El Monte/South El Monte
Chamber of Commerce

June 20, 2017

Mr. Randy Fiorini, Chair
Delta Stewardship Council
980 9th Street, Suite 1500
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Draft Proposed Delta Plan Amendments for Conveyance, Storage and Operations

Dear Chair Fiorini:

On behalf of the El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce, I support the goals of providing a reliable water supply for California and restoring the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta through your proposal to amend the Delta Plan for improved conveyance, storage and water supply operations.

The Delta Plan provides key guidance to local state and federal agencies and helps to coordinate their many actions related to water management. Particularly important are those actions that must be reviewed by the Delta Stewardship Council to ensure that they are consistent with the overall Delta Plan, such as a modernization of the existing water plan through the state-federal proposal known as California WaterFix.

The draft plan amendments before you acknowledge that the status quo in the Delta is unacceptable for both the Delta environment and the California economy. We agree with this assessment and the guidance to modernize the system by construct new water intakes in a manner that protects the Delta as an evolving place. Amending the Delta Plan in this manner will provide important and balanced direction. We encourage you to initiate the necessary environmental review process to formally amend your draft into the Delta Plan.

Thank you for your consideration and your efforts to improve California water management, Delta science and restoration.

Sincerely,

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