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Delta Stewardship Council
980 Ninth Street, Suite 1500
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Re: Significant Concerns about the Draft Delta Plan

Dear Chairman Isenberg and Members of the Council:

I am writing on behalf of my agency and the people and communities we serve. I want to express my serious reservations regarding the draft Delta Plan. That plan was developed by the Delta Stewardship Council and is to be the subject of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review in the near future. While the draft plan shows modest improvements over the previous (four) drafts, the current version will not meet the co-equal goals of improved water supply reliability and Delta ecosystem health. It is critical that the council redirect its efforts immediately and make the requisite changes to the plan that will actually improve water supply and ecosystem health for the Delta and its watershed.

After review of the plan our agency is convinced that in its current form the plan provides no certainty about what levels of water supply local agencies might expect in the future. Local water supply agencies must have that certainty to carry out appropriate resource and infrastructure planning to support our customers, communities and economies. Such uncertainty adds one more factor to economic instability that makes our planning nearly impossible. We simply cannot develop our long-term capital improvement programs and resource plans when the Delta plan confounds rather than affirms a path to sustainability. Doubt and uncertainty is the last thing California should be advancing as a public policy at this time. The current plan will undermine local decision making and further impede economic recovery.

It is also of great concern that the plan seeks to dictate local water management decisions on everything from rate structures to recycling targets. That level of micromanagement from Sacramento not only undercuts local planning hundreds of miles from the Delta but also adds to uncertainty and assumptions for serving our customers. It will, we believe also lead to higher water rates to our customers and lower reliability of supplies.

It is somewhat encouraging to hear the council will hold workshops in September to hear from local agencies and governments who will be subject to these issues. Quite frankly they are long overdue. The Council needs to understand that we just don't need a plan we need a functional plan that will help our agency and this state. The current plan does neither.

I respectfully urge the council to consider the Alternate Delta Plan submitted by the Ag-Urban coalition. I also ask the council to work with our representatives to develop a plan to achieve the

co-equal goals and provide a clear and understandable landscape to aid future planning. Let us help you craft a plan that meets the intent of the legislation, and provides for regulatory certainty, so that we can use it to better serve the people and communities who depend on our agency for a water supply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Kampa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "K".

Peter J. Kampa
General Manager
Tuolumne Utilities District

Cc: TUD Board of Directors
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