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Frazier urges Delta Stewardship Council to reject WaterFix Certification of Consistency

SACRAMENTO – During a Delta Stewardship Council hearing on the appeals of the Certification of Consistency for California WaterFix, Assemblymember Jim Frazier (D-Discovery Bay) requested that the Council reject the Department of Water Resources' Certification of Consistency, to protect the Delta and its residents.

A Certification of Consistency declares a project to be consistent with the coequal goals of the 2009 Delta Plan, and is a necessary regulatory step for any development in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The Certification of Consistency for California WaterFix submitted by DWR in July was subject to nine separate appeals from Delta stakeholders. These include Solano, Contra Costa, Sacramento and the other Delta counties, environmental groups, the city of Stockton and local water agencies.

“We cannot wait until shovels are in the ground to realize that vague assurances will not serve in place of concrete and binding commitments to reduce reliance on the Delta,” Frazier said. “The Delta Stewardship Council must reject the Certification of Consistency for WaterFix to protect the Delta, its residents, and the coequal goals.”

The 2009 Delta Reform Act declared two coequal goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring and enhancing the Delta ecosystem.

“The catastrophic tunnels project would fail to achieve the coequal goals in a manner that protects and enhances the Delta as an evolving place,” Frazier said.

The Delta Stewardship Council concluded the public hearing today and will make a final decision on the appeals in December.

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Assemblymember Frazier represents the 11th Assembly District, which includes the communities of Antioch, Bethel Island, Birds Landing, Brentwood, Byron, Collinsville, Discovery Bay, Fairfield, Isleton, Knightsen, Locke, Oakley, Pittsburg (partial), Rio Vista, Suisun City, Travis AFB, Vacaville and Walnut Grove.

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