

July 8, 2019

Honorable Cottie Petrie-Norris Assemblywoman, AD 74 State Capitol, Room 4144 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblywoman Petrie-Norris,

RE: AB 65 – Support

California Waterfowl is pleased to inform you of our support for your measure, AB 65, on coastal protection and climate adaptation.

We are particularly pleased that you have agreed to take an amendment related to migratory waterfowl, including eelgrass habitat. It is our understanding that the amendment will read:

(C) Give consideration to projects in a variety of ecosystems along the state's-coastline, including, but not limited to, the protection and expansion of coastal estuaries and lagoons that provide critical feeding and nursery habitat for juvenile fish species <u>and</u> <u>foraging habitat for migratory waterfowl and other waterbirds, including eelgrass</u> <u>habitat</u>.

For these reasons we support AB 65, as amended, and look forward to working with you throughout the legislative process.

Sincerely,

Mark Hennelly

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