May 22, 2013

The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
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Dear Secretary Jewell and Governor Brown:

We are writing to express our continued strong support for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) process and to ask you to ensure that the BDCP remains a top priority of the Department of the Interior and the State of California.

Southern California has undertaken significant efforts to increase our local water supply. Our region’s water storage capacity has increased by 1,400 percent in the last thirty years. Southern California has invested in 73 water recycling projects, yielding 335,000 acre-feet annually. These efforts have allowed us to increase our population in the region by five million people since 1990 while maintaining the same water consumption levels. Future efforts in our region include the development of 1.1 million acre-feet of conserved and recycled water.

Our ability to increase our water supply depends on the reliability of water imported into the region. The BDCP’s plan to achieve the co-equal goals of providing water supply reliability for cities, farms, and businesses throughout California and restoring the critically important Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is crucial to our efforts.

California’s economic and social future is directly tied to a safe supply of reliable, high quality water and we cannot go in with half measures when it comes to water reliability or environmental sustainability. We support your work on the BDCP process as it lets the public evaluate how the BDCP achieves the most appropriate water conveyance and ecosystem conservation plan.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein
U.S. Senator

Grace F. Napolitano
Ranking Member, Water & Power

Henry Waxman
Member of Congress

Jim Costa
Member of Congress

Lucille Roybal-Allard
Member of Congress