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Subject: Delta Flow Criteria Information Proceeding – Closing Statement

Dear Mr. Crader:

Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) appreciates the opportunity to participate in the State Water Board's Informational Proceeding to Develop Flow Criteria for the Delta Ecosystem. The science-based proceeding is a crucial first step in developing criteria to protect public trust resources.

CCWD's closing statement includes recommendations for two flow criteria. First, at the request of Chair Hoppin, CCWD recommends an approach for Old and Middle River flow criteria that would both protect the public trust resources and allow efficient operations. Second, in response to the State Water Board's request for specific outflow recommendations, CCWD provides a summary of evidence that reducing flow and increasing salinity for the suppression of the invasive aquatic weed *Egeria densa* would likely harm the ecosystem.

We appreciate your consideration of these recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Gartrell", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Greg Gartrell
Assistant General Manager

Attachment: Exhibit CCWD-9 – Closing Statement