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February 6, 2025

The Honorable Anna Caballero
California State Senate District 14
1021 O Street, Suite 7620
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 72 (Caballero). The California Water Plan: Long-term Supply Targets. – Seeking Amendments

Dear Senator Caballero:

The Delta Counties Coalition (DCC) represents the five counties that comprise the California Delta and the four million residents who live in our communities. The DCC requests that you amend SB 72 to clearly state that the California Water Plan will not include the Delta Conveyance Project (aka Delta Tunnel).

For nearly two decades, the DCC has advocated protecting the interests of our communities and Delta as a Place. The Delta Conveyance Project would divert up to a third of the water flowing from the Sacramento River, bypassing the Delta estuary, for export to other areas of the state. The DCC respectfully requests the following revisions to the bill:

Section 3. 1004 is added to the Water Code, to read:

(f) The department shall coordinate with the California Water Commission, the board, other *local*, state and federal agencies as appropriate, and the advisory committee to develop the plan. The department shall offer the regional water quality control boards opportunities to provide input to assist the department in updating the plan.

(g) As used in this chapter, "conveyance" does not include the Delta Conveyance Project or similar new dual or isolated Delta conveyance facility.

(h) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to support the Delta Conveyance Project or similar new dual or isolated Delta conveyance facility.

The DCC asks that any measure to modernize the California Water Plan explicitly state that the California Water Plan 1) does not mandate actions or authorize spending for specific actions and 2) does not make project- or site-specific recommendations. Such measures should also clarify that it is the intent of the Legislature that nothing in this bill indicates support for the Delta Conveyance Project.

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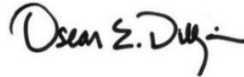
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Thank you for your consideration. Please contact our DCC Coordinator, Elisia De Bord, at deborde@saccounty.gov or 916-874-4627 for any reason.

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