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April 30, 2012

Daniel W. Hancock, Chairman
Little Hoover Commission
925 L Street, Suite 805
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Re: Governor's Reorganization Plan

Dear Chairman Hancock:

I want to express my concern regarding one of the proposals outlined in the Governor's Reorganization Plan (GRP). While I appreciate Governor Brown's efforts to streamline state government, I must respectfully disagree with the proposal to merge the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) with the Natural Resources Agency.

It is very important that the DSC retain its role as an independent agency. As the commission is aware, the DSC is charged with the duty to implement the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). The role requires that the DSC determine that other involved bodies, such as the Department of Water Resources and the Department of Fish and Game are adhering to state and federal standards during the implementation of the BDCP. Placing the DSC under the umbrella of the Natural Recourses Agency would diminish the DSC's adversarial role and would affect the DSC's ability to be independent, when disputes arise.

Again, I applaud the administration's efforts to eliminate duplicative government; however the success of the BDCP relies on the ability of the DSC to be independent. It is for this reason I would not be able to support recommendations that call for the adoption of the plan in its entirety.

Respectfully,

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