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Re: Delta Emergency Response Grant Program Round 2 Draft List of Awards

Dear Mr. Wong:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Delta Emergency Response Grant Program Round 2 Draft List of Awards. The objective of the Flood Emergency Response Grants is to improve local emergency response and contribute to increased public safety. Council staff supports the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) efforts to effectively and reliably reduce risks to people, property and State interests in the Delta.

As you know, the Council was established by the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 (SBX7 1). The Council is an independent State agency charged with furthering California's coequal goals for the Delta through the adoption and implementation of the Delta Plan and its regulatory portions, which became effective on September 1, 2013. As stated in the Delta Reform Act of 2009, the Delta Plan shall "attempt to reduce risks to people, property, and state interests in the Delta by promoting effective emergency preparedness, appropriate land uses, and strategic levee investments" (Water Code section 85305(a)). Council staff believes that the use of grant funds to help local agencies improve planning, preparedness, and response to flood emergencies will help achieve our shared goal of reducing risks to people, property, and state interests in the Delta.

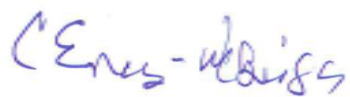
We welcome the opportunity to discuss how our current policies and recommendations support the Delta Flood Emergency Response Grant Program and look forward to the opportunity to work closely with DWR to pursue long-term emergency response in the Delta. If you would like to discuss the Council's role further, or have any questions, please contact Erin Mullin at Erin.Mullin@deltacouncil.ca.gov or 916-445-5459.

"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."

– CA Water Code §85054

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C Enos-Nobriga". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

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