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RE: ACWA Support For Delta Plan Amendment Exempting Single-Year Water Transfers as a “Covered Action”

Dear Mr. Navasero,

The Association of California Water Agencies (“ACWA”) supports an amendment to the Delta Plan that would exempt single-year water transfers from the definition of “covered action.” ACWA is a statewide association of public water agencies that collectively deliver approximately 90% of the water for agricultural, industrial and municipal uses in California. ACWA believes voluntary water transfers are an important mechanism to meeting water demands, especially in drought conditions.

ACWA has been following developments related to this proposed Plan amendment over the past year, and commends the DSC for the work that has been performed in order to ensure that this amendment is based on a thoughtful, deliberative process. The flexibility offered by single-year water transfers helps ensure the coequal goals of water supply reliability and ecosystem restoration are met. ACWA appreciates the DSC’s efforts on this issue, and looks forward to continuing to provide feedback as further Delta Plan amendments are developed.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Franklin
Regulatory Advocate