

Comment Matrix
Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force
August 21-22, 2008

Author	Date Received	Generally Supportive	Generally In Opposition	Concerned	Interest Group	Keywords
First Draft—June 18, 2008						
Alex Hildebrand	July 1, 2008			x	Delta	Discuss water use of open water and wetlands; water rights; in-Delta conveyance and impacts; Middle River conveyance; groundwater overdraft; decreased Delta inflows; water quality impacts of canal; reallocation of water supply; consumptive water use
Butte Environmental Council	June 27, 2008			x	Environment	Environmental Justice/Environment; groundwater basins; balanced aquifer; Delta smelt; Endangered Species Acts; increased fresh water flows; mercury; ground and surface water storage; modeling watershed; Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan; CDEW; NEPA; CEQA; monitoring; regional self-sufficiency; flood control planning; conjunctive use; BDCP; groundwater banking;
John Ryan	July 1, 2008	x			Citizen	Governance; define terms; explain how additional governance will improve the Delta; organize and staff proposed council to ensure continuity with existing programs; use performance measures to support governance structure
Sacramento County Farm Bureau	July 1, 2008			x	Agriculture	Protect Delta agriculture; incorporate agriculture into all four strategic plan areas; ecosystem goals should focus on existing ecosystems such as Yolo Bypass, Liberty Island, and Prospect Island; regional self-sufficiency
Central Valley Clean Water Assn.	July 1, 2008			x	Wastewater	Include municipal wastewater industry representatives in governance structure; CDEW; include improved water quality costs in plan; remove Action 8.5 in its entirety

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Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District	July 1, 2008	x			Wastewater	Proposed governance should be consistent, coordinated, and strengthened; Delta residents should not pay for statewide interests; clarify roles and authorities under proposed governance section; CDEW should be based on water quality plans; include water quality and water supply expertise to proposed science and engineering board; include wastewater representatives on proposed Public Advisory Group; provide better scientific support for conclusions; consider affects to wastewater and stormwater discharges from conveyance alternatives; use sound science and engineering to set standards and targets
North Delta CARES	July 1, 2008			x	Delta	Delta as Place; composition of DPC; protecting endangered terrestrial species; need information regarding cost of plan; affect of ring levees on emergency response to Delta legacy towns;
Winnemem Wintu Tribe	July 1, 2008		x		Native American	Opposes Shasta Lake enlargement
Mark Wilson	July 1, 2008		x		Delta	Delta As Place
The Bay Institute and Natural Resources Defense Council	July 1, 2008	x			Environment	Composition of proposed Council; needs more discussion about proposed land use changes; consider Delta Water Master position; keep existing statutory responsibilities of regulatory and permitting agencies; need better performance targets for ecosystem restoration; better floodplain inundation; integrate with DWR's FloodSAFE and Central Valley Flood Protection Plan programs; flood modifications on San Joaquin River should meet recent agreement; water supply reliability; add actions regarding low impact development; include discussions about phasing
Natural Heritage Institute	July 10, 2008 Rev. sent July 14, 2008			x	Environment	Describe what is broken and how plan would fix it; expand powers of Coastal Conservancy rather than create new conservancy, remove barriers to that; water exporters and fish must share rights in capacity of new canal; need scientifically competent entity to oversee adaptive management; strengthen existing Coordinated Operating Agreement

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Southern California Water Committee	July 15, 2008	x			Business	Infrastructure investment; dual conveyance; BDCP; wet-year diversions; conservation; water recycling; good science; refine governance section
O'Laughlin & Paris LLP	July 15, 2008		x		Water	Takes legal and factual exception to statements, assumptions and actions in plan; California water rights laws; flow management in South Delta; agricultural water use efficiency; water conservation; public trust resources; challenges the goal to protect desirable non-native species
Jay Kremer, PE	July 18, 2008			x	Citizen	Human life and human living conditions have priority over co-equal goals; discuss costs in money and energy of wastewater recycling; water storage; governmental structure non-functional, need a single purpose agency with technical expertise
Greg Zlotnick	July 21, 2008	x			Water	Expand discussion about how new infrastructure will meet co-equal goals; clarify performance measure discussion; clarify governance and finance discussion; CDEW; BDCP; adaptive management; beneficiary pays; ecosystem restoration; flow management; expand levee response strategy discussion; fiscal and energy impact of shifting pumping times; water supply reliability; comprehensive basin management; expand the strategic levee plan concept
Second Draft—July 11, 2008						
John Ryan	July 22, 2008	x			Citizen	Proposed governance; leadership, staff, tools, resources and plan needed; performance measures
Kathy Mannion, RCRC	July 23, 2008			x	Water	Inaccuracies; clarify and expand discussion about proposed governance, with more local participation; maintain current water rights; environmental justice; conjunctive use; water supply reliability; areas of origin
Discover the Delta	July 14, 2008	x			Delta	Delta As Place; gateway locations

