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Mr. Lester Snow  
Director, Department of Water Resources  
State of California  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Regarding: South Delta Improvements Program

Dear Director Snow:

On behalf of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group (SVLG), I am writing to express our support for the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) South Delta Improvements Program (SDIP).

As you may know, the Silicon Valley Leadership Group (SVLG), founded in 1978 by David Packard of Hewlett-Packard, represents 200 of the Silicon Valley's most respected employers. SVLG members collectively provide nearly 250,000 jobs, or one of every four private sector jobs in Silicon Valley.

An issue of concern to our members is the quality and reliability of water supplies for Silicon Valley and California communities. The Silicon Valley region relies on imported water from the Delta for ~50% of its water needs. Given that two thirds of the State's population relies on water from the Delta, it is clear how interconnected Delta water-users interests are, and how vital it is to protect this resource and manage it wisely.

SVLG believes the SDIP will provide an additional measure of water supply provision flexibility, and reliability and necessary environmental protections. California's economy and population is likely to continue growing. To provide a sustainable, thriving future, it is incumbent upon us to adopt operational and technological improvements that let us use our water resources in ways that best serve the environment, agriculture, businesses and our diverse communities into the future.

We appreciate the many diverse interests supporting the SDIP, would encourage all others concerned with water issues to become involved, and look forward to working with DWR and others to promote Delta improvements and a healthy water future for all Californians.

Sincerely,  
  
Margaret Bruce  
Director, Environmental Programs  
Silicon Valley Leadership Group

Cc:  
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