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Joaquin Esquivel, Chair
State Water Resources Control Board

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Subject: Support for resolution to authorize use of SEP funds for Delta RMP Projects.

Dear Chair Esquivel,

On behalf of the Sacramento Stormwater Quality Partnership (Partnership)¹, we wish to convey our support for the State Water Resources Control Board proposed resolution authorizing use of supplemental environmental project (SEP) funds for Delta Regional Monitoring Program (Delta RMP) projects.

We believe that the Delta RMP's mission of gathering scientific information is critical for answering important management questions for pollutant control in the Delta. For the past several years, the Partnership has provided a large portion of the Delta RMP's core funding. However, even though the Partnership's ongoing contributions and those of other stakeholders support a core set of monitoring activities, many important projects remain unfunded that would contribute to a better understanding of the impact of contaminants on the Delta ecosystem. SEP funds allocated to the Delta RMP would help bridge that gap by funding fully vetted projects that the stakeholders are not financially capable of, or legally required to, perform.

SEP funds allocated for Delta RMP projects will be used responsibly and for the purpose of enhancing environmental management in the Delta. The Delta RMP is governed by a steering committee that has adopted a charter consistent with the intended purpose of SEP funds, and includes representation from your Board, as well as the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board and US EPA. In addition, the proposed resolution is similar in purpose to the San Francisco Bay Area RMP Resolution that was adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board in March 20, 2018.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to comment. Please direct questions regarding this letter to Dana Booth at (916) 874-4389 or Sherill Huun at (916) 808-1455.

Sincerely,

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¹ The seven permittees are each covered by the Central Valley Region Wide MS4 General Permit CAS085324.

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