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Ms. Terry Macaulay, Interim Chief Deputy, Executive Officer
Delta Stewardship Council
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Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Draft Delta Plan EIR
eircomments@deltacouncil.ca.gov

Dear Ms. Macaulay,

The recent draft environmental impact report issued by the Delta Stewardship Council goes beyond the legal scope of its authority by including both the Feather and Sacramento River watersheds in the Delta Plan. This is outside the original charter of the Delta Stewardship Council.

This increase to the scope of the Delta restoration to include "enforceable flow requirements" could have significant negative impact on upstream watersheds and water users. Language from the original Cal Fed Bay Delta Record of Decision mandates that no redirected negative impact should occur. Impact could include a loss of flood protection, area of origin water rights, water to agriculture, recreation and of critical salmon habitat. The Delta Stewardship Council's attempt to expand the control of the Delta Plan to include the Sacramento and Feather River Watersheds is outside the authority of the Delta Stewardship Council's mandate to protect the Delta. ST45-1

The stewardship of the Delta is critical to all Californians, but to sacrifice the environmental and economic health of other watersheds to achieve that goal will harm all Californians. Any attempt by the Delta Stewardship Council to undercut and weaken area of origin water rights is unacceptable.

Sincerely,

Dan Logue
Assemblyman, 3rd District

Response to comment ST45-1

Regarding the geographic scope of the Delta Plan, please refer to Master Response 1. Regarding the impacts of the Delta Plan polices and recommendations related to flows in the Delta, please refer to Master Response 5.