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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Association of California Cities – Orange County Board of Directors, I am writing to express our support for Governor Gavin Newsom’s Delta Conveyance Project. ACC-OC strongly urges you to support this much-needed infrastructure project that will help secure our water supplies now and into the future.

The Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC) represents the regional policy needs of Orange County cities and special districts. Collectively, our members provide services to up to 3.2 million people and work across city and county borders on a multitude of public policy issues.

Southern California depends on the State Water Project to deliver a reliable water supply to fuel our economy. However, our statewide water distribution system is living in the past. Nearly 35 percent of Orange County’s total water supply is delivered through this aging network of dirt levees. That means, the region’s 3.2 million residents are reliant on a system that has passed its expiration date. It’s time to modernize our water distribution system to protect Orange County.

The Delta Conveyance Project is a much-needed upgrade to our statewide water distribution system, protecting our water supplies from earthquakes and other natural disasters. However, the project must be designed to carry enough capacity that it ensures water reliability AND is financially viable.

Rejecting this project will be a perpetuation of the status quo that is failing this fragile system. Our region relies on this crucial infrastructure for our water supplies, and we cannot afford to postpone long-needed upgrades any longer.

California’s water security cannot wait, the time to act is now.

Sincerely,

Bruce Channing  
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