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## ATTENTION:

California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) SB 1 Sea-Level Rise (SLR) Adaptation Planning Grant Review Committee

## RE: Support: Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District's OPC SB 1 SLR Adaptation Planning Grant Proposal

Dear SLR Adaptation Planning Grant Proposal Reviewer,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write to you in support for Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District's proposal to the OPC's SB 1 SLR Adaptation Planning Grant. Solano County has been collaborating with Fairfield Suisun Sewer District on evaluating regional actions to reduce sea level rise induced impacts to communities and infrastructure in Solano County. The Solano Bayshore Resilience Project (project) aligns with Solano County's initiatives as it proposes to further the recommendations outlined in the 2011 Solano County Climate Action Plan and Sea Level Rise Strategic Program to reduce risks to climate induced flood impacts to critical infrastructure and communities. As a project partner and sub-grantee Solano County will oversee and coordinate the lead technical consultant's work which include pre-planning, data collection, and planning phases.

This project is a collaborative effort of the multi-jurisdictional working group Solano Bayshore Resiliency Roundtable which the County co-chairs with the Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District. This proposal advances Solano County efforts to:

- Further the County's climate resiliency goals, including advancing State and local resiliency plans and projects for effective climate planning and forecasting.
- Optimize efforts for water reuse, groundwater recharge, stormwater capture, drought management and green infrastructure.
- Align State programs and improve local agency coordination, including strategies and programs that address data gaps to help promote climate resiliency.
- Support funding for county-wide integrated water resources planning, management, and development for multi-benefit solutions across water supply, wastewater, and drainage sectors.

OPC's approval of this project will enable the Fairfield Suisun Sewer District, Solano County and other partnering entities to collaborate on implementing high value nature-based projects, reduce risks from sea level rise and flooding, and provide ecosystem benefits to communities in Solano County.

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Thank you for your support of this important matter to Solano County.

Sincerely,

Mitch Mashburn, Chair

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