



## Delta Counties Coalition

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August 27, 2025

The Honorable Chris Cabaldon  
California State Senate District 3  
1021 O Street, Suite  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

Dear Senator Cabaldon:

The Delta Counties Coalition (DCC), representing the five counties that comprise the California Delta and approximately four million Californians who live in our communities, write in support of your SB 650.

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 DSC 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 is pleased to support SB 650 as amended, and we thank you for adding such language to your bill. Please contact our DCC Coordinator, Elisia De Bord, at [deborde@saccounty.gov](mailto:deborde@saccounty.gov) or 916-874-4627 for any reason.

Sincerely

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cc: Delta Caucus