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Barbara Rice
Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program
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333 Bush Street, Suite 500
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Dear Ms. Rice,

On behalf of the City of West Sacramento, I am writing in support of the Delta Protection Commission's (DPC) request for continued assistance for the National Parks Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program; which would be utilized for the Great California Delta Trail Blueprint Report for Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Yolo Counties.

In 2007, the State Legislature passed Senate Bill 1556 (Torlakson), requiring the DPC to develop and implement a plan for a continuous regional recreational corridor that would extend around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta shorelines within the five Delta counties.

As DPC is developing the Blueprint Report in-house with limited staffing, in-kind assistance and partnerships are of tremendous value for the process. Partnership activities that West Sacramento staff can undertake include local stakeholder outreach, acquiring relevant GIS data, and identifying persons to serve on the stakeholder and technical advisory committees.

This project closely aligns with the purposes of the NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program as it is a collaborative approach to planning for a recreation project. Again, the City of West Sacramento fully supports the application for the NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program and looks forward to working with the DPC and the NPS to continue progress on the Great California Delta Trail.

Sincerely,

André Pichly, Superintendent
West Sacramento Parks Department

CC: Michael Machado, Delta Protection Commission
Alex Westhoff, Delta Protection Commission