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February 15, 2019

The Honorable Bill Dodd
3rd District, California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4032
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **SB 204 (Dodd) State Water Projects: Legislative Oversight
SUPPORT** (As introduced February 4, 2019)

Dear Senator Dodd,

The Delta Counties Coalition (DCC) is pleased to support your SB 204, which would increase legislative oversight of CA Waterfix contracts administered by Department of Water Resources (DWR) and establish legislative oversight of the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority.

The Legislature and the Delta residents have little opportunity to express concerns over matters affecting the Delta's environment, local economy, and drinking water quality. The DCC continues to have great concern about California WaterFix. The environmental and economic costs of this project are unknown as are the long-term effects it will have on the Delta and surrounding areas. The lack of engagement by DWR with local residents and the Legislature demonstrates the need for additional public oversight of the project. The increased opportunity for public involvement and oversight in SB 204 will help ensure the preservation of the Delta and surrounding communities.

SB 204 is consistent with DCC efforts to bring a voice to those most affected by decisions made concerning the Delta. By making large infrastructure projects subject to legislative oversight, this bill will usher in a new level of transparency to CA WaterFix and other future projects of similar magnitude.

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For these reasons, the DCC is pleased to support SB 204. Thank you for authoring this important legislation. Please contact Natasha Drane, DCC Coordinator, at dranen@saccounty.net for any reason.

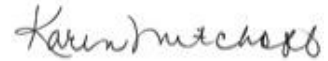
Sincerely,



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