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Susan Tatayon, Chair
Delta Stewardship Council
980 Ninth Street, Suite 1500
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Lookout Slough Tidal Habitat Restoration and Flood Improvement Project

Dear Chair Tatayon:

We write to you today in support of the Delta Stewardship Council's certification of consistency for the Lookout Slough Tidal Habitat Restoration and Flood Improvement Project.

As the Council is aware, the Lookout Slough Project is a proposed multi-benefit covered action that would restore approximately 3,165 acres of tidal wetland habitat and create over 40,000 acre-feet of transitory flood storage in the Cache Slough Complex within Solano County adjacent to the Yolo Bypass.

In January of 2020, Solano County and DWR entered a comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding related to the proposed Lookout Slough Project. As part of that agreement and because of the State's continued interests in restoration projects in the region, Solano County and DWR committed to collaborate with other appropriate entities to find real solutions to the region's long-standing public access and recreation challenges.

District 5 Supervisor Mitch Mashburn and myself have worked with staff, DWR and the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife to develop a subsequent agreement that would bring us to a more specific process and outcome. This MOU between the parties was voted on and approved by the Solano County Board of Supervisors during its regular meeting on November 9, 2021. The MOU provides a mechanism for DWR, CDFW, and the County to collaborate and ultimately identify opportunities to expand and enhance recreation within the Cache Slough region of the Delta. Together, DWR, CDFW, and the County will develop and implement a strategy for engaging stakeholders including non-profits, community organizations, local groups, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties to build community support and obtain input on the opportunities and options for recreation that are identified.

We are confident that this collaborative effort between agencies will adequately address public access at Liberty Island Ecological Reserve and Lookout Slough, and other existing tidal habitat areas. I am hopeful the Delta Stewardship Council will support the County's and DWR's efforts to work together towards lasting public access and recreation.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to call on us if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,



John M. Vasquez
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