



## Delta Counties Coalition

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July 2, 2024

The Honorable Ben Allen  
California State Senate  
1021 O Street, Suite 6610  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 867 (Allen) Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024. - Support**

Dear Senator Allen:

On behalf of the Delta Counties Coalition (DCC), I write to support specific provisions in your SB 867.

First, thank you for including \$150 million for the Delta Levee Maintenance Subventions Program (Subventions Program). This funding is essential for the ongoing maintenance and enhancement of critical levee infrastructure within the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta.

The Subventions Program plays a pivotal role in reimbursing local maintenance agencies and reclamation districts for the upkeep and repair of the extensive levee network throughout the Delta. This program not only protects vital water supplies, infrastructure, transportation routes, and energy corridors but also preserves the delicate balance of ecosystems and habitats within the region. By investing in proactive maintenance and improvements that meet modern levee standards, we can advance the resilience of the Delta region and be better prepared as a state to withstand the challenges of future flooding and other risks.

Secondly, the DCC extends our deep thanks for including critical protections for the Delta by way of prohibiting the expenditure of bond funds on any isolated Delta Conveyance facility. While the conveyance proposal continues to wind its way through the various reviews of state and federal permitting agencies, the DCC strenuously supports the beneficiary pays principle, which that language upholds.

Thank you for your consideration of the DCC's funding requests and the inclusion of the critical protections regarding a proposed isolated conveyance facility. Feel free to contact me at [deborde@saccounty.gov](mailto:deborde@saccounty.gov), 916-874-4627.

Sincerely,

Delta Counties Coalition Coordinator

cc: Delta Caucus