Jones, & Schonauer


NOES: None

ABSENT: None

By:


Mike Vereschagin, President
OAWD Board of Directors

Attest:


Emil Cavagnolo, Secretary
OAWD Board of Directors