

**STATEMENT OF THE  
EAST SAN JOAQUIN PARTIES WATER AUTHORITY  
WITH RESPECT TO THE JOINT WATER SUPPLY PROJECT OF THE  
CITY OF SACRAMENTO, THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO,  
THE EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT,  
AND THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION**

**APRIL 30, 1997**

I am Fred Weybret. I am a member of the Board of the East San Joaquin Parties Water Authority (Authority). George Barber, the Chair of the Authority, is away this week and asked that I present this statement to you. The Authority is a joint powers agency consisting of the Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District, the City of Stockton, the Stockton East Water District, the Woodbridge Irrigation District, the City of Lodi, and the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District.

The area within the agencies which make up the Authority is water short and as you well know is suffering an overdrafted groundwater basin resulting in salt water intrusion. The problems of the East San Joaquin basin and possible solutions have been extensively and recently studied, those studies are available to you.

We support the efforts of all agencies in California to resolve their respective water problems. At the same time, we oppose any solutions which either fail to address the reasonable needs of the East San Joaquin area or which will make it harder to ultimately solve our problem. We do believe that with respect to the project now being studied and its alternatives, there can be a solution not only to the needs of the City and County of Sacramento and the East Bay Municipal Utility District, but also to the needs of the East San Joaquin area.

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A possible solution which has been considered as a supplement or part of the plans being studied by you and which would also have substantial benefit to the Authority, is the use of groundwater storage in the East San Joaquin area jointly by the Authority and East Bay. The proposal has had considerable discussion and study. Recently, the Authority submitted a proposal to the Board of the East Bay Municipal Utility District. In this regard, I have attached a copy of a statement made to the Board of Directors of the East Bay Municipal Utility District on March 25, 1997 to a copy of this Statement for your further information.

It is the intention of the Authority to continue to work with East Bay representatives and to proceed with the concepts set forth in the statement of March 25, 1997. These efforts are underway. We believe, accordingly, that these efforts and concepts should be considered in the study which you are about to undertake.

On behalf of the East San Joaquin Parties Water Authority, I want to thank you for the opportunity to make this Statement.