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The Honorable Phil Isenberg, Chair
Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force
650 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Isenberg:

I am writing on behalf of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission to commend the work of the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force and to thank you for agreeing to brief the Commission at our January 15, 2009 meeting. Our Commission has appreciated the opportunity to participate in the Delta Vision process, which has resulted in bold recommendations regarding the need for new governance and statewide efforts to address water supply reliability, Delta ecosystem revitalization, and the health, safety and sustainability of Delta communities.

Our staff's involvement in Delta Vision in 2008 has included serving on the Governance and Strategic Finance Work Group, and we are honored that our Commission served as a model for a more effective Delta governance system. We appreciated the opportunity to provide information on the *San Francisco Bay Plan* and to explain the role federal consistency under the Coastal Zone Management Act can play to help the Task Force develop its recommendation regarding the development of a legally binding yet flexible California Delta Ecosystem and Water Plan.

We were particularly pleased to see the Task Force recommend increased Delta outflows, substantial habitat restoration, and statewide efforts to promote water conservation and efficiency. These efforts will greatly benefit the entire estuary. We hope that these recommendations are implemented by the Legislature and appropriate agencies. We stand ready to do everything we can to support those efforts.

Sincerely,

SEAN RANDOLPH
Chair

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