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"Working together on water and Delta issues."

February 14, 2025

Mr. Mark Ellis
Senior Project Manager
United States Army Corps of Engineers
Sacramento District
1325 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Ellis,

It is our privilege to write on behalf of the Delta Counties Coalition (DCC), a consortium of five Delta Counties, advocating on behalf of local governments and the four million people throughout the Delta region regarding joint interests in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta and Greater Bay Delta Estuary.

As you know, the FY '24 Energy and Water Appropriations bill allocated \$150,000 for the San Joaquin Delta Section 219 project, authorized by the Water Resources and Development Act of 2022, and an additional \$150,000 for the San Joaquin Delta Section 219 project specifically for the Knightsen Wetland Restoration Project.

The DCC applauds the Army Corps (USACE) for advancing a draft agreement for the Knightsen project. Regarding the remaining \$150,000, the DCC urges that these funds be allocated (possibly in combination with other Environmental Infrastructure funds that could be forthcoming in Fiscal Year 2025 from Congress) to one or more of the Section 219-eligible projects proposed by Sacramento, San Joaquin, or Solano Counties. However, if there is a risk that these funds may be diverted to other projects outside the Delta or to projects not being pursued by Sacramento, San Joaquin or Solano Counties, the DCC unanimously supports preserving the funds for the Delta by allocating them to the Knightsen project proposed by Contra Costa County.

If the USACE determines that a project is not ready for funding at this time, we want to ensure this does not preclude future funding opportunities. Maintaining eligibility for future Section 219 funding remains a priority for all Delta counties.

Please know how much the DCC appreciates the work of the Corps in helping to protect and enhance the environmental infrastructure of the Sacramento-San

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Joaquin River Delta. We value the collaborative approach the Corps has taken in supporting our region's priorities.

Sincerely,



Patrick Hume, Supervisor
Sacramento County



Steven Ding, Supervisor
San Joaquin County



Diane Burgis, Supervisor
Contra Costa County



Mitch Mashburn, Supervisor
Solano County

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