



June 15, 2011

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

Re: Request to Include Alternate Delta Plan as a Project Alternative in the EIR

Chairman Isenberg and Members of the Council:

A coalition of agencies and organizations representing the interests of water agencies, businesses, and farms from throughout the state submitted an Alternate Delta Plan to the Council on June 10, 2011. The Council was requested to include the Alternate Delta Plan as a project alternative in the draft environmental impact report for the Delta Plan.

The Utica Power Authority has reviewed the Alternate Delta Plan and we fully support its inclusion as a project alternative in the draft EIR. The Alternate Delta Plan lays out a truly comprehensive approach to achieving the co-equal goals that we believe warrants full discussion by the Council.

We believe including the Alternate Delta Plan as a project alternative in the draft EIR will ensure the Council has a complete range of options to consider as it formulates the final Delta Plan by the Jan. 1, 2012, deadline.

Accordingly, we request that Council include the Alternate Delta Plan in its entirety as a project alternative in the draft EIR for the Delta Plan.

We remain committed to working with the Council as a partner in developing a plan that can further the achievement of the co-equal goals of ecosystem restoration and water supply reliability.

Regards,

Vern Pyle
General Manager