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December 27, 2017

The Honorable Jared Huffman
U.S. House of Representatives
1406 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Huffman:

The Delta Counties Coalition (DCC) writes to express our appreciation to you for ensuring that the federal government requires that beneficiaries pay for Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (Delta) environmental and infrastructure studies and subsequent projects. Your letter of December 14, 2017, illustrated to us that you and your colleagues are working hard to make sure that all federal actions in the Delta are more accountable and transparent.

Ten years ago, the DCC was established, in part, to address our concerns about the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, which is now called the California WaterFix. During consideration of California Proposition 1, the 2014 California Water Bond measure, we fought hard to secure language in the proposition that bars any water bond proceeds from being used to "pay the costs of the design, construction, operation, mitigation or maintenance of Delta conveyance facilities." As stated in the proposition, these "costs shall be the responsibility of the water agencies that benefit from the design, construction, operation, mitigation or maintenance of those facilities."

The DCC thanks you for your continued efforts to ensure that federal government remains consistent with the State of California's representations that the California WaterFix will be funded only by those who directly benefit and not by general taxpayers.

Sincerely,

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Supervisor, Sacramento County

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Supervisor, Solano County

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