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Mr. Lester Snow
Executive Director
CALFED Bay Delta Program
1416 Ninth Street, Ste. 1155
Sacramento, Calif., 95814

ATTN: Kate Hansen

Dear Mr. Snow:

It is my understanding that you have received a proposal for a Wetlands Habitat Restoration Project on Mildred Island within the Primary Zone of the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta from co-applicants Moffatt & Nichol and the Trust for Public Land.

This proposed project would appear to advance CALFED's goals related to the restoration of various habitats within the Bay-Delta ecosystem and result in benefit to a number of species that have been impacted by years of human intrusion into the Delta.

It is my understanding that the proposed project would convert existing deeply flooded subtidal wetlands into emergent wetlands habitat and Shaded Riverine Aquatic habitat through the creation of shallow midchannel islands as well as shoal habitat.

The restoration of such tidal and emergent habitat in the Delta, which this project addresses, would advance those State and Federal agency goals that have been identified for the restoration of this ecosystem.

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While this project identifies substantial environmental benefits, it also provides significant secondary benefits; namely, the enhancement of the island's value for passive recreational use, enhanced wave sheltering for adjacent islands and levees, and a site for the disposal of dredge materials from Delta channels and sloughs.

I support this proposed project. Should you have any questions regarding my position, or aspects of the proposed project, please to not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



PATRICK JOHNSTON
Fifth Senate District

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