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RE: Request for Delta Stewardship Council Coordination with the Delta Levee and Habitat Advisory Committee Prior to Taking any Actions Related to Legislative Changes or Actions Related to the Delta Levees Investment Strategy Findings.

Dear Mr. Starr:

Thank you for your letter, dated June 27, 2016, regarding your request to have additional coordination opportunities between the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) and the Delta Levee and Habitat Advisory Committee (DLHAC) prior to the Delta Levees Investment Strategy (DLIS) findings being presented to the State Legislature. We appreciate your consideration as well as the ongoing assistance and participation of the DLHAC members in the development of DLIS.

As you know, the Delta Reform Act of 2009 called on the Council to lead a multi-agency effort to establish and adopt priorities for State investments in Delta levees operations, maintenance, and improvements (Water Code section 85306). The Council adopted interim priorities in 2013 (23 California Code of Regulations 5012) and is now engaged in updating these priorities through the development of DLIS. DLIS is being developed through collaboration with State agencies, local reclamation districts, Delta landowners and businesses, and other stakeholders. For background information and the latest updates on DLIS, please refer to <http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-levees-investment-strategy>.

DLIS is intended to be completed in an open, transparent, and thorough manner and the Council expects to release a draft DLIS for public review by the end of this year. Coordination with you and the participants of DLHAC is important to us and your inputs will help inform the Council as it deliberates on an overall levee investment strategy. In addition to the monthly DLIS updates that have been provided by Council staff to the DLHAC, my staff will work with you to schedule a presentation to inform your committee of the findings, draft

"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. 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."

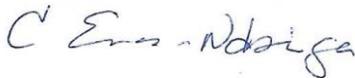
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recommendations, and future actions of DLIS, as well as discuss future opportunities for DLHAC review and comment.

If you have any questions regarding DLIS as well as other Council activities, I encourage you to contact me at 916-445-0258 or Cassandra.Enos@deltacouncil.ca.gov or Dustin Jones of my staff at 916-445-5891 or Dustin.Jones@deltacouncil.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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