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Delta Stewardship Council
980 Ninth Street, Suite 1500
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Third Draft of the Delta Plan

Dear Chairman Isenberg and Members of the Council:

El Dorado County strongly supports the comments submitted by the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) on the Third Draft of the Delta Plan. El Dorado County is located in east-central California, encompasses 1,805 square miles of rolling hills and mountainous terrain. The County's western boundary contains part of Folsom Lake, and the eastern boundary is also the California-Nevada State line. The County is topographically divided into two zones. The northeast corner of the County is in the Lake Tahoe basin, while the remainder of the County is in the "western slope," the area west of Echo Summit.

El Dorado County agrees with the serious concerns raised by RCRC in its May 6, 2011 comments, as well as the RCRC comments submitted on the First and Second Drafts of the Delta Plan.

Among the serious concerns of El Dorado County is the proposed geographic scope of the Delta Plan i.e. encompassing the Delta watershed north of the Delta and areas south of the Delta receiving water from the Delta. This proposed geographic scope, combined with the regulatory nature of the Delta Plan in which the Council seeks to regulate entities outside of the Delta, is unsupportable as written.

El Dorado County urges the Delta Stewardship Council to address the issues raised by RCRC's comments as you work to finalize the Delta Plan.

Sincerely,

Raymond J. Nutting, Chair
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

cc: Joseph Grindstaff, Executive Officer Delta Stewardship Council
Kathy Mannion, Regional Council of Rural Counties