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Delta Counties Coalition to Unanimously Support AB 7X 13

*10/30/09...*The Delta Counties Coalition (DCC) announced today to unanimously support AB 7X 13 introduced by Assembly Member Alyson Huber (10th District) and co-authored by Senator Lois Wolk (5th District). The bill would prohibit the construction of a conveyance which would divert water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, unless expressly authorized by the California Legislature. Additionally, the Legislative Analyst’s Office would be required to complete an economic feasibility analysis prior to the enactment of a statute authorizing the construction of a peripheral canal. The bill would also require that construction and operation of a peripheral canal not diminish or negatively affect the water supply, water rights, or quality of water for water users within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta watershed.

The DCC, comprised of Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano and Yolo counties, was established in 2008 to give one voice to the Delta. The Coalition is unified in its efforts to protect the Delta while ensuring statewide water supply reliability and restoration of the Delta ecosystem.

The Coalition has expressed great concern regarding the approval, cost, protection of water rights, and the negative economic impacts of any conveyance system intended to divert water from the Sacramento River. For several months, DCC has advocated for strong Legislative oversight and approval of any conveyance. AB 7X 13 would address these concerns.

Attached is the Delta Counties Coalition Letter.

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October 30, 2009

The Honorable Alyson Huber
State Capitol Room 5175
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 7X 13 (Huber) – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Huber:

The Counties of Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano and Yolo – the Delta Counties Coalition (DCC) – are pleased to support your measure, AB 7X 13, relative to express legislative approval of a water conveyance system.

This bill would prohibit the construction of a conveyance that diverts water from the Sacramento River to a location south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, unless expressly authorized by the Legislature. Additionally, AB 7X 13 would require the Legislative Analyst's Office to complete an economic feasibility analysis prior to the enactment of a statute authorizing the construction of a peripheral canal. Further, the bill would require that the construction and operation of a peripheral canal not diminish or negatively affect the water supplies, water rights, or quality of water for water users within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta watershed.

As you know, the DCC has expressed great concerns regarding approval, cost, protection of water rights and the negative economic impacts of any conveyance system intended to divert water from the Sacramento River. The DCC has sought over the last months to communicate these concerns to the Legislature and advocate for strong oversight and express Legislative approval of any conveyance. Your measure would address these core concerns of the DCC. For these reasons, the Counties of Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano and Yolo are pleased to support AB 7X 13 and greatly appreciate your authorship.

Sincerely,



Susan A. Bonilla
Chair, Contra Costa Board of Supervisors



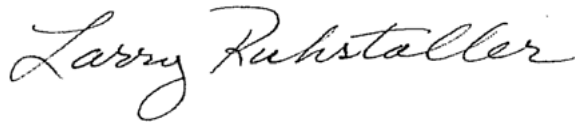
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