

# COUNTY OF TULARE

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



**ALLEN R. ISHIDA**  
Supervisor - District One

April 7, 2014

Board of Supervisors

Dear Supervisor,

Are you tired of the "water wars"? I am. And, so are a lot of other county supervisors that I have spoken to lately. San Joaquin County Supervisor Larry Ruhstaller and I spoke to many of you during the most recent RCRC meeting, and several of you have been present at other events where we have discussed a way to come together and all stand for something that can get California moving on this incredibly important issue. I am sending this on my own behalf and also on behalf of Larry.

We are inviting you to lend your name to the attached letter. The letter is intended to get the attention of policymakers in Sacramento. We intend to show that there is in fact a broad spectrum of county supervisors - representing a vast geographical majority of California - who want to ensure that a successful water bond will be on the November ballot.

Please let me or my staff know at your earliest convenience if you can sign on to the attached letter. Our plan is to pull together all the signatories for a meeting in May sometime during the upcoming CSAC Spring Legislative Conference. At this meeting, we would like to go beyond concepts and discuss specifically what we all - all - want to see in a water bond this year. The basic idea is that we would quickly thereafter send this more specific information to the Governor and the Legislature in time for the final deliberations regarding same that will inevitably occur late May to late June.

It is time to figure out a viable plan for California's water future. Supervisor Larry Ruhstaller and I hope that as many of you as possible can sign the attached letter and join us going forward. If you want to sign on, please notify me or Denise Akins, Tulare County Senior Administrative Analyst - Water Resources, at (559) 636-5027 or [DNAkins@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:DNAkins@co.tulare.ca.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Allen R. Ishida", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Tulare County District 1 Supervisor Allen Ishida