

August 25, 2010

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Bill 1443 - Delta Emergency Preparedness Act

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

This letter is to respectfully request your signature on Senate Bill 1443 relative to the Delta Emergency Preparedness Act.

In 2008, I co-authored with Senator Wolk the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Emergency Preparedness Act (SB 27, Chapter 608) which established the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Multi-Hazard Coordination Task Force.

The Task Force is charged with making recommendations to the California Emergency Management Agency relating to the creation of an interagency command system, with coordinating the development of a draft emergency preparedness and response strategy for the Delta region, and with developing and conducting an all-hazard emergency response exercise in the Delta.

The Task Force is scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2011. Its work is proceeding on schedule; however, for a number of reasons, there is a possibility that the Task Force will not complete its responsibilities prior to the sunset date.

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Therefore, SB 1443 provides that the Task Force remain constituted until the completion and submission of its emergency response report which is due January 1, 2011.

The bill enjoys bipartisan support in both houses of the legislature and has **no opposition**.

I respectfully request your signature to ensure that this important emergency preparedness measure is not delayed.

Sincerely,

S. Joseph Simitian

State Senator, Eleventh District

cc: Michael Prosio, Legislative Secretary and Deputy Chief of Staff  
John Moffatt, Chief Deputy Legislative Secretary

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