

UNITED WATER BOARD SUPPORTS WATER BOND AND FISH ACT

The United Water Conservation District Board of Directors voted unanimously at their July meeting to support both Proposition 3, Water Supply & Water Quality Bond Act of 2018, and H.R. 3916 Federally Integrated Species Health Act (Fish Act).



The water bond will appear on the November 2018 statewide California ballot. If passed, the bond could provide \$10 million in funding for the Santa Clara River and \$60 million for general watershed improvements for the Ventura County region.

The bond will invest \$8.877 billion dollars in California water infrastructure, including: safe drinking water, Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGMA) implementation, watershed restoration, fish and wildlife habitat conservation, infrastructure repair, and many other important water management programs.

The Board also voted to support the Fish Act, which is currently making its way through committee. The purpose of the proposed Fish Act (H.R. 3916) would be to provide a consistent voice and direction for agencies by consolidating oversight of Endangered Species in freshwater sources under the US Fish and Wildlife rather than receiving conflicting direction from both US Fish and Wildlife and National Marine Fisheries Service. Passage of the Fish Act would be a great benefit to United Water Conservation District.