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May 13, 2025

Mr. Charlton Bonham, Director California Department of Fish and Wildlife 715 P Street Sacramento, California 94244-2090 restorationpermitting@wildlife.ca.gov

Re: Letter of Support for the Webb Tract Wetland Restoration Project

Dear Director Bonham,

The Delta Counties Coalition is pleased to be consulted regarding the Webb Tract Multi-Benefit Wetlands Restoration Project (Webb Tract Project) submitted by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, which was awarded funding by the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Board.

The Webb Tract Project is a multi-benefit, restoration project located in the Delta on Webb Tract in Contra Costa County. In addition to restoring 1,900 acres of wetlands and uplands, the Webb Tract Project includes the conversion of approximately 1,400 acres of existing agriculture on Webb Tract to rice, a wildlife-friendly crop that slows subsidence.

The Delta Counties Coalition expects that Webb Tract levees will continue to be maintained and improved by the Metropolitan Water District to protect statewide important infrastructure and Delta communities. In addition, early and ongoing consultation with local governments and communities (e.g., implementation of the Good Neighbor Policy) is important. With these considerations in mind, the Delta Counties Coalition concurs in the application of the CEQA Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects for this project. Please feel free contact the Delta Counties Coalition coordinator Elisia DeBord (DeBordE@saccounty.gov) with any questions.

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Sincerely,

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