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*Washington, D.C.* – Congressman McNerney’s statement regarding the new Memorandum of Agreement related to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan:

“I am disappointed and upset that the Department of the Interior has decided to move forward with this Memorandum of Agreement. Despite a few changes, the MOA remains deeply flawed and is an affront to the people of the Delta communities.

“From its inception, the Bay Delta Plan has been crafted by, and for, water exporters from Southern California. They have used their economic power to influence the state and federal governments, and the Delta communities will suffer as a result.

“Make no mistake, the Delta communities and I will never accept a Bay Delta Plan that includes a peripheral canal that was conceived without our input. I will continue to stand with the families, farmers, and small business owners of the San Joaquin Delta whose livelihoods would be destroyed by a peripheral canal.”