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To: comments_EIR@DeltaCouncil
Subject: Please adopt Alternative 2 to restore the Delta and reduce Delta water diversions
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Dear Mr. Grindstaff,

I urge the Delta Stewardship Council to adopt Alternative 2 and to specifically limit Delta water diversions to no more than 3,000 cubic feet per second, to implement the Delta Plan.

Unfortunately, none of the alternatives currently in the EIR meet the legal mandates of restoring the Delta ecosystem, water quality, and fisheries. Therefore, I urge that the draft EIR be recirculated with at least one alternative that fully achieves these important goals.

My wife and I are in favor of restoring the Delta ecosystem by reducing Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta water diversions, restoring Delta habitat for native species, and adopting instream flows that improve the Delta's water quality and fisheries and meet the minimum flow recommendations of the California Department of Fish and Game and Water Resources Board.

The Plan should focus on cost-effective water use efficiency, recycling, and conservation measures, instead of costly and destructive dams and canals, to achieve its water supply reliability goal.

Therefore, we respectfully urge the Council to adopt a modified Alternative 2A to restore the Delta and reduce Delta water diversions.

I oppose any alternative that would require the construction of a Peripheral Canal or tunnel to divert more water from the Delta. I also oppose any plan that assumes the taxpayer will cover the costs for Delta projects that primarily benefit those who receive Delta water exports. Those who receive Delta water need to mitigate the damage they have caused to the Delta ecosystem.

The Delta is a nationally significant public trust resource critical to the economic and environmental health of California. Please adopt a Delta Plan that ensures full protection and restoration of this important estuary.

Thank you.

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