

## **PRE Statement for February 11, 2010 BDCP Steering Committee**

As water districts receiving supplies that move across the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to the Central Valley Project and State Water Project, we are united behind the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) as the long-term solution to water system and ecosystem improvements in the estuary. The BDCP process has reached an important milestone in the development of a draft plan for the purposes of advancing the effects analysis. The water districts hereby confirm their support for a focused analysis of the tunnel conveyance approach for the purpose of giving this approach necessary short-term focus to effectively compare it with canal alignments, which have already received significant review and analysis. This decision is not and should not be equated with the final selection of the conveyance element of the plan or a “preferred alternative.” A decision on the final plan and a preferred alternative (which could include a canal, tunnel, through-Delta, or a dual system) will be made after further analyses are completed and public input is received. We are united behind this process and on the need to complete the BDCP as expeditiously as possible. We look forward to the results of the effects analysis and the public dialogue resulting from the release of a draft environmental impact statement later this year.