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April 3, 2018

The Honorable Al Muratsuchi, Chair
Assembly Natural Resources Committee
State Capitol, Room 2179
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 2441 (Frazier). Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Abandoned Vessel Removal.
Support (As Amended on March 13, 2018)
Set for Hearing: April 9, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.**

Dear Assemblymember Muratsuchi,

The Delta Counties Coalition (DCC) is pleased to support AB 2441 (Frazier), which would establish funding for the removal of abandoned and derelict vessels (ADV) from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is both the source of water for millions of Californians as well as a vital economic hub of businesses and recreational activities. ADVs pose a major threat to the Delta ecosystem and the entire state's water quality. Once these vessels sink, its asbestos laden materials, gasoline and diesel fuels, antifreeze, and lead-based paints contaminate the Delta's delicate ecosystem. A recent study determined that there are roughly 250 ADVs in the Delta and additional vehicles are abandoned annually. By establishing a stable funding source dedicated to the removal of ADVs, AB 2441 will help address this problem and help ensure the continued sustainability of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

For these reasons, the Delta Counties Coalition supports AB 2441. Feel free to contact Delta Counties Coalition Coordinator Natasha Drane at 916-874-4627 or dranen@saccounty.net.

Sincerely,

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cc: Hon. Jim Frazier
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