

AB 2336: SUPPORT

To: Honorable Chair and Members, Assembly Committee on Appropriations
Regarding: **AB 2336 (Fuller) - Delta Stewardship Council**
Position: **SUPPORT**
Hearing Date: May 5, 2010

**ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES
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WESTERN GROWERS ASSOCIATION
WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT
ZONE 7 WATER AGENCY, EASTERN ALAMEDA COUNTY (CO-SPONSOR)**

The above are pleased to support AB 2336 (Fuller) - Delta Stewardship Council. AB 2336 requires that the Delta Stewardship Council, in the course of developing and adopting the Delta Plan, conduct an assessment of stressors, other than the operations of the State Water Resources Development System

and the federal Central Valley Project, on populations of native fish species in the Delta, the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers, and the tributaries to those rivers below the rim dams of the Central Valley, and recommend changes in statute and actions by state agencies to remedy the situation facing native species in as timely a manner as possible. The assessment shall include, but is not necessarily limited to, those stressors identified in the Delta Vision Strategic Plan, including the impacts of invasive species and nonnative species, water quality impairments, and predation on native species.

As the State deals with a severe water shortage that could cost up to 95,000 jobs statewide and billions in economic losses, it is crucial that all factors affecting the health of the Delta be addressed. The problems associated with non-natives must be assessed now in light of the crisis affecting our salmon population and water supply reductions.

Summary

All of the stressors to native Delta species need to be fully and independently analyzed. This bill poses no additional costs on the Delta Stewardship Council given that it is in the process of developing the Delta Plan pursuant to the water package adopted last year by the Legislature. This bill merely brings additional clarity and focus to work that the Council will be undertaking pursuant to an existing mandate.

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