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Joaquin Esquivel  
Chair  
State Water Resources Control Board

Members  
State Water Resources Control Board

Eileen Sobeck  
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Dear Chair Esquivel, Members of the Board, and Ms. Sobeck:

On January 7, 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom reinitiated discussions among interested parties to seek Voluntary Agreements that the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) could consider in its Water Quality Control Plan update for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary and Watershed. These discussions have centered on how we can achieve multiple water quality, water supply, and sustainable water management objectives. The organizations listed below have actively participated in discussions over the past several weeks.

These efforts have made significant progress since the Water Board meeting on December 12, 2018. Today, the Directors of the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Water Resources are submitting two documents that demonstrate this progress and identify additional work that is needed.

The first document is a Project Description of a set of Voluntary Agreements that is submitted for further analysis by Water Board staff. It is based on the framework agreement outlined on December 12 and must be assessed for legal and scientific adequacy. The second document is a Planning Agreement that outlines an approach to implementation and terms for the work effort still before us. These documents are intended to integrate flow and non-flow measures to establish water quality conditions that support (1) the viability of native fishes in the Bay-Delta watershed, and (2) the achievement of related objectives in the Bay-Delta Plan, as amended. Today's submission does not represent agreed-upon Voluntary Agreements. Rather, it is an important step that is worthy of further analysis and discussion.

As individuals representing our respective organizations in this process, we are committed to continue working with the California Natural Resources Agency, the California Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and other interested parties in an open and transparent process to assess and further develop this proposal. We remain committed to try to reach Voluntary Agreements that advance California on the path toward sustainable water management.

Sincerely,

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