



Nov. 13, 2025

Delta Protection Commission  
2101 Stone Blvd., Suite 200  
West Sacramento, CA 95691

**RE: Support for Appealing the Certification of Consistency of the Delta Conveyance Project**

Dear Chair Burgis and Commission Members,

We, the co-chairs and members of the California Legislative Delta Caucus, write in strong support of a vote to appeal the Certification of Consistency for the Delta Conveyance Project and to provide comments and recommendations to the Delta Stewardship Council at your Nov. 13, 2025 meeting.

As the Delta Protection Commission staff and commission members have correctly noted, the Department of Water Resource's Certification of Consistency for the Delta Conveyance Project is deeply flawed because it fails to adequately address the widespread destruction that the tunnel project will inflict on a generation of Delta residents and their communities.

Per California law, and as noted in the commission's staff report on the certification, the state has coequal goals for the Delta to provide a more reliable water supply for California *and* protect, restore, and enhance the Delta ecosystem. Moreover, the coequal goals "shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place."

The Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) and the certification are clearly inconsistent with the requirements of the coequal goals under California law. Commission staff rightly notes that the DCP:

- Has adverse and unavoidable impacts on the Delta's unique cultural, recreational and agricultural values;
- Does not respect local land use authorities;
- Conflicts with Delta as Place values;
- Does not address the seismic risk to the Delta levee system;

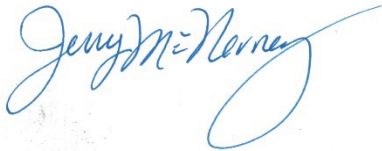
- And the community benefits program is insufficient to properly address the multiple impacts to Delta communities.

The project also neglects to sufficiently consider alternatives to the tunnel project that would be far better for the environment, the Delta, and the state, such as fortifying levees and expanding water recycling and groundwater storage.

As you know, the mission of the Delta Protection Commission, on which Sen. McNerney and Asm. Ransom, signatories below, are ex officio members, is to "protect, maintain, enhance, and enrich the overall quality of the Delta environment and economy." State law also identifies the commission as a "forum for Delta residents to engage in decisions regarding actions to recognize and enhance the unique cultural, recreational, and agricultural resources of the Delta" and directs the commission to lead and support a variety of recommendations in the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Plan, many related to protecting and enhancing the Delta's unique values.

For these reasons, we strongly urge you to adopt the commission staff's recommendation to appeal the Certification of Consistency for the Delta Conveyance Project and to provide comments and recommendations to the Delta Stewardship Council by the Nov. 17 deadline. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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