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## Response to comment RLO015-1

Comment noted.

January 14, 2013

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED AND E-MAIL

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### DELTA COALITION JOINT COMMENTS ON RECIRCULATED DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (VOLUME 3) FOR THE FINAL DRAFT DELTA PLAN

Dear Ms. Messer:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Recirculated Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (Recirculated DPEIR or RDPEIR) for the Final Draft Delta Plan (Plan).

The Delta Coalition (Coalition) made up of San Joaquin County (County), the seven cities in the County, water agencies, business interests, and civic groups within and surrounding the County have come together to better represent our interest, coalescing around a set of principles that will enable us to move forward collaboratively. Coalition members have respectfully submitted separate comments on the RDPEIR (incorporated by this reference). This joint Coalition submittal is yet another effort to bring to your immediate attention the fact that the RDPEIR and the Plan, in their current format, gravely lack critical information and data essential for the development of a technically and legally adequate RDPEIR, and a Plan that will accomplish the coequal goals as specified in the Delta Reform Act.

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In addition to our concerns regarding the adequacy of the DPEIR, the Coalition remains seriously concerned regarding the scope of the Plan. We further assert that the RDPEIR has not considered viable alternatives, or adequately assessed the far-reaching impacts of the broad-stroked policies in the Plan. The Plan alludes to vague, future mitigation programs and studies and does not identify tangible impacts and specific mitigation measures. Until and unless this critically important information is developed, an opportunity for full and informed public review and comment is unreasonable and infeasible.

Again, our hope is that the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) will take into serious consideration the comments put forth, and that you will ultimately recognize the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta as the home of many thousands of residents, and one of the most agriculturally-rich regions in California. The Coalition will continue to work together to provide meaningful comments on the Delta Plan, and is committed to working closely with the DSC and DSC staff. Should you have any questions, please contact Tom Gau, Director of Public Works, San Joaquin County at (209) 468-3100 and/or Michael Niblock, Community Development Program Specialist, City of Stockton at (209) 937-8090.

Sincerely,



Frank L. Ruhstaller, Second District  
San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors



Kathy Miller, Council Member  
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## Response to comment RLO015-2

Please see response to commenter's previous letter LO205 and Master Responses 1, 2, 3, and 4.

## Response to comment RLO015-3

Comment noted.