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Restore the Delta and Coalition Partners

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The Honorable Bill Dodd State Capitol, Room 4032 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support Letter for SB204

Dear Senator Dodd.

Restore the Delta and the following groups are writing to express our full support for SB 204, the State Water Contracts Bill.

SB 204 would require the Department of Water Resources, State Water Contractors, and the CA WaterFix Joint-Powers-Authorities (DCDCA and DCFA) to notify the legislature of contract negotiations, contract extensions, and financing decisions with ample public notice to ensure proper legislative oversight and public participation in these processes.

DWR, the State Water Contractors, and the WaterFix Joint Power Authorities need to be subject to legislative oversight, especially as WaterFix is the second most expensive public works project in California's history. The decisions made by these entities regarding water management, water transfers, water planning, and project spending must be made public to ensure transparency and the right of water ratepayers and California taxpayers to weigh in with government processes. SB 204 will help protect the public interest and integrity of democratic processes related to California water management for California residents.

Sincerely yours,

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