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Delta Conservancy
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RE: Funding for Ecosystem and Land Use Planning Study for the Cache Slough Region

Members of the Delta Conservancy Board:

On June 27, 2016, the Delta Conservancy Board will consider allocating Proposition 1 planning funds to a collaborative ecosystem and land use planning effort in the Cache Slough region. Yolo County strongly supports this planning effort and the associated allocation of Proposition 1 funds. We believe that the innovative approach of integrating local governments as partners in the Delta Conservancy's ecosystem restoration planning efforts is the only way to ensure that broadly-supported Proposition 1 restoration and agricultural sustainability projects can be identified and ultimately implemented in the region.

The County supports improving the ecological health of the Delta but we firmly believe that restoration efforts need to be integrated in a way that supports the region's vibrant agricultural economy and the paramount flood protection function provided by the Yolo Bypass. This can best be achieved by working directly with local government representatives, and the land owners and farmers who will be most affected by the restoration activities.

The County has worked closely with the Delta Conservancy's staff and with the partnering agencies, including Solano County, Solano County Water Agency and Reclamation District 2068, over the past ten months to develop a broadly-supported scope of work for this planning effort. It is imperative now that this effort move forward quickly so that it can inform future Proposition 1 funding decisions.

We appreciate your consideration of this proposed scope of work and look forward to working collaboratively with the Delta Conservancy and the partner agencies on this important planning effort.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Jim Provenza
Chair, Yolo County Board of Supervisors

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