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May 26, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Nancy Skinner
Chair, Senate Budget Committee
State Capitol Room 5019
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Phil Ting
Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
State Capitol Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Delta Conservancy Subsidence and Carbon Emissions Funding

Dear Governor Newsom, Chair Skinner, and Chair Ting:

The Delta Counties Coalition (DCC) writes to express concern that the May Revision did not include funding for the Delta Conservancy's work to address subsidence and related carbon emissions in the Delta. Transitioning to rice cultivation or, where appropriate, managed wetlands, can slow the rate of subsidence that threatens Delta agriculture, our communities, and the state and federal water projects.

These practices would help develop and adapt strategies to reduce CO2 emissions to the atmosphere from oxidation of highly organic peat soils. The Delta Conservancy has worked to build partnerships and develop pilot projects that are ready for funding. Given the historic investment in climate in the Governor's budget, we ask that you reconsider funding to address subsidence and related carbon emissions in the Delta. An investment of \$20 million could result in projects that cover up to 26,000 acres and reduce CO2 emissions and provide information regarding the efficacy of transitioning to farming practices that reduce subsidence and carbon emissions.

The DCC appreciates your consideration of this funding request for the Delta. Please contact us through our coordinator, Natasha Drane, at 916-874-4627 or dranen@saccounty.net.

Sincerely,

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Supervisor, Sacramento County

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cc: Hazel Miranda, Deputy Legislative Secretary for Governor Newsom
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Members, Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 2
Assembly Member Richard Bloom, Chair of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3
Members, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2
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