

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-103

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS OF THE DELTA COUNTIES COALITION INCLUDING PROACTIVE ACTIONS TO SAFEGUARD A SUSTAINABLE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA

Whereas, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is the largest estuary on the Pacific Coast of the United States and includes major eastside tributaries that account for nearly half the snowmelt and runoff of the entire state. Located east of the San Francisco Bay and Suisun Marsh at the confluence of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Rivers, the Delta stretches inland to encompass an area of over 730,000 acres with islands and tracts of rich fertile soil surrounded by miles of sloughs and winding channels protected by levees creating one of the country's most productive agricultural regions; and

Whereas, the Delta is also habitat for hundreds of plant and animal species providing crucial habitat for fish and wildlife. In addition, the Delta is home to legacy communities which support popular boating and fishing opportunities for both recreational and commercial purposes with eight percent of the State's commercial fishery species either living in or migrating through the Delta; and

Whereas, the Delta is the hub of California's State and Federal water storage and delivery system, with water exports made to agricultural and urban users in the Bay Area, Silicon Valley, San Joaquin Valley, the Central Coast, and Southern California, with two-thirds of Californian's relying on the Delta as a source of drinking water. Additionally, over 7 million acres of farmland in the San Joaquin Valley are irrigated in part by water conveyed through the Delta, contributing to California's multi-billion-dollar agriculture industry which produces half the nation's fruits, nuts, vegetables, and twenty percent of the nation's dairy products; and

Whereas, many people living in the California delta region depend on the Delta for drinking water; water for irrigation and livestock; habitat, recreation, shipping of goods, natural gas fields, electrical transmission, and conveyance facilities among many other benefits; and

Whereas, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is at risk from many factors, and in addressing these threats, the State may make large-scale changes to the Delta's legal boundaries and ecosystem, land use authority within the Delta, water conveyance through and around the Delta, water rights and water management statewide, and many other aspects related to the Delta; and

Whereas, Solano County has raised significant concerns with large-scale isolated conveyance projects proposed by the State that could have far reaching impacts to the Delta; and

Whereas, the Counties of Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, and Yolo have joined together in a coalition, identified as the Delta Counties Coalition (DCC), to collectively articulate their mutual interests on issues concerning the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta from the perspective of the Delta region itself, from the people who call the Delta home, and perhaps best understand the tremendous resources the Delta represents; and

Whereas, the DCC has identified a need for joint action and advocacy in various areas of mutual interest on Delta related issues; and

Whereas, through resolutions 2008-150 and 2010-78, Solano County, as a participating member of the DCC, has adopted a statement of basic principles describing the mutual interests of the DCC's member counties on Delta issues, recognizing that this statement of basic principles may be refined over time.

Resolved, the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby continue its support to work together with the counties of Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Yolo as part of the Delta Counties Coalition to better understand Delta related issues from a regional perspective and to use a unified voice to advocate on behalf of local government in available forums at the federal and state levels.

Further Resolved, the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby reaffirm resolutions 2008-150 and 2010-78 and thereby supports continued participation in the DCC by all its member counties and supports the joint interests and goals of the DCC's member counties on Delta related issues and proactive actions to safeguard a sustainable Delta for the benefit of all Californians.

Passed and adopted by the Solano County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on May 24, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:	SUPERVISORS	<u>Hannigan, Brown, Spring, Mashburn, and Chair Vasquez</u>
NOES:	SUPERVISORS	<u>None</u>
EXCUSED:	SUPERVISORS	<u>None</u>



JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BILL EMLLEN, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: 
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk