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Dear Chancellor Garcia,

On behalf of the Delta Stewardship Council (Council), I'm writing to communicate the importance of the Romberg-Tiburon Estuary and Ocean Science (EOS) Center to the Council and the broader Delta science and management community.

The EOS Center is a center of excellence that provides several critical services, including:

- **Generating management-relevant research**—EOS Center researchers (including Drs. Wim Kimmerer, Dick Dugdale, Frances Wilkerson, Katharyn Boyer and Michelle Jungbluth) provide essential science that informs natural resource regulations, permits and policies across the estuary. In fact, the Council has funded over 16 EOS Center projects since 2006.
- **Training future leaders**—the EOS Center helps to strengthen the region's talent pipeline, by training undergraduate and graduate students, many of whom have gone on to leadership roles across government or academia, including at the Council.
- **Serving as a key partner and collaborator**—the EOS Center is a key partner in many of the collaborative science groups that the Council hosts and facilitates, including the Adaptive Management Advisory Team, Delta Interagency Adaptive Management Integration Team, as well as several Interagency Ecological Program Project Work Teams.

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- **Hosting one of only three National Estuarine Research Reserves in California—** with support from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the San Francisco Bay NERR is a critical partnership to find solutions to restoration challenges in our changing estuary.

Looking ahead, we are eager to continue to collaborate with the EOS Center, and to support shared research interests, to further science-driven solutions for the San Francisco Estuary.

Sincerely,

Jessica R. Pearson
Executive Officer
Delta Stewardship Council