



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Lili Bosse, Mayor

March 12, 2018

The Honorable Eduardo Garcia
Chair, Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee
1020 N Street, Room 160
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1876 (Frazier) Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta: Delta Stewardship Council.
City of Beverly Hills – OPPOSE**

Dear Chair Garcia,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to you in respectful OPPOSITION to AB 1876 (Frazier). This bill would expand the membership of the Delta Stewardship Council by adding four additional voting members with strong ties to the Delta. The addition of these members would unduly tilt the council toward an in-Delta project bias to the detriment of a majority of Californians.

The Delta supplies water directly to 66 percent of Californians and almost 95 percent of all Californians get some or all of their water from the Delta watershed. The Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta Stewardship Council is tasked by the Legislature with developing and implementing a plan to effectively coordinate dozens of local, state, and federal actors. Therefore, the current structure of the Council reflects the statewide impacts of its actions as well as its original legislative intent.

Changing the makeup of the Council so that it is dominated by in-Delta interests could create a potential bias against projects that have statewide benefits. It could also result in the Council supporting efforts that would be contradictory to its adopted conservation plan, such as proposed land development within the Delta.

AB 1876 (Frazier) will give local jurisdictions, that have historically been opposed to the Council and its Delta Plan, disproportionate representation. This will limit the Council's ability to pursue its dual mandate of protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta while simultaneously providing a reliable water supply for over 23 million Californians.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills respectfully OPPOSES AB 1876 (Frazier). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lili Bosse

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: Members and Consultants, Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee
The Honorable Jim Frazier, 11th Assembly District
The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District
The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District
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