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May 5, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Skinner
Chairwoman, Senate Budget Committee
State Capitol, Room 5094
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for \$10M Proposal to Combat Algal Blooms in Delta

Dear Chairwoman Skinner:

The Delta Counties Coalition is pleased to support the Senate's proposal of \$10 million to the State Water Resources Control Board for monitoring, reporting, and developing means to reduce harmful algal blooms (HABs) in the Delta, contained in the Senate's Drought Relief Package.

HABs occur when colonies of algae, under the right conditions, grow out of control and produce toxic or harmful effects on people, fish, shellfish, marine mammals, and birds. HABs are now a severe and persistent problem in the Delta that can have severe impacts on human health, the environment, and the economy. Higher temperatures and drought will only exacerbate this problem. Combating HABs is necessary to protect the Delta, our watersheds, recreational waters, and most of all, our state's drinking water.

For these reasons, the DCC is pleased to support this budget proposal.

Sincerely,

Don Nottoli
Supervisor, Sacramento County

Mitch Mashburn
Supervisor, Solano County

Karen Mitchoff
Supervisor, Contra Costa County

Oscar Villegas
Supervisor, Yolo County

Chuck Winn
Supervisor, San Joaquin County

cc: Delta State Legislative Delegation
The Honorable Phil Ting, Chairman, Assembly Budget Committee
The Honorable Bob Wieckowski, Chairman, Senate Budget Sub 2 on Resources
The Honorable Richard Bloom, Chairman, Assembly Budget Sub 3 on Resources