

## **On Opposition to the Peripheral Canal**

**Whereas**, California 's economy is suffering from an economic downturn of epic proportions that along with the failure of the Republican Governor and state legislators to allow for adequate funding streams to protect vital social services, public education, and transportation infrastructure, and

**Whereas**, The Republican Governor and certain legislators on both sides of the aisle have proposed taking on an open ended debt to build the voter rejected boondoggle, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's "Delta Vision and Bay Delta Conservation Plan," which is otherwise generally known as the Peripheral Canal, and

**Whereas**, the August 25, 2009 cost impact analysis released to the California State Legislature by the Strategic Economic Applications Company shows that the tab to California taxpayers could run as high as \$53.8 billion dollars and that such a water bypass canal would have a devastating impact on California's already imperiled fishing industry and Delta area farmers just to facilitate a politically and economically motivated water grab by a dozen wealthy Westside agribusiness landowning companies,

**Be it resolved that**, the Fresno County Democratic Central Committee firmly rejects this economically and socially irresponsible scheme that would devastate the fragile Delta environment and add a new avalanche of debt to our precarious state budget that will adversely impact our ability to provide for health, education, transportation, and social support needs for us and our posterity in Fresno County as well as for the state of California as a whole, and

**Be it further resolved** that this resolution shall be conveyed by the Secretary to our Democratic State legislators, the California Democratic Party, the California Democratic Council, and to such media outlets and organizations as the Committee Chair may deem appropriate.