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September 23, 2013

The Honorable Jerry Brown
California Governor
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)

Dear Governor Brown,

Established in 1924, Central City Association (CCA) is Los Angeles' premier business advocacy association whose 450 members employ over 350,000 people in the Los Angeles region. On behalf of our members, we ask that you continue to take the necessary steps to move the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) process through the environmental process for further review.

The Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta region, from which we draw State Water Project supplies, is increasingly vulnerable to catastrophic failures. Environmental concerns are mounting and water supplies for 25 million people, businesses and farms throughout the state are in jeopardy. If we do not safeguard our water supply, billions of dollars worth of crops and urban infrastructure may be lost in the event of a natural disaster. Therefore, we need to invest in our aging infrastructure.

The BDCP will restore and protect the Delta environment and ensure that California has a reliable water supply for years to come. The construction of an underground water conveyance will greatly reduce environmental disruptions along the Delta, including any conflicts with migrating fish. It will also provide water managers with a reliable and predictable amount of water, in large part by protecting our water supply from disruptions caused by earthquakes or failed levees.

We recognize your leadership on this important issue and ask that you continue to take the necessary steps to advance this plan, which will restore and protect the Delta environment and also safeguard our water supply. Should you have any questions, please contact Yeghig Keshishian, CCA's Government Relations & Policy Manager, at (213) 416-7535.

Sincerely,

Carol E. Schatz
President & CEO

CC: Secretary Sally Jewell, United States Department of the Interior
U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, State of California
U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein, State of California
Congressman Xavier Becerra, U.S. House of Representatives

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California State Senator Kevin de Leon, 22nd District
California State Assemblyman John Perez, 53rd District