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Mr. John Laird, Secretary
Natural Resources Agency
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Dear Secretary Laird

We write to express our support for inclusion of the "Portfolio-Based Conceptual Alternative" recently outlined by a coalition of Northern and Southern California water agencies and environmental and business organizations as a stand-alone alternative in the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) environmental impact report and cost-benefit analysis.

The Delta Reform Act of 2009 established the State policy to reduce reliance on the Delta in meeting California's future water supply needs through a statewide strategy of investing in improved regional supplies, conservation, and water use efficiency (CA Water Code Section 85021).

The Delta Reform Act further specifies that in order to be incorporated into the Delta Plan and to be eligible for state funding, the BDCP must include analysis of a reasonable range of flow criteria, rates of diversion, and other operational criteria necessary for recovering the Delta ecosystem and restoring fisheries. Furthermore, Delta Reform Act provides that the remaining water available for export and other beneficial uses will be identified from such analysis (CA Water Code Section 85320).

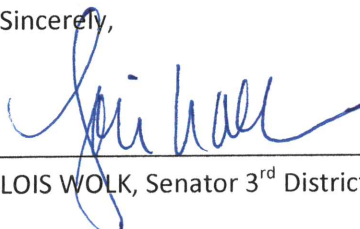
The portfolio approach is both a viable alternative that helps meet the conditions for BDCP analysis outlined in the Delta Reform Act, and a potential strategy to assist the state in meeting the new policy to reduce reliance on the Delta.

Moreover, the portfolio approach, which satisfies water demands through investments in proven regional water approaches, and incorporates sensible levee investments, may provide greater water supply reliability, water system flexibility, and climate resilience compared to alternatives currently included in the BDCP.

As a result of these broad potential benefits, a wide range of interests from the Delta, the Bay Area and Southern California have joined to urge BDCP to consider this approach seriously. BDCP should welcome a new approach that is bringing together such a diverse range of stakeholders.

Consistent with direction of the Delta Reform Act, the full suite of actions recommended within the portfolio approach should be thoroughly analyzed as part of the BDCP, including within the Environmental Impact Report and as part of a cost-benefit analysis.

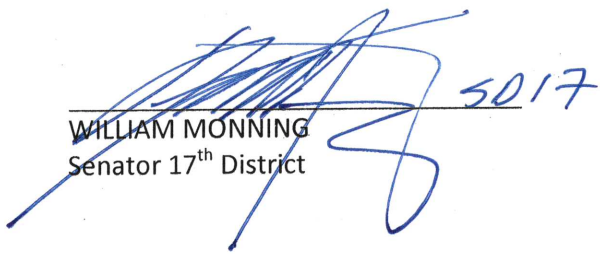
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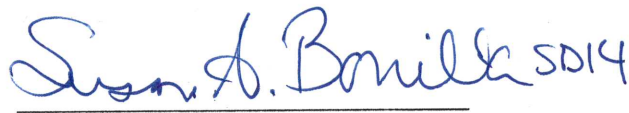
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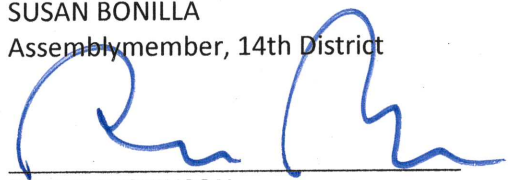
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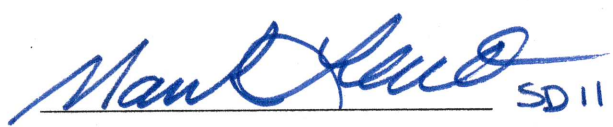
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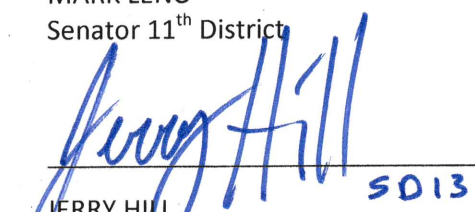
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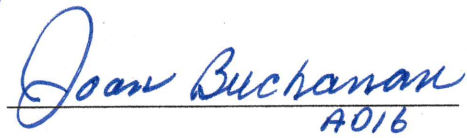
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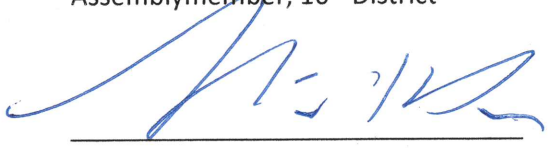
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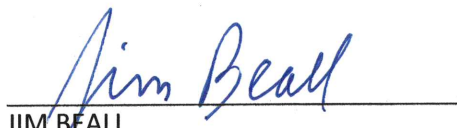
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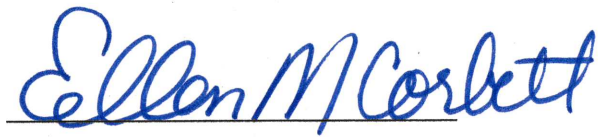
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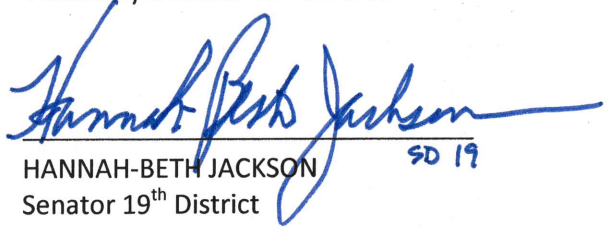
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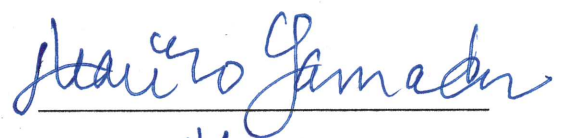
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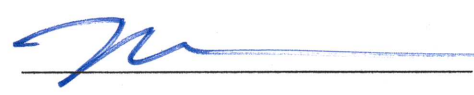
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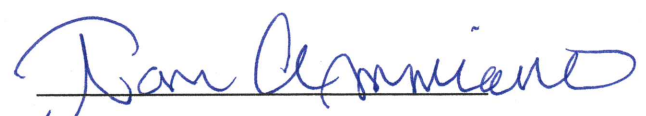
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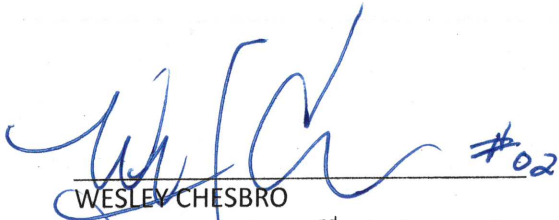
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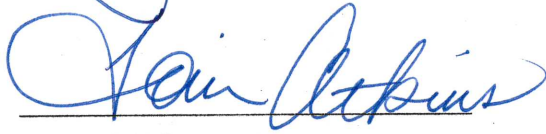
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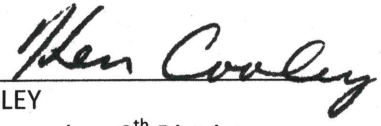
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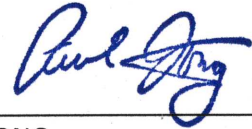
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