MEMORANDUM

TO: Delta Counties Coalition

FROM: DCC Federal Lobbyists

DATE: January 25, 2009

SUBJECT: FY 2011 Appropriations Requests

Recommendation #1(a) (Technical Assistance)

EPA, Environmental Programs and Management, Other Geographic Activities.--

The bill provides $2,000,000 for the five delta counties that make up the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Sacramento, Yolo, Solano, San Joaquin and Contra Costa Counties), to carry out the following objectives: initiate, further, and complete habitat restoration projects with measurable results, including habitat restoration on agricultural lands; carry out technical analysis of ecosystem restoration and habitat protection proposals; protect surface and ground water resources; and protect and improve water quality. The Agency is directed to exercise maximum flexibility to minimize non-Federal match requirements in recognition of the exceptional economic circumstances of the region and the significant ongoing investments being made by the five delta counties in such activities. Cost-Share: 95 percent federal.

Recommendation #1(b) (Construction Assistance; Must have Specific Project(s))

EPA, State and Tribal Assistance Grants, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Counties, California.--

The bill provides $2,000,000 to advance the following objectives within the five delta counties that make up the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Sacramento, Yolo, Solano, San Joaquin and Contra Costa Counties): initiate, further, and complete habitat restoration projects with measurable results, including habitat restoration on agricultural lands; protect surface and ground water resources; and protect and improve water quality. Cost-Share: 55 percent federal.

Recommendation #2 (Construction Assistance; Must have Specific Project(s))

Corps of Engineers, Construction General, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Counties, California.--

The bill provides, pursuant to Section 5039 of Public Law 110-114, $5,000,000 for design and construction assistance for water-related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development projects to be carried out by the five delta counties that make up the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Sacramento, Yolo, Solano, San Joaquin and Contra Costa Counties). Cost-Share: 75 percent federal.

Recommendation #3

Corps of Engineers, General Investigations, Flood Plain Management Services.—

The bill provides $500,000 for the Corps of Engineers to support the five Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta counties in carrying out levee condition analysis, geotechnical studies, and hydraulic analysis to support effective flood plain management. Cost-Share: 100 percent federal.

Recommendation #4 (Increase in nationwide account that will benefit HCPs in 5 Delta Counties)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Resource Management, Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund ("Fund")

Support increased funding for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund ("Fund") from $85 million in FY 2010 to $125 million in FY 2011. The increase will restore the Fund to approximately its FY01 level, adjusted for inflation, and provide needed support to regional Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) nationally, including those in the 5 Delta counties.