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Mr. Joe Grindstaff
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Dear Mr. Grindstaff:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the Interim Delta Plan. The Yolo Basin Foundation has over 20 years of experience working successfully with Yolo Bypass stakeholders. At this time there are two well-established stakeholder groups that would welcome working with the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC): The Yolo Bypass Working Group and the Lower Yolo Bypass Planning Forum. These two groups have created multiple documents that can be of great assistance to the DSC staff and board members as development of the Delta Plan progresses. The Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Land Management Plan, listed in Appendix V of the Interim Plan is an exemplary document for managing the largest wetland restoration program in the Delta. This plan was developed from the ground up with extensive stakeholder discussion at every step.

There are other efforts and documents relating to the Yolo Bypass that were not listed in the Interim Delta Plan. Please add the following to **Appendix V:**

Yolo Bypass Working Group sponsored by Yolo Basin Foundation

Yolo Bypass Working Group and Yolo Basin Foundation for the Calfed Bay Delta Program: **A Framework for the Future: Yolo Bypass Management Strategy**, August 2001. Available at http://www.yolobasin.org

Discover the Flyway program for schools sponsored by Yolo Basin Foundation and California Department of Fish and Game

Yolo Bypass Interagency Working Group: California Department of Fish and Game, California Department of Water Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service. **Yolo Bypass Conceptual Aquatic Restoration Opportunities: Keeping Yolo Bypass Users Whole While Improving Aquatic Conditions**, August 2006

Yolo Basin Foundation and Yolo County Water Resources Association. ***Yolo Bypass Integrated Project*** of the **Yolo County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan**, May 2007

Lower Yolo Bypass Planning Forum. **Lower Yolo Bypass Planning Forum: Yolo Bypass Conservation Measures**, and **Local Impacts From Habitat Development And Delta Infrastructure Projects and Suggested Solutions**. July 2009. Available at http://www.yolobypass.net

Larry Walker Associates for City of Woodland. **Yolo Bypass Water Quality Management Plan Report.** May 2006

Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee. **Putah Creek Accord**, May 2000

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In addition to the documents mentioned above we request that the **Preliminary Description of a Westside Yolo Bypass Management Option for Juvenile Salmon**; *Draft July, 2010* be included in the Interim Delta Plan, Appendix V. This document is being prepared by the Yolo Basin Foundation in cooperation with other Yolo Bypass stakeholders. It will be available during the second week of July at http://www.yolobasin.org.

Yolo Basin Foundation looks forward to working with the Delta Stewardship Council in the future to realize our shared resource management goals while encouraging the unique balance of flood control, agriculture and wetland management that makes the Yolo Bypass a unique and valuable asset for the Delta Region.

Sincerely,

Robin Kulakow

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Executive Director