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Nahideh Madankar
 Small Communities Flood Risk Reduction Program Lead
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Re: Support for Yolo County Grant Application for Small
 Communities Flood Risk Reduction (SCFRR) Program

Dear Mr. Madankar:

The Delta Protection Commission is a state agency charged with ensuring orderly, balanced conservation and development of Delta land resources and improved flood protection. The Commission strongly supports Yolo County's grant application for the Small Communities Flood Risk Reduction (SCFRR) Program. The application concerns the community of Clarksburg and surrounding areas, which lie entirely within the Legal Delta (as defined in Water Code Section 12220).

Yolo County is requesting \$500,000 for a feasibility study for Clarksburg that will evaluate flood risk reduction features that alleviate flooding problems while providing additional benefits. Yolo County has been an active participant in the development of the Lower Sacramento/Delta North Regional Flood Management Plan and is working with regional interests to develop a common vision for managing flood risk along the Yolo Bypass. A feasibility study for Clarksburg is a priority project in this regional plan. Clarksburg is one of the Delta's historic legacy communities (Public Resources Code Section 32301(f)), contains three schools, including the North Delta's only middle school and high school, and serves as the heart of an economically important wine-growing region.

Commission policies have long supported efforts to improve Delta levees, particularly around communities. The Vision 2030 Strategic Plan (adopted May 21, 2015) calls for the Commission to advocate for levee funding for minimum PL 84-99 level of protection for the entire Delta. Similarly, the Land Use and Resource Management Plan (adopted February 25, 2010) includes policies championing a multi-

year funding commitment for project and non-project levees and cost-effective levee improvements.

The Commission strongly supports this application and respectfully requests the Department of Water Resources give favorable consideration to this important community project.

Sincerely,

Mary N. Piepho
Chair