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September 8, 2025

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 650 (Cabaldon). The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009.
Support (As Amended August 18, 2025)

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Delta Counties Coalition (DCC), representing the five counties that comprise the California Delta and approximately four million Californians who live in our communities, respectfully request that you sign SB 650 (Cabaldon).

For nearly two decades, the DCC has advocated protecting the interests of our communities and the Delta as a place. At the time the 2009 Delta Reform Package was debated and approved by the Legislature, the DCC supported a requirement that those appointed to the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) understand the Delta's role in water supply and recognize the Delta as a home to millions of Californians, thousands of businesses, and many endangered and protected species. Given the DSC's role to steward the future of the Delta, it is good policy to ensure that those serving on the council understand Delta as a place. SB 650's amendment to establish the intent of the Legislature to ensure appointees have a real understanding of the Delta is a vital step that the DCC fully supports.

For these reasons, the DCC asks that you sign SB 650.

Sincerely,

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Sacramento County

Mitch Mashburn, Supervisor
Solano County

Oscar Villegas, Supervisor
Yolo County

Steven Ding, Supervisor
San Joaquin County

Diane Burgis, Supervisor
Contra Costa County

cc: Delta Caucus