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Governor Gavin Newsom
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RE: Reiterating Support for Delta Conveyance Project

Governor Newsom,

On behalf of a broad coalition of labor, business, local government, social justice and community organizations, we would like to express our continued strong support for the Delta Conveyance Project (DCP). This project is essential to complete an “all of the above” water infrastructure strategy necessary to ensure Californians have a reliable and affordable supply of water as we prepare for the worsening impacts of climate change and extreme weather.

With the recent release of the Final Environmental Impact report, we encourage local water agencies and elected officials to support this vital project.

There is no greater priority than ensuring a reliable water supply for the people of California—it is essential for our health, homes, livelihood and economy.

The DCP is an essential climate adaptation strategy as it will ensure the State Water Project can **better** capture, move, and store water when it is available as we face new climate realities such as more

frequent and intense droughts, decreasing Sierra snowpack, and intense atmospheric storms. The Department of Water Resources estimates that if the DCP had been in operation in January of this year, California could have captured enough water to supply 2.3 million residents for one year.

The proposed Delta Conveyance Project is a very different project from previous conveyance proposals. The project has been downsized, refined, rerouted, and redesigned. It has also been restructured to minimize impacts to the Delta region.

[Recent polling conducted](#) by the Californians for Water Security coalition found that 76% of voters across all regions, political parties and major demographics are highly supportive of the Delta Conveyance Project, including:

- 80% support in Southern California.
- 73% support in the Bay Area
- 78% support in San Diego
- 74% support in Central Coast/Central Valley
- 79% support in the Inland Empire.
- Nearly 2/3 of Northern California voters

We are eager to continue working with public water agencies and elected leaders as the project moves forward through the permitting process.

Sincerely,

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