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Assemblymember Alyson Huber
State Capitol, Room 2117
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Dear Assemblymember Huber:

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On behalf of the Delta Stewardship Council, I regret to inform you of our opposition to AB 2000. Section 3 of this bill would reduce the number of gubernatorial appointees from four to two and increase the number of appointees representing the Delta Protection Commission from one to three.

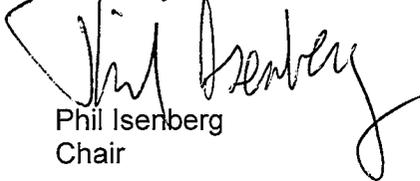
In the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009, the Legislature declared that the "...Delta watershed and California's water infrastructure are in crisis and existing Delta policies are not sustainable." In order to address this crisis, the Legislature established the Council as an independent agency of the state and granted it broad and focused powers.

Six of the Council members were appointed by the Governor and the legislative leadership according to the qualifications specified in the Act. The seventh member, as you know, is the chairperson of the Delta Protection Commission. The current Council members were appointed only two years ago and they have begun the difficult and challenging tasks required to restore the Delta and improve water supply reliability.

Section 3 of this bill overturns the Governor's duty to manage the Executive branch of state government, namely by replacing two governor appointees with two officials elected at the local level. More to the point, the composition of the Council was carefully thought out when SBX7 1 was being written. The continuity of membership at this critical time fosters necessary working relationships as the Council deliberates, adopts, and implements the Delta Plan.

The Council is committed to meeting its statutory duties with respect to the Delta Reform Act and doing so with integrity and forthrightness. With this in mind, we must oppose this bill.

Sincerely,



Phil Isenberg
Chair



Randy Fiorini
Vice Chair

cc: Members, Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife

Coequal goals means the two 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.