“SIERRA TO THE SEA”

WHEREAS, The Sierra Nevada is California's primary watershed providing more than 60% of the State's developed water supply and 50% of the fresh water flowing into the Delta; and

WHEREAS, The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is the hub of the State of California's water providing water to more than 25 million Californians and three million acres of agricultural land; and

WHEREAS, Predicted changes in climate will impact the amount of snowpack and timing of the water flowing from the Sierra at the same time that it affects sea level rise and increases saltwater intrusion into the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta; and

WHEREAS, Healthy Sierra Nevada forests and meadows play a role in ensuring water quality and reliability which impact the health of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta; and

WHEREAS, Remnants of historic mining activities in the Sierra Nevada including mercury and other toxic substances continue to make their way downstream into the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and enter the food chain; and

WHEREAS, The Sierra Nevada and the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta are inextricably linked and of significant value to all of Californians who rely on these two Regions for water supply and quality.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Governing Boards of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy recognize the interconnection between our Regions and the need to work collaboratively to address the issues of our time including water quality, water reliability and a changing climate; and be it further,

RESOLVED, The two organizations will work together to explore and better understand the links between our two regions; and be it further,

RESOLVED, The two organizations will work together to educate others about the interconnection between our Regions, consistent with statutory requirements; and be it further,

RESOLVED, The two organizations will identify and jointly implement, as appropriate, projects of value and benefit to both regions; and be it further;

RESOLVED, The two organizations will call on policy and funding decision-makers to recognize the interconnection of our Regions when making decisions regarding California’s water future.

Joint Governing Boards Resolution No. 03-14-01
Dated this 12th Day of March, 2014

Sierra Nevada Conservancy BJ Kirwan, Board Chair	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy, Ken Vogel, Board Chair