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Delta Protection Commission
Attn: DPAC
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RE: Appointment of Linda Bendsen to Advisory Committee Pursuant to Provisions of SB X7 1

Dear Commission:

Recreational Boaters of California [RBOC] re-submits for the consideration of the Delta Protection Commission, our request that the Commission appoint Linda Bendsen to serve on the advisory committee that is being established pursuant to Section 29753 of the Public Resources Code.

RBOC is the nonprofit governmental advocacy organization that works to protect and enhance the interests of the state's recreational boaters before the legislative and executive branches of state and local government. RBOC is in its 42nd year as a statewide organization, and since 1968 it has continued its commitment to promoting the enjoyment, protection, and responsible use of our waterways.

RBOC previously submitted, by letter dated March 17, our request that Linda Bendsen be appointed to serve on the advisory committee. A copy of that letter is attached. We again urge that the Committee make this excellent appointment.

Representatives of RBOC have been active participants on the Delta Protection Commission's Recreational Advisory Committee for over a decade. These individuals include Gail Jesswein, Dave Breninger, Jack Michael, as well as Linda Bendsen.

We understand that the Commission will be considering the appointment of an advisory committee pursuant to Section 29573 to the Public Resources Code, which provides:

- (a) The commission shall appoint at least one advisory committee to provide recommendations regarding the diverse interests within the Delta. At a minimum, the advisory committees shall include representatives of state agencies and other stakeholders with interests in the Delta's ecosystem, water supply, and socioeconomic sustainability, including, but not limited to, its recreational, agricultural, flood control, environmental, and water resources, and state, local, and utility infrastructure. The commission shall encourage participation of various federal agencies, including the United States Bureau of Reclamation, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and others as appropriate.
- (b) The commission may appoint committees from its membership or may appoint additional advisory committees from members of other interested public agencies and private groups.
- (c) The commission shall seek advice and recommendations from advisory committees appointed by local government that are involved in subject matters affecting the Delta.

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RBOC urges the Commission to appoint Linda Bendsen to the committee that is being established. Linda is a recreational boater who has a great passion for the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta, who has years of active experience in the community, and who exercises reason, logic and fairness in her consideration of public policy issues that present both challenges and opportunities for the Delta.

There are several reasons that support the appointment of Linda to serve on the committee:

- *Linda is an active recreational enthusiast* who resides in Suisun City and enjoys boating in the Delta. She and her husband, Vern, are enthusiastic recreational boaters and travel on their trawler, Ko Olina, throughout the Delta. They have visited over 50 different boating destinations in California, other states and other countries.
- *Linda is engaged in efforts to protect and enhance recreational boating.* She has served as a Member of the RBOC Board of Directors since 2003 and is currently Vice President - North of our nonprofit boater advocacy organization.
 - *These efforts include the Delta.* Since she has become involved in RBOC, Linda has also served on Recreation Citizens Advisory Committee of the Delta Protection Commission, and has been an active participant in the committee's activities as it met and deliberated on a number of policy issues including the "Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Boating Needs Assessment 2000-2020" as well as a follow up study related to the updating of the Delta Recreation Master Plan. She has also served on the Delta Vision Stakeholders Coordination Group, and is an attendee to the Commission's Community Forums on the Economic Sustainability Plan "framework" for the Delta.
- *Linda is a skilled and knowledgeable boater.* She has completed the United States Power Squadron classes in Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, and Skipper Saver. She is proud to be able to operate and navigate Ko Olina.
- *Linda is recognized for her leadership.* She is Past Commodore of Delta Marina Yacht Club in Rio Vista and is a member of Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda. She has been invited to join the International Order of the Blue Gavel [IOBG] and is an active member. Linda has also been awarded the PICYA Past Commodores' Silver Star Award in 2007 for her contributions to recreational boating.

For all of these reasons, RBOC believes Linda Bendsen would be a wonderful choice to serve on the committee. Her appointment would further the efforts of the Delta Protection and would ensure that a pro-active, thoughtful, and balanced perspective would exist on the committee on behalf of the recreational boating community.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit our request for Linda's appointment. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Anne Sacks,
President

C: Linda Bendsen