

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
BAY-DELTA MODELING FORUM

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation is Bay-Delta Modeling Forum.

ARTICLE II

1. This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for public and charitable purposes.
2. The specific purposes of this corporation are:
 - (a) To increase the usefulness of models for analyzing water-related problems in the San Francisco Bay, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and Central Valley system.
 - (b) To provide an open forum for the exchange, improvement, and pooling of water-related models and modeling information and professional resources by California water modelers (clearinghouse).
 - (c) To actively seek input from California water resource system stakeholders and decision makers in order to better meet their modeling needs.
 - (d) To conduct peer reviews of models and modeling programs, and offer to mediate technical disputes involving modeling.
 - (e) To receive gifts, donations, bequests, grants, and devises of all kinds, and descriptions, and perform any and all legal acts in regard thereto as may be necessary or advisable to advance the objectives and purposes of the corporation, and to apply the principal and interest of such gifts, donations, bequests, and devises as may be required by the donor, or as the Steering Committee of this corporation may determine in the absence of such direction.
3. The corporation is organized for scientific purposes and may engage in any lawful act or activity which may further the common interests of its membership.

ARTICLE III

The name and address in the State of California of the corporation's initial agent for service of process is:

Mr./Ms. _____
Convener _____

_____, California _____

ARTICLE IV

1. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for public, scientific, and charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law and all property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to such use.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation, and this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law, or (2) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law.

3. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this corporation shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for office.

ARTICLE V

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to public, scientific, and charitable purposes and, upon the liquidation, dissolution or abandonment thereof, the assets thereof will not inure to the benefit of any private person, officer or representative of this corporation, but shall be distributed to the public agencies of the founding members, pro rata, to be used solely for such public, scientific and charitable purposes or to such nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation organized and operated for public, scientific and charitable purposes, which has established its tax exempt status under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as may be designated by the Steering Committee, and none of the property, assets or earnings of this corporation may be used to carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation.

ARTICLE VI

The members of this corporation shall be the following organizations, if they have accepted membership, agreed to its requirements, and remain in good standing: Aquatic Habitat Institute, California Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Fish and Game, California Department of Water Resources, California San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board, California State Water Resource Control Board, Contra Costa Water District, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, National Marine Fish Service, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fisheries and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey, and others who apply for and accept membership in accordance with the bylaws, and remain members in good standing.

Dated: _____

John Doe

Jane Doe

We hereby declare that we are the persons who executed the above Articles of Incorporation, which execution is our act and deed.

John Doe

Jane Doe