**Nomination of Jeffrey Mount**

**for the Brown-Nichols Science Award**

I, Alf W. Brandt, hereby nominate Jeff Mount for the Brown-Nichols Science Award for the Delta. Jeff has been a leading hydrology and Delta scientist for decades, but I think his greatest value to all of us is his ability to translate science to policy makers and the public. He has often served as a witness at legislative hearings I organize, where we makes a clear and convincing case for how science can help shape policy.

As a leading scientist, Jeff has accomplished much:

* Published the leading textbook on *California Rivers and Streams* (1995)
* Founded the Watershed Science Center, the headquarters for Delta research
* Published critical research on a range of Delta science issues, including his 2005 *San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Science* journal article on Delta levees.
* Collaborated with other scientists to produce interdisciplinary publications on the Delta, such as his work with the Public Policy Institute of California.
* Testified at countless policy hearings, before the Legislature, the State Water Resources Control Board, and other boards and commissions involved in Delta policy
* Published articles, op-eds, and fact sheets on the Delta for the public, making science and the Delta “accessible” to all Californians
* Led the Delta Independent Science Board for several years
* Served on the California Reclamation Board
* Inspired generations of Delta scientists who went to school at UC Davis
* Created communication tools (*e.g.* PowerPoint graphics) used by scientists and policy makers to communicate key ideas, making Delta science “cool.”

In the last decade, Jeff Mount has been part of a team of science leaders who have led the Delta’s science conversation. It’s his ability to both lead and collaborate that have made him so valuable to the progress we have made on addressing the needs of the Delta.