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March 14, 2024

Bruce Blodgett, Executive Director Delta Protection Commission 2101 Stone Boulevard, Ste. 200 West Sacramento, CA 95691

RE: SUPPORT: Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area Management Plan

Dear Director Blodgett,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write to you in support of the *Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area Management Plan* (Management Plan), as it represents an important and compelling opportunity to enhance the interpretive values of the Delta landscape and legacy communities. The Delta is rich in cultural and natural diversity with important resources of concern to native people and the general public, including here in Solano County.

The Management Plan's emphasis on tourism is commendable and aligns with Solano County's initiatives to attract and engage visitors who appreciate the unique culmination of history, culture, and natural beauty Solano County has to offer. Our active participation in the Delta Protection Commission and support for the National Heritage Area (NHA) Advisory Committee efforts underscores our dedication to this cause, and we remain steadfast to continuing to collaborate with the NHA, local stakeholders, and the broader community to ensure the Management Plan's successful implementation.

Regarding implementation of the Management Plan, Solano County is committed to supporting and assisting with tasks and strategies included in the Management Plan, as we recognize that our role as a conduit of information and resources is pivotal in preserving the Delta's legacy, including stimulating economic growth through enhanced recreational and tourism opportunities. Additionally, we acknowledge that our collaboration with all parties involved in the Management Plan is crucial to highlight the Delta's heritage nationally and internationally.

As members of the Delta Counties Coalition, we are honored to be a part of this conversation and to be working together with you on this significant endeavor. We write to assure you that we are open and available to further discuss how Solano County can continue to contribute to the initiative's collective success. Thank you for your support of this important matter to Solano County.

Sincerely,

Mitch Mashburn, Chair

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