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**Via email**

Richard Atwater, President, and Board members  
Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Atwater and DCA Board members,

The Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (“DCA”) is a Joint Powers Authority with Board members from Metropolitan Water District, Santa Clara Valley Water District, and other State Water Project contractors. Metropolitan Water District is notoriously colonial in their approach to planning of water projects, and the DCA’s planning for the Delta Conveyance has been no different.

The DCA appointed “representatives” for Delta residents to a “Stakeholder Engagement Committee” (“SEC”) rather than providing a way for their own voices to be heard. As part of the false narrative since the start of the single tunnel project, the DCA is appointing a new member from Hood to a position on the Stakeholder Engagement Committee that was created just 30 days ago, long after the Hood community impacts were discussed.

Now literally a year into the DCA’s alleged stakeholder engagement process they are claiming to add someone representing the community at ground zero for this community destroying project. Yet when the DCA’s appointed Stakeholder Engagement Committee members requested that the DCA and DWR pause the stakeholder outreach process during the pandemic shutdown, the DCA and DWR refused. Many of the SEC members told the DCA that they were either extremely limited or completely unable to do outreach because of the pandemic shutdown. SEC member Anna Swenson cited the lack of broadband internet access by many Delta residents, and their inability to even download the maps of the Delta Conveyance project.

The DCA has recently provided maps for Gia Moreno to hand out to Hood residents. But the DCA has basically concluded the process for consideration of the Delta Conveyance project facility siting and construction impacts with the Stakeholder Engagement Committee. The DCA's recent actions are not a substitute for fair and equal inclusion in the process for input into the Delta Conveyance design. The DCA and DWR have also refused to address the request for consideration of alternatives to the intake sites from the current SEC member from Hood, North Delta Business representative, Angelica Whaley.<sup>1</sup> Nor have the DCA or DWR addressed the requests for consideration of alternative intake sites by Sacramento County and the Delta Protection Commission in CEQA scoping comments.

As previously requested by Delta Legacy Communities, Inc., to comply with due process, DWR and the DCA need to provide an appropriately noticed, fair and inclusive process to hear the concerns of all Delta legacy community residents about the proposed facility sites.<sup>2</sup> DWR's survey of disadvantaged minority groups in the Delta is also not a substitute for full and equal participation in the Delta Conveyance stakeholder input process, and is in violation of Government Code section 11135. DWR and the DCA need to fully address the concerns expressed by the current SEC member from Hood, Angelica Whaley, and restart the stakeholder input process to fully consider the views by Ms. Moreno and any other concerned Delta residents on ways to reduce impacts of the Delta Conveyance project on their homes, their communities, and their lives.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Dan Whaley*

Dan Whaley, Chair  
Delta Legacy Communities, Inc.

*/s/ Dave Stirling*

Dave Stirling, Vice Chair  
Delta Legacy Communities, Inc.

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<sup>1</sup> Delta Legacy Communities, Inc., incorporates fully as if set forth herein the September 23, 2020 requests by the North Delta business representative to the DCA for consideration of alternatives.

<sup>2</sup> Delta Legacy Communities, Inc., incorporates fully as if set forth herein the requests in DLC's September 11, 2020 letter re: Absence of due process in DWR's implementation of Delta Plan Policy DP P2.

cc:

Ms. Gia Moreno

Mario Moreno, Chair, Hood Community Council

Kathryn Mallon, Executive Director, Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority  
Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Stakeholder Engagement Committee  
members

Carrie Buckman, Environmental Program Manager for Delta Conveyance, Department of  
Water Resources

Governor Gavin Newsom

The Honorable Wade Crowfoot, Secretary of Natural Resources

Thomas Gibson, Deputy Secretary and Special Counsel for Water, Natural Resources  
Agency

Don Nottoli, Sacramento County Supervisor

Oscar Villegas, Chair, Delta Protection Commission

Erik Vink, Director, Delta Protection Commission

Daniel Constable, Environmental Program Manager, Delta Stewardship Council