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and
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Dear Councilmember

As Business Manager of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 12, I am asking for your support of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP), a modern water delivery system and overdue investment for California that will provide a needed update to our 50-year-old water system that serves 26 million Californians, businesses and three million acres of California farmland, and create well over 100,000 jobs in California.

The current water delivery system in Northern and Central California is extremely vulnerable - 100-year-old levees could very well collapse in a major earthquake, compromising the state's water system and deeply slashing the water supply available to southern California.

As we continue to face one of the worst droughts in our state's history, there is no guarantee that the droughts will end any time soon. I am sure that you would agree that something must be done - just waiting until the droughts end, or creating random short-term fixes, is not a solution. The local water supply projects being developed and implemented in Los Angeles will certainly add to the region's water supply reliability, but these projects must be coupled with a solid statewide foundation.

That foundation can only be laid with the support of California leaders throughout the state - leaders such as you. The BDCP has undergone eight years of development, refinement and review. It is the only viable statewide plan that feasibly could be implemented in the next few years. The cost, spread among water users from the Bay Area to San Diego, is roughly \$5 per household a month, phased in over the course of 10 years. In Los Angeles, the cost is estimated to be about \$2 per household each month.

That is why I am asking you, the Mayor, and all your fellow council members to lend your support to this badly needed project. I will keep you apprised as to what needs to be done to implement the BDCP plan.

On behalf of the Officers, Staff and the 23,000 members of IUOE Local 12, I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William C. Waggoner,

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General Vice President