



### **Delta Counties Coalition**

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*"Working together on water and Delta issues"*

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## **Delta Counties Coalition Encouraged with Federal Support**

The Delta Counties Coalition is confident they have federal partners in protecting the future of the Delta, the group announced Thursday after an intense series of meetings with key policymakers in Congress and the Obama Administration.

The Delta Counties Coalition traveled to Washington, D.C., from Dec. 2 to Dec. 4, 2009 to press their concerns over the future of the Delta and to advocate the interests of the Delta in the implementation of Federal actions, such as the work plan to guide federal agencies working on Bay-Delta matters scheduled to be released on Dec. 15, 2009.

"We had the opportunity to meet directly with Senator Boxer, Senator Feinstein, Representative Mike Thompson, and other members of Congress who represent Delta Counties. We appreciate that they have agreed to give us a voice in decisions which will affect us for many decades to come," said Yolo County Supervisor Jim Provenza. "Much is at stake as policy choices now being made by state and federal government will have a profound impact on our ability to assure a reliable source of fresh water for our counties, prevent floods, mitigate the economic impact of the state water project, and protect agriculture and natural habitat in the greater Delta region"

The Delta Counties Coalition consists of the five Delta counties of Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano and Yolo. The coalition formed to create a unified voice for the protection and preservation of the Delta and its communities.

The goal of the advocacy visit was to:

- Establish a process for the Delta Counties Coalition to engage with the administration and California's congressional delegation;
- Secure flood management, water resources environmental, and engineering funding support in the 2010-2011 federal budget and appropriations process;
- Secure federal support for the local and regional habitat management plans in the five Delta counties;
- Accelerate federal studies associated with developing fresh water flow standards, storage options and implementing water conservation, recycling, re-use and regional self-sufficiency; and
- Seek additional resources for critical infrastructure projects and emergency response projects.

The Delta Counties Coalition is committed to working with the Federal government to ensure the local interests are included in future legislation and policy decisions.

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