



## Delta Counties Coalition

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*"Working together on water and Delta issues"*

### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **Delta Counties Commend Mayor Eric Garcetti for Conservation Efforts That Increase Water Supplies While Reducing Reliance on the Delta**

In response to Mayor Eric Garcetti's leadership and his vision for water conservation that led to the [efforts by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power \(LADWP\)](#) to return a portion of its conserved water to Metropolitan Water District (MWD) and to ensure that Southern California residents have continued water access during a historic drought, Oscar Villegas, vice-chair of the Delta Counties Coalition (DCC) representing the Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano and Yolo Counties made the following statement:

"In this era of long-term drought, increasingly warm temperatures and the need to serve more people with less water, the DCC commends Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and LADWP for understanding what needs to be done by reducing their dependency on imported water.

By developing local water supplies, capturing and treating stormwater, recycling wastewater, recharging groundwater basins and many other self-sustaining projects, LADWP's conservation efforts should serve as a model for other jurisdictions to provide more reliable water supplies to their constituents while protecting precious water resources of their Northern California neighbors in the Delta.

Unfortunately, the ongoing Delta tunnel conveyance debate is obstructing a more thoughtful and comprehensive conversation about much needed water solutions for all of California. It has been over a decade since the first twin tunnels project was proposed, and during this time, the State, local governments, and the private sector could have been building more projects like those envisioned by Mayor Garcetti and initiated by LADWP to actually address our statewide water needs.

Over the past 12 years, the DCC has advocated for a diversified portfolio of water measures to avoid dire consequences from extreme weather conditions like drought and flooding that are projected to be the new normal in California. It's time to stop talking about a Delta tunnel that will *not* regularly have water to move, and to instead focus on investments such as those actions taken by LADWP that will conserve and store water to better serve all Californians."

***The Delta Counties Coalition (DCC) comprises the five Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta counties including Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano and Yolo Counties. The DCC was formed to better represent the nearly 4 million residents of the Delta and works collaboratively to give one voice to the Delta and better engage in the efforts to achieve three goals: improve the Delta ecosystem, provide a more reliable water supply for the state, and protect and enhance Delta communities.***

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