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Re: Reclamation District 2072 Multi Benefit Project

Dear Mr. Nomellini:

Congratulations on RD 2072, Multi Benefit Project's (Project), successful submission for the Department of Water Resources (DWR), Delta Levee Special Project 2016 Project Solicitation Package for Multi-Benefit Projects (PSP). Projects selected and supported through DWR's PSP process are integral to achieve the State's goals of risk reduction and habitat enhancement in the Delta. The Delta Stewardship Council (Council) supports your efforts to develop a multi-purpose project that reduces risk to your district, while providing additional benefits.

The Council is a State agency created through the Delta Reform Act of 2009 to develop and implement a legally enforceable long-term management plan for the Delta and Suisun Marsh. The Delta Plan applies a common sense approach based on the best-available science to achieve the coequal goals of protecting and enhancing the Delta ecosystem and providing for a more reliable water supply for California, while protecting and enhancing the unique cultural, recreational, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place.

The Council and DWR actively collaborate in order to advance the State's goals for the Delta. State and local agencies are required to certify their projects' consistency with the Council's 14 regulatory policies if their proposed activity is a covered action. Under the Delta Reform Act (Water Code section 85057.5), a covered action means a plan, program, or project (as defined in section 21065 of the Public Resources Code) that would occur, in whole or in part, within the Delta or Suisun Marsh. The State or local agency approving, funding, or carrying out the project must determine if that project is a covered action and, if so, file a certification of consistency with the Delta Plan.

"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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Based on the PSP's objectives and requirements, Council staff anticipate that the Project is likely a covered action. As RD 2072 proceeds with design, development, and environmental impact analysis of the project we strongly encourage you to coordinate with Council staff to help you with the covered action determination process. We can provide assistance navigating the Delta Plan's policies, and regulations through a process called early consultation. In early consultation, Council staff will meet with the project proponent to discuss relevant Delta Plan policies, provide advice on the use of best available science for adaptive management, and answer questions about the consistency certification requirements. More information on covered actions and the certification process can be found on the Council website at <http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/covered-actions>.

Once again, congratulations on your successful application to the 2016 PSP, and we look forward to coordinating with you on the successful implementation of your Project. If you have any questions or would like set up an early consultation meeting, please contact Erin Mullin at Erin.Mullin@deltacouncil.ca.gov or 916-445-5459.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Henderson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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