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Washington, D.C. –Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) responded to today's announcement from U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the California Natural Resources Agency and the California Department of Water Resources regarding the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) related to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). The coalition announced that "key" documents related to the BDCP will be made public via the internet to all parties at the same time.

Congressman McNerney's statement:

"I appreciate this development, but it is a very small step forward. Having access to documents does not guarantee that the concerns of the Delta communities will be considered, and I am resolved to fight against any plan that includes a peripheral canal.

"The entire process has been conducted in secrecy and without the Delta region represented. We need a more steadfast guarantee that our input will be included in the Bay Delta Plan. Any other outcome could cost the Delta communities millions of dollars and countless jobs.

"I continue to stand with the farmers, families and businesses that depend on a healthy Delta for their livelihoods and way of life. A healthy Delta is vital to the health and well-being of our region. Much more must be done to level the playing field and ensure that the needs of the Delta communities are respected."