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Col. Michael Farrell, District Commander
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District
1325 J Street, Room 1513
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Col. Michael Farrell:

I am writing to respectfully request that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District hold a public hearing in Discover Bay on the *California WaterFix* 404 permit application.

The complexity, size and scope of project, and the proposed activities, warrant a thorough hearing so that my constituents, Delta residents and agencies can learn about the true nature and extent of adverse impacts anticipated from proposed project activities in Assembly District 11 and throughout the Delta.

The exact activities to be permitted are unclear, preventing my constituents, Delta residents and agencies from understanding of measures needed to mitigate the substantial impacts to their property, livelihoods and the Delta as place as defined in the Delta Reform Act of 2009. The intent to phase construction and permitting is new information that has not been presented before, and therefore needs to be better understood in order for the public to provide comments on the activities to be permitted under the federal Water Quality Act and Rivers and Harbors.

As Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee, I am responsible for maritime issues such as shipping ports and boat licensing. The details regarding the permanent impacts in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, and tributaries to navigation and recreational boating, are lacking in permit documents and therefore require a public hearing to assure adequate protection of the Delta's resources.

The adverse impacts that *California WaterFix* will create for Assembly District 11, Delta residents and affected agencies are indisputable and significant. A public hearing on the application of the 404 permit is necessary to ensure clarity and transparency as this project continues through its process. I look forward to hearing back from you on this important matter.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Frazier', written in a cursive style.

Jim Frazier
Assemblymember, District 11

cc: Ms. Tambour Eller, Deputy District Engineer for Project Management USACE