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Honorable Dennis Duchy  
Chair, Senate Budget Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5035  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Honorable John Laird  
Chair, Assembly Budget Committee  
State Capitol, Room 6026  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Honorable Dennis Hollingsworth  
Vice-Chair, Senate Budget Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5064  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Honorable Roger Niello  
Vice-Chair, Assembly Budget Com.  
State Capitol, Room 6017  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Legislators:

The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is pleased to see the legislature taking action to secure the state's water supplies in the face of challenging circumstances. As representatives of the businesses in El Cerrito, one of the cities served by the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), we have great interest in the long-term viability of our water supply systems.

We are delighted the state has recognized the central importance of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta in providing ecosystem and export water supply benefits through the Delta Vision process.

The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce wishes to highlight the needs of EBMUD's Mokelumne Aqueducts as an essential element of the public infrastructure located in the Delta. These aqueducts provide 90% of the water supply to 1.3 million people in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. The Bay Area's economy depends on the water that is delivered through those aqueducts, and we feel that increased investment in the levees that protect them is vital.

It is our understanding the levees protecting these aqueducts needs \$120 million in improvements to meet Army Corps standards for agricultural levees. EBMUD is currently investing over \$1.5 million to help reclamation districts maintain and improve these levees, but more work is needed and the pace of improvements must be accelerated.

Therefore, the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors urge that, as you consider the recommendations of the Delta Vision process and make decisions affecting the future of the Delta, EBMUD's aqueducts and the levee system protecting them be recognized as worthy of state investment.

Thank you for your kind attention this matter.

Sincerely,



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Manager, El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

cc: Honorable Senate President Pro-Tem Don Perata  
Honorable Assembly Speaker Kim Bass  
Honorable Senator Darrell Steinberg  
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