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MEDIA ADVISORY

Delta Community Groups and Legislative Leaders Call for Transparency in Water Policy Negotiations

Hundreds Plan to Rally at the State Capitol to Ensure the Delta has a Voice

SACRAMENTO – Local legislators will join hundreds of members of environmental organizations, sport fishing groups, farmers and community activists as they hold a rally at the State Capitol on Tuesday, July 7th, 2009 to voice concerns around a package of yet-unreleased water bills.

WHO: Senator Lois Wolk and other members of the California State Legislature

Rudy Mussi, Central Delta Farmer

Bill Jennings, Chairman, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance Zeke Grader, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations

Robert Johnson, Contra Costa Delta Fisherman's Group Charlotte Hodde, Planning and Conservation League Debbie Davis, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water

Steve Evans, Friends of the River

Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla, Restore the Delta

*Spanish speakers will be present

WHAT: Delta Water Policy Press Conference and Rally

WHERE: California State Capitol, North Steps

Sacramento, CA

WHEN: Tuesday, July 7, 2009

11:00 a.m.

The closed door negotiations on this water package are reported to include several contentious water issues including the governance structure of the Bay-Delta region, water storage and an updated version of the multi-billion dollar Peripheral Canal, which was overwhelmingly rejected by California voters in 1982. Participants will express the Delta's need for a voice in these negotiations and the responsibility of the State Legislature to allow for a full and public debate on these important issues.