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Delta County Supervisors Say Proposition 1 (Water Bond) Represents a Step Toward Solving Statewide Water Issues

(Sacramento, CA) – County Supervisors from the five California counties in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta today reinforced their support for the statewide water bond, Proposition 1, which was approved by voters by a 67% - 33% margin.

"In crafting Proposition 1, the administration and legislature advanced a package of water projects which will benefit communities throughout the State," said Sacramento County Supervisor Don Nottoli. "As stewards of the Delta's unique and valued resources, we believe this measure will be a key component in addressing California's long-standing water management challenges."

"Governor Brown and the legislature advanced meaningful statewide water policies in crafting Proposition 1," said Yolo County Supervisor Jim Provenza. "As representatives of the Delta region, we believe this is a path state policy makers should pursue as we deal with California's perpetual struggles with water security and delivery."

"Proposition 1 starts to put California on a path to a more sustainable and forward-looking water policy with its conservation, habitat restoration and water storage provisions," said Contra Costa County Supervisor Mary Piepho. "This approach could be good for California's economy and its environment."

"Proposition 1 is a more workable approach than the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) and if implemented correctly, could pursue achievable goals which will benefit all Californians," said Solano County Supervisor Skip Thomson. "This contrasts with the proposed BDCP, which clearly benefits one region over another and fails to comprehensively address statewide water needs."

The Delta Counties Coalition's (DCC) concerns with BDCP were recently affirmed by federal Environmental Protection Agency in a recent comment letter on the BDCP. That letter stated that the project, as currently conceived, could violate the federal Clean Water Act.

"We have been consistent in our opinion that the BDCP is not good public policy, that it would effectively destroy the Delta as it exists today and is an untenable solution to California's water infrastructure needs. And, now we have the nation's authority on the environment, the EPA, agreeing with us," said San Joaquin County Supervisor Ken Vogel. "Rather than reallocating water shortages, the State should examine ways to sustainably create clean, new water supplies both locally and regionally."

The Delta Counties Coalition (DCC) comprises the five counties that encompass the Delta: Contra Costa, Sacramento, Solano, Yolo, and San Joaquin Counties - representing more than four million Californians who live and work in the Delta. The DCC was formed with the intent to advocate on behalf of issues and interests of the Delta region.

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