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July 29, 2024

California State Parks
Division of Boating and Waterways
Attn: Ethan Tratner
Clean Vessel Education and Outreach Program
P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296

Re: Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy's Application for the 2025 Clean Vessel Act Education and Outreach Program - Support

Dear Mr. Tratner:

The Delta Counties Coalition writes in support of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy and its participation in the Clean Vessel Act Program. Through their Ecological and Community Programs, the Delta Conservancy works in the Bay-Delta Estuary to protect and improve water quality, promote environmental education, and advance recreation and tourism opportunities. The Delta Conservancy is ideally suited to work with the boating community due to their long and successful history of working with diverse groups ranging from non-profit organizations, local public agencies (cities, counties, resource conservation districts), other State agencies, the Federal government and for-profit organizations in the region.

In addition to implementing ecosystem restoration, the mission of the Delta Conservancy is to advance environmental protection and the economic well-being of the Delta community. Recreation and tourism are major economic drivers in the Delta. However, poor water quality, aging infrastructure, and inadequate facilities have been identified as barriers to advancing the recreational and tourism economy. The Delta Conservancy's participation in the Clean Vessel Act Education and Outreach Program would help address these issues, support the boating community, and provide broad, multi-benefit impacts to the Bay-Delta Estuary.

The Delta Conservancy proposes to continue and expand the outreach and monitoring programs that have been established by the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP). The Delta Conservancy will continue to update and build upon the award-winning mobile app, Pumpout-Nav, that was developed by SFEP. Additionally, the Delta Conservancy will conduct in-person and direct education, outreach, and capacity building with the boating community to work towards a cleaner, healthier Bay-Delta Estuary.

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As such, we support the Delta Conservancy's 2025 Clean Vessel Act Grant Application.

Sincerely,



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Sacramento County



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Contra Costa County



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