



Delta Counties Coalition

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February 3, 2020

Mr. Wade Crowfoot
Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Secretary Crowfoot:

The Delta Counties Coalition (DCC) appreciates your leadership in conducting the Delta Roundtable meetings and knows it can be challenging to manage a stakeholder group of this size and meaningfully address the breadth of the issues discussed. We would like to meet with you separately to discuss recent developments including the Notice of Preparation released by the Department of Water Resources (DWR).

While we appreciate your first meeting with the DCC separately, and as part of the Delta Roundtable discussions, we want to express our concerns related to the recent press release and Question & Answer sheet by DWR on the proposed Delta Conveyance Project. These documents referenced the Delta Roundtable discussion as part of the DWR's stakeholder process. We disagree that the Delta Roundtable is part of DWR's stakeholder process and ask that the Delta Roundtable process not be used in any announcement related to the Delta Conveyance Project or counted towards fulfillment of any future environmental public outreach requirement.

We would also like to share our concerns about the Delta Roundtable meetings. In particular, there should be better documentation of the substantive content of each meeting and the agendas for the meetings should be developed in conjunction with the DCC and released well in advance of the meeting so all participants can be better prepared for discussion. To assist with this effort, we provided suggested agenda topics and our notes for the second Delta Roundtable meeting to your office. There should also be agreed upon goals and objectives so that these meetings benefit all attendees, and there should be a follow-up process on issues raised at the meetings.

The DCC wants to continue to discuss ways to work together on projects that will improve conditions in the Delta, including alternatives to the damaging isolated conveyance project being proposed. We cannot, however, accept the Delta Roundtable being used to promote the Delta Conveyance project when the Roundtable in fact is not substantively addressing DCC or other stakeholder concerns.

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We hope to meet with you in advance of the Delta Roundtable meeting in March. Our Delta Counties Coalition Coordinator, Natasha Drane, will contact your office to make the necessary arrangements.

Sincerely,

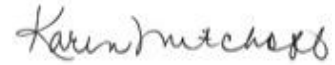
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