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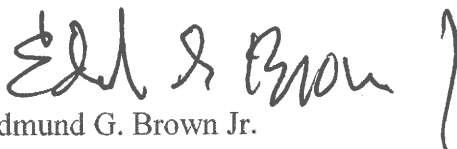
To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 554 without my signature.

A number of efforts are underway to determine the levee protection needs in the Delta. The Delta Stewardship Council is currently in the middle of identifying state priorities for levee investments in the Delta, and the Department of Water Resources has been working with the Delta Protection Commission evaluating new financing mechanisms.

The existing 75 percent state cost share does not sunset until July 2018, and as such, consideration of this bill is premature.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.