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SUBJECT: First Staff Draft Delta Water Plan: Chapter 5.5 – SUPPORT

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Dear Mr. Isenberg:

I am writing on behalf of CalDesal an association that promotes environmentally responsible water desalination for California. CalDesal was pleased to read the First Staff Draft Delta Water Plan (Staff Draft Plan) published on February 14, 2011. The Staff Draft Plan in Chapter 5 entitled "Manage Water Resources" on page 5 and again on page 7 (Chapter 5.5 and 5.7) recognizes, among other local water supply options such as conservation and recycling, that sea water desalting is vital to improving the overall reliability of California's water supplies.

CalDesal supports the staff draft recommendations in Chapter 5.5 and 5.7., but in particular the recommendation relating to seawater desalting. Managing water supply in California to meet consumer demand is challenging. Local water managers need every available water supply option to help them plan and meet the future water needs of their ratepayers. Seawater and brackish groundwater desalination provide important potential options for water managers to meet their future water supply needs.

For the aforementioned reasons, CalDesal is in strong support of the staff report relating to seawater desalination. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I am available at your convenience should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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