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City of Torrance Calls for Legislative Action on Water Issues

Torrance, Calif., October 7, 2009 – The City of Torrance strongly supports the legislative effort to deliver a comprehensive water plan for the Governor's approval by this weekend. Together with other South Bay water agencies, Torrance is working to develop local water supplies to reduce its dependency on imported water. However, these efforts will not be enough to completely reduce users' reliance on water provided from the Delta. A comprehensive fix for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is critical for the long term stability of the region.

The existing system of levees in the Delta is at risk of failure due to earthquakes; thus, an alternative conveyance system is needed to protect Northern and Southern California Delta water users. Considering the close ties between a region's economic vitality and its reliable water sources, improvements to the conveyance and storage systems that bring water to our area are critical. Torrance supports the State's efforts to provide funding for both reservoir and groundwater storage and believes that both are needed to address the current water crisis.

With recent drought and environmental restrictions affecting pumping from the Delta and resulting in critically low levels of water stored in Southern California, action is needed now to permanently fix the problem for the entire State. The City of Torrance urges the legislation to get a comprehensive package done now. We can no longer delay to act on this problem!

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