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San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors

Solano County Board of Supervisors

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Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Cities of San Joaquin County

RE: Analysis of Portfolio-Based BDCP Conceptual Alternative

Cities of Contra Costa and Solano Counties

Dear Secretaries Salazar and Laird:

Cities of Sacramento and Yolo Counties

At its January 24, 2013 meeting, the Delta Protection Commission received a presentation on the Portfolio-Based Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) Conceptual Alternative. This alternative advocates for one 3,000 cfs conveyance facility with a North Delta intake; reduced reliance on the Delta through investments in South of the Delta water supply, including new surface and ground water storage facilities; levee improvements in the Delta; 40,000 acres of floodplain and tidal marsh habitat restoration; and integration of science into Delta management.

Central Delta Reclamation Districts

North Delta Reclamation Districts

South Delta Reclamation Districts

Business, Transportation and Housing

The 2009 Delta Reform Act established the coequal goals of water reliability and habitat restoration, and that the goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta. Section 29703.5 of the California Public Resource Code (PRC) states that the Delta Protection Commission created pursuant to Section 29735 of the PRC, provides an existing forum for Delta residents to engage in decisions regarding actions to recognize and enhance the unique cultural, recreational, and agricultural resources of the Delta. As a voice of the Delta, the Delta Protection Commission urges that the Portfolio-Based BDCP Conceptual Alternative be evaluated as an alternative to the conveyance under discussion in the BDCP.

Department of Food and Agriculture

Natural Resources Agency

State Lands Commission

This letter should not be construed as an endorsement of the Portfolio-Based BDCP Conceptual Alternative, but in the interest of transparency and consideration of all options that may impact the unique cultural,

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recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta, this alternative should be evaluated as a proposal to meet the coequal goals.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Machado, Executive Director of the Commission at (916) 375-4800.

Sincerely,



Don Nottoli
Chairman
Delta Protection Commission