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BDCP Steering Committee, February 11, 2010

Conveyance Approach Proposed for Effects Analysis for the BDCP

We hereby confirm our support for a focused analysis of the tunnel conveyance approach for the purpose of giving this approach necessary short-term focus to effectively compare it with canal alignments, which have already received significant review and analysis. This decision is not and should not be equated with the final selection of the conveyance element of the plan or a “preferred alternative.” A decision on the final plan and a preferred alternative (which could include a canal, tunnel, through-Delta, or a combination thereof) will be made after further analyses including optimization analysis are completed and public input is received. As described in the “Introduction” and “Separate Analyses” from the Steering Committee meeting January 29, 2010, such analyses will begin immediately and be iterative. We are united behind this process and on the need to complete the BDCP as expeditiously as possible. We look forward to the results of the effects analysis and the public dialogue resulting from the release of a draft environmental impact report/environmental impact statement.