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**COALITION RELEASES 2ND EDITION
OF SUSTAINABILITY REPORT:
CALIFORNIA WATER SOLUTIONS NOW**

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CALIFORNIA WATER SOLUTIONS NOW, Second Edition, is a game-changing report published by a broad coalition of 27 fishing, public health, conservation, environmental justice, and tribal organizations. It includes comments related to the water policy legislation that was passed in November 2009 as well as further discussions of water supply options.

Most of the actions detailed in the 48-page report will provide water to people and the environment almost immediately, with significant new jobs, at far lower costs and with significantly fewer greenhouse gas emissions than new dams and their associated infrastructure. The report shows how California's water needs can be met with reduced water exports from the Bay-Delta, which precludes the need for a destructive Peripheral Canal.

Based on multiple scientific and engineering studies, it demonstrates how sustainable water management, including groundwater cleanup, water recycling, local storm water capture, careful water transfers, and cost-effective water conservation can provide the water needed to serve California's projected population, economy, employment and environment through 2050.

The groups are releasing this report to inform the ongoing debate about the methods for supplying water to the state, particularly in light of the \$11 billion water bond that will appear on the November ballot. The report, in fact, proposes water delivery and ecosystem recovery actions that can be achieved in a more fiscally responsible and environmentally protective manner than the proposed bond measure.

California Water Solutions Now is presented to show that, with real reforms, California can have a sustainable water future.

The report can be viewed on line at: <http://ewccalifornia.org>.

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