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Honorable Jared Huffman, Chair
Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee
1020 N Street, Suite 160
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Relationship Between BDCP and San Joaquin Multispecies
Conservation Plan

Dear Chairman Huffman.

Attached is a letter to Resources Agency Secretary Mike Chrisman dated July 22, 2009. This letter details on behalf of the San Joaquin Multi-Species Conservation Plan (SJMSCP), SJCOG's concerns with the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). The six bullet points listed in the letter to Secretary Chrisman are still valid points of discussion.

Since that letter, SJCOG staff has been invited to meetings conducted by the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) where DFG staff briefed not only SJCOG, but representatives from the other Delta counties preparing habitat conservation plans (HCP). To say that these meetings were unproductive would be an understatement. We expressed our concerns, the same as those listed in the attached letter, which were at best, noted.

Late in 2009, SJCOG was invited to a meeting of Resources Agency representatives and San Joaquin County officials at the County Agriculture facility. Following that meeting, Karla Nemeth of the Resources Agency and I agreed to meetings, separate from the DFG briefings, in which we could directly discuss SJCOG's issues with the BDCP. We have had two meetings, the last attended briefly by Undersecretary Karen Scarborough, which have been very productive and we see this as the forum for potential resolution to the BDCP/SJMSCP issues.

In the process of seven years, the development of the SJMSCP was permitted by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department Fish and Game (2001). This plan has been aggressively fulfilling the terms of the Implementation Agreement, mitigating for development in San Joaquin County by acquiring conservation

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easements and establishing habitat preserves. Certain proposed activities of the BDCP such as the extent of restoration areas, will have a negative impact on existing preserves and our ability to acquire future preserves.

Not stated directly in the attached letter is a further concern that all the Delta counties/HCPs are the same and can be treated the same. This should not be assumed. Except for the East Contra Coast Conservation Plan, the other Delta plans are still in development and can adapt more readily to the BDCP. This is a major difference between SJMSCP and the others.

As noted above, with the growing relationship between the Resources staff and SJCOG, we feel there is a greater likelihood that the BDCP and SJMSCP will be complimentary to each other rather than conflicting.

Sincerely,



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