DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 2013-2

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF FINAL DELTA PLAN

WHEREAS, in section 29702 of the Public Resources Code and as restated in section 85054 of the Water Code, the Legislature finds and declares that the basic goals of the state for the Delta include the following: Achieve the two coequal 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; and

WHEREAS, section 85020 of the Water Code states that the policy of the State of California is to achieve the following objectives that the Legislature declares are inherent in the coequal goals for management of the Delta: (a) Manage the Delta's water and environmental resources and the water resources of the state over the long term; (b) Protect and enhance the unique cultural, recreational, and agricultural values of the California Delta as an evolving place; (c) Restore the Delta ecosystem, including its fisheries and wildlife, as the heart of a healthy estuary and wetland ecosystem; (d) Promote statewide water conservation, water use efficiency, and sustainable water use; (e) Improve water quality to protect human health and the environment consistent with achieving water quality objectives in the Delta; (f) Improve the water conveyance system and expand statewide water storage; (g) Reduce risks to people, property, and state interests in the Delta by effective emergency preparedness, appropriate land uses, and investments in flood protection; (h) Establish a new governance structure with the authority, responsibility, accountability, scientific support, and adequate and secure funding to achieve these objectives; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 85300(a) of the Water Code, the Delta Stewardship Council ("Council") shall develop, adopt, and commence implementation of a Delta Plan that furthers the coequal goals.; and

WHEREAS, the Council has, in consultation with the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies as required by Water Code section 85300(b), developed a Proposed Final Delta Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Delta Stewardship Council has prepared and certified a Program Environmental Impact Report for the Delta Plan ("PEIR") (State Clearinghouse No. 2010122028) via Resolution number 2013-1, which Resolution is hereby incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the PEIR has been presented to the Council and the Council has reviewed and considered the information therein, along with all staff reports pertaining to the Delta Plan, all other pertinent documents, and all written and oral statements received by the Council prior to or at its public hearing on the Delta Plan and the PEIR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL:

1. The Council hereby finds the foregoing recitals to be true and correct and incorporates them herein.

2. The Council hereby adopts the Proposed Final Delta Plan as presented to it at its meeting of May 16-17, 2013 and directs the Executive Officer to incorporate (a) the errata, (b) any other changes identified and directed by the Council at that meeting and (c) any final technical and nonsubstantive formatting edits necessary for producing the Final Delta Plan.

3. The Executive Officer shall revise the Executive Summary per Council direction at the meeting, consistent with the Final Delta Plan main text, and shall bring it back to the Council at its June meeting for confirmation.

4. All of the Mitigation Measures identified in the PEIR and in the Findings incorporated as Attachment 2 in Resolution 2013-1 that are within the responsibility and jurisdiction of the Council are adopted and incorporated into the Delta Plan through Delta Plan Policy GP1.

CERTIFICATION

On a motion by Councilmember Fiorini, seconded by Councilmember Isenberg, and a vote of the Council, the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Delta Stewardship Council by a vote of 7 in favor to 0 opposed at a regular meeting of the Delta Stewardship Council on May 16, 2013.

Dated: May 16, 2013

Patricia Rogers

Patricia Rogers
Clerk of the Board of the Delta Stewardship Council