PRESIDENT SIGNS BILL ESTABLISHING SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

On March 12, 2019, President Trump signed the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act, a large conservation and public lands bill that includes the establishment of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area (NHA) along with five other new national heritage areas in Arizona, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Washington, and West Virginia. Congressman John Garamendi (CA-3) and Senator Dianne Feinstein both authored Delta NHA legislation in this Congress; their provision was included in the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act, which passed with wide bipartisan support.

The Delta will be the first California NHA. The new NHA boundaries extend from Sacramento to Stockton to Vallejo. The Commission will be the local coordinating entity for the Delta NHA and has three years to prepare a management plan, which will provide guidance on ways to preserve, enhance, and educate the public about Delta and Carquinez Strait heritage.

“The Delta National Heritage Area will be an opportunity to showcase the Delta as a California treasure as well as a nationally important landscape,” says Oscar Villegas, Yolo County Supervisor and Chair of the Delta Protection Commission.

NHAs are a grassroots, community-driven approach to heritage conservation and economic development. Through public-private partnerships, NHA entities support historic preservation, natural resource conservation, recreation, heritage tourism, and educational projects. NHAs have no effect on water rights, property rights, or hunting and fishing rights within the designated area.

The Delta Protection Commission is committed to the protection and health of the Delta. We protect, maintain, enhance and enrich the overall quality of the Delta environment and economy. We do this with a focus on agriculture, heritage, recreation, and natural resources while remaining mindful of the importance of the Delta to all Californians.

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