



Delta Counties Coalition

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Dear Members of the Delta Congressional Delegation:

On behalf of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta counties that make up the Delta Counties Coalition (DCC), we write to encourage you to seek enactment of language barring the use of federal funds to support the design, construction, operation, mitigation, or maintenance of Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta isolated conveyance facilities through the annual appropriations process or any relevant water-related infrastructure authorization legislation, including the Water Resources Development Act.

California voters have consistently made clear their opposition to such a conveyance and the use of public funds to support the construction of a delta conveyance facility as long ago as the defeat of a ballot initiative to build the Peripheral Canal in 1982, through the Proposition 1 Water Bond of 2014, and as recently as Proposition 68, the Parks, Environment, and Water Bond Act of 2018. In each instance, the voters overwhelmingly affirmed that the costs of delta conveyance facilities are the responsibility of the water agencies that benefit from the design, construction, operation, mitigation, or maintenance of those facilities. This same limitation should apply to the use of any federal dollars to support water resources projects.

Specifically, the DCC encourages you to seek approval of a general limitation on the use of federal funds to support isolated Delta conveyance facilities, such as the language below:

Sec. ____ Limitation.

None of the funds made available [or "otherwise authorized"] in this Act may be used for the design, construction, operation, mitigation, or maintenance of Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta isolated conveyance facilities.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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Supervisor, Solano County

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Supervisor, Contra Costa County

Oscar Villegas
Supervisor, Yolo County

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Supervisor, San Joaquin County