



CITY *of* CALABASAS

January 14, 2013

Mr. Phil Isenberg, Chairman
Delta Stewardship Council
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By Email: deltaplancomment@deltacouncil.ca.gov

Re: Draft Final Delta Plan, Draft Program Environmental Impact Report, Draft Rulemaking Documents

Dear Chairman Isenberg:

On behalf of the City of Calabasas, I would like to express our appreciation to the Delta Stewardship Council for giving serious consideration of our concerns regarding the draft Delta Plan. Water for the City of Calabasas is provided through the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD), which is a member agency of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Accordingly, via the LVMWD and the Metropolitan Water District, the City of Calabasas relies on the State Water Project to deliver all of the city's water supply from Northern California through the Delta. Our comments reflect our ongoing concerns with the reliability of these supplies and the impacts they have in meeting our dual obligations of providing a state-certified General Plan and Housing Element.

As the LVMWD has commented, guaranteed delivery of a baseline of imported water to our region must be maintained. Like other member communities served by the LVMWD, the City of Calabasas must accommodate, by law, State-mandated growth via the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process. Meeting these mandates is impossible without reliable and predictable water supplies. Accordingly, should the final Delta Plan result in reduced water supplies to the LVMWD and/or decreased reliability of those water supplies, the City of Calabasas likely would be forced to disengage from the RHNA process. The City's General Plan and Housing Element cannot be certified by the State of California when a critical foundational component -- namely, reliable water -- is removed.

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We sincerely appreciate the work of the Council and the tremendous task of creating a plan that effectively establishes a new governance structure and guidance for the Delta's many stakeholders to cooperatively and constructively resolve California's water resource challenges. We urge your consideration of our concerns and hope these and other comments will contribute to your future deliberations to help ensure a reliable water supply for California and restore the Delta ecosystem.

Sincerely,



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