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Water Quality Subcommittee-BDPAC (CALFED Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee)	July 28, 2008			x	Water	Stakeholders; proposed governance unclear and added layer of government; water recycling; water conservation; water use efficiency; realistic performance measures; water quality impacts of proposed storage
North Delta Water Agency	July 30, 2008			x	Delta	In-Delta water supply for agriculture; protection for NDWA and Delta communities; assurances regarding water supply and agricultural land use; adequate and stable funding for solutions; open, fair, transparent process; water rights
Stockton East Water Agency	July 30, 2008			x	Water	Water supply reliability for all of California, not just export areas; where will freshwater flows come from; dual conveyance without third-party impacts
Sacramento County Farm Bureau	July 31, 2008			x	Agriculture	Preserve Delta agriculture; Delta-as-Place is a co-equal value with water and ecosystem
Topper Van Loben Sels	July 31, 2008			x	Citizen	Delta-as-Place must be a co-equal value with water and ecosystem; governance; DPC authority; protect Delta agriculture; water quality; levee maintenance
Anson Moran (Delta Wetlands Project)	July 31, 2008			x	Delta	In-Delta water storage and flood control potential with Delta Wetlands; levees and channel configuration;
Sacramento Suburban Water District; San Juan Water District; City of Folsom; City of Roseville	August 1, 2008			x	Water	Regional self-sufficiency; no reallocations of water; support coordinated Delta response under SWRCB; questions about proposed California Water Utility; opposes "one-size-fits-all" water conservation standards; need more information about conveyance proposals
Business Water Caucus	August 4, 2008			x	Business	Additional information needed regarding proposed governance; climate change; applied science vs. basic research; adaptive management; stable revenue stream; revitalizing Delta ecosystem; storage and conveyance; water supply and reliability; performance measures; Delta as Place

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Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District	August 4, 2008	x			Wastewater	Clarify Strategy 3, Financing; reasonable performance standards regarding water diversions; revise Action 8.5 for constituents of concern; SWRCB's draft strategic workplan; Special Area Management Plans should also cover water quality
Lawrence Kolb	August 4, 2008				Citizen	Revise farm water pricing; rather than streamline water transfers process, public agencies should acquire that water permanently at fair market value; recognize the wealth that urban water use produces; discuss differences between a canal and pipeline(s); discuss drainage impaired lands
California Farm Bureau Federation	August 4, 2008			x	Agriculture	Certainty vs. uncertainty; connect wet-period diversions to storage, conveyance, and conjunctive use; public trust and reasonable use understandings; proposed multi-part governance structure; CZMA; CDEW plan; SWRCB; Porter-Cologne Act; local representation; role of proposed Delta Conservancy; adaptive management; financing and revenue generation; consistency and compatibility of ecosystem elements with other goals and objectives of the vision; water supply; regional self-sufficiency; Delta as Place
Paul Frey	August 4, 2008				Citizen	Clarksburg; seed research; safflower; productive agriculture
California Urban Water Agencies	August 4, 2008			x	Water	Near-term emergency response strategy; Franks Tract; Middle River; Three-Mile Slough; demonstration fish protection screen at Clifton Court Forebay; levee and conveyance improvements; alternative intake for Contra Costa Water District; ecosystem habitat improvements; Decker Island; Dutch slough; Meins Landing; Yolo Bypass
Department of Conservation	August 4, 2008				Government	Land use modifications to existing prime farmland; Strategy 4 should include mention of land acquisition
Ducks Unlimited	August 4, 2008			x	Environmental	Ecosystem restoration; waterfowl habitat; Pacific Flyway; Aleutian Canada goose; migratory birds
Department of Conservation	August 4, 2008				Government	Approximately 3,000 oil and gas wells in the Delta

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San Diego County Water Authority	August 4, 2008				Water	Near-term, emergency response actions need own section in strategic plan
San Joaquin County Public Works	August 4, 2008		x		Delta	Need complete analysis of dual conveyance or isolated facility; request adherence to Joint Resolution adopted by five Delta counties; clarify proposed governance Strategy 1; clarify finance Strategy 3.
California Building Industry Association	August 4, 2008	x			Business	Action 7.3 unfair to new homebuyers and unacceptable policy direction; use incentive programs for water conservation; do not include CDEW in strategic plan; CZMA; proposed Delta Conservancy; Delta ecosystem; water supply and reliability; Delta as Place; DPC; flooding; emergency preparedness
Northern California Water Association	August 4, 2008			x	Water	Improve regional self-sufficiency statewide; no reallocation of water; Delta coordination within the SWRCB; explain more fully California Water Utility; recognize that agricultural water conservation issues are unique to regions; more information about conveyance proposals needed
City of Antioch	August 4, 2008			x	Delta	Lacks reduced diversion scenarios from SWP or CVP; absence of meaningful discussion or data about impacts from out-of-Delta conveyance facility; absence of discussion and data regarding potential impacts to beneficial uses downstream; lack of discussion and data regarding changes in river flows; lack of local authority in proposed governance structure; municipal water quality performance measures; relocation of in-Delta facilities; water rights priorities
California Department of Food and Agriculture	August 4, 2008	x			Government	Include a strategy for Delta agriculture; integrate concept of sustainable agriculture throughout remaining strategies; stable and reliