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September 13, 2011

Delta Stewardship Council
980 Ninth Street, Suite 1500
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Concerns about the draft Delta Plan

Dear Chairman Isenberg and Members of the Council:

I am writing to express Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District's concern with the draft Delta Plan being developed by the Delta Stewardship Council. Though the fifth draft plan shows some improvement over previous drafts, I am concerned it will not meet the co-equal goals of improved water supply reliability and Delta ecosystem health in its current form.

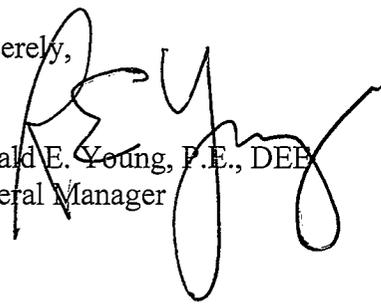
We are very concerned that the draft plan is vague about what kind of water supply we can expect in the future. Our agency cannot adequately plan and pursue opportunities without some certainty as to future water supplies. California simply cannot afford to advance any plan that creates local uncertainty and economic instability.

It is also extremely troubling that the plan attempts to dictate local water management decisions on everything from rate structures to recycling targets. That level of micromanagement from Sacramento undercuts local planning hundreds of miles from the Delta. The council should focus its energy instead on improving our water supplies and the ecosystem health of the Delta.

We respectfully urge the council to fully consider these concerns and discuss the Alternate Delta Plan developed by statewide water, business and agricultural interests through the Ag-Urban Coalition. We urge council members to work with the coalition to identify the best options for meeting the co-equal goals. We simply must get this plan right for the sake of our water supply, our economy and our environment.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of this issue. If you have any additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 951-674-3146.

Sincerely,


Ronald E. Young, P.E., DEE
General Manager

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