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Mr. Lester Snow, Director  
Department of Water Resources (DWR)  
P. O. Box 942836  
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Dear Director Snow,

The Orange County Taxpayers Association (OCTax) supports DWR's South Delta Improvements Program (SDIP). It meets OCTax's four criteria for government programs.

- It is fair. Water service, being mostly fee-based, is paid for by users in proportion to their consumption rather than by taxpayers;
- It is understandable. We can see and measure the value of the program, and the money will not be diverted to unrelated uses;
- It is cost effective. It would allow DWR to provide additional water during rainy periods to meet increasing demands through greater efficiency; and
- It is good for business. Water is essential to a strong economy, which in turn generates tax revenue for other uses (including environmental programs).

OCTax knows that water is the most important resource for a strong statewide economy. We want California to grow out of its perennial budget deficits, rather than taxing us more heavily.

Sincerely,

Reed L. Royalty, President

cc: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Ryan Broderick, Director, California Department of Fish and Game  
Mike Chrisman, Secretary, California Resources Agency  
Joe Grindstaff, Director, California Bay-Delta Authority  
Kirk Rogers, Director, Mid-Pacific Region, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation  
Fred Aguiar, Cabinet Secretary, Office of the Governor  
Dan Skopec, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, Office of the Governor

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OCTax: fighting to make taxes fair, understandable, cost-effective, and good for business!