

Resolution No. 4

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City: Maui, Hawaii

NAHB Resolution

Title: Water Supply Planning and Infrastructure Policy  
Original Sponsor: BIA of Southern California and California BIA

WHEREAS, the nation's growing population and economy are increasing the need for safe, clean, reliable supplies of water;

WHEREAS, many parts of the nation are susceptible to drought conditions that threaten local and state economies and the environment;

WHEREAS, many water supply and delivery systems are aging and deteriorating in existing urban areas and desperately need expensive maintenance, repair and replacement to facilitate more infill development;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the development of water storage facilities and the enlargement of existing water reservoirs in order to meet the growing demand for water from municipal, industrial, agricultural and environmental sectors of society;

WHEREAS, there is a need to pursue the development and implementation of water management measures, including but not limited to water conservation, water recycling, conjunctive use of groundwater and surface water, and water transfers;

WHEREAS, the federal government should assist states and local communities in meeting the water supply needs of all beneficial uses of water, including urban, agricultural, and environmental, utilizing a wide range of strategies including water conservation and recycling, conjunctive use of surface and groundwater supplies, water transfers, and improvements in water storage and delivery systems to meet the growing water needs in the nation;

WHEREAS, a wide array of environmental and no-growth interest groups are attempting to tie local land use decisions to water availability in order to challenge and stop residential development projects;

WHEREAS, there is a clear role for the federal government to provide the necessary resources in order to assure that existing and future Americans have a clean, safe, and reliable supply of water;

WHEREAS, legislation now pending before Congress is evidence that concern is growing in Washington about water and its impact on the economy, the environment and the quality of life in America; and

WHEREAS, this pending legislation may serve as a vehicle for the development of an affirmative federal water supply and conservation policy, and home builders should be directly involved in shaping such a policy,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Home Builders support legislative and regulatory initiatives aimed at developing, implementing and improving local, state, and federal water supply infrastructure projects and water management measures, including but not limited to water storage, water conservation, water recycling, water treatment, water conveyance, desalination, conjunctive use of groundwater and surface water, water transfers and repair and improvement to existing water delivery infrastructure.

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