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The Honorable Jerry Brown
California Governor
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Secretary Sally Jewell
United States Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Governor Brown and Secretary Jewell,

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Greater Los Angeles (BOMA/GLA) would like to express our support for your efforts to identify a solution to California's water challenges.

BOMA/GLA represents over 300 Class A high rise office buildings throughout Los Angeles County. Each building houses hundreds of businesses all dependent on imported water from the State Water Project. While Southern California continues to develop new local supplies and invest in conservation, imported water remains an essential resource.

The Sacramento - San Joaquin Delta region, through which we draw State Water Project supplies, is increasingly vulnerable. Environmental concerns are mounting and water supplies for 25 million people, businesses and farms throughout the state are in jeopardy.

We applaud you for recognizing that it is time for California to abandon the status quo and advance a new plan -- the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) --, which will restore and protect the Delta environment while ensuring that California has a reliable water supply for years to come.

The construction of a new water conveyance is an essential element of the BDCP. The U.S. Geological Survey has warned there is a 63 percent probability that a 6.7 magnitude or larger earthquake will hit the Bay-Delta region in the next 25 years. An earthquake of that size could trigger levee breaks throughout the Delta, allowing saltwater from the San Francisco Bay to contaminate the freshwater, crippling one of the state's primary water supplies for up to three years.

We can no longer rely on an outdated and unreliable water system. California needs a new Delta conveyance facility that protects our state water supply from seismic threats and reduces conflicts with native species. It needs to be adequately sized so agencies can move water when it's plentiful, store it, and rely on that water during dry periods. Such is the case with the twin-tunnel project proposed in the current administrative draft BDCP.

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After years of stagnation, there is finally an uptick in business in California. The economy is turning a corner and Southern California is beginning to see increased occupancies and business development. The last thing that we need is a further obstacle for continued growth.

On behalf of the Building Owners and Managers Association, we appreciate you taking the necessary steps to move the BDCP process forward. Thank you for your continued leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michele Ware". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michele Ware
President

CC: Secretary John Laird, California Natural Resources Agency
Los Angeles County Congressional and State Delegation