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The Honorable Jim Frazier
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3091
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1194 (Frazier). Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Delta Stewardship Council Membership Expansion. Support (As Introduced on February 21, 2019)

Dear Assemblymember Frazier,

The Delta Counties Coalition is pleased to support your AB 1194, which expands the membership of the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) to provide greater representation for the communities of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta region and affirms the central role of the Delta, its residents, and business owners in all matters that come before the Council.

DSC is charged with advancing California's coequal goals for the Delta by providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. These statutory goals must be developed in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta. The DSC, however, neglects to enforce reduced reliance on the Delta and does not prioritize the unique values of the Delta's communities.

Although the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh are at the heart of the Delta Stewardship Council's mission, the Delta residents are marginally represented. Currently, only one DSC member directly represents Delta constituents. Six additional members should be appointed to the DSC to provide adequate representation for the Delta's residents and to enforce the Delta Plan in accordance with the coequal goals.

Increased Delta representation on the Delta Stewardship Council is more aligned with the membership of the Delta Protection Commission and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy. A DSC membership that includes a strong local voice will ensure appropriate representation for Delta communities.

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For these reasons, the Delta Counties Coalition supports AB 1194 and would like to thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,



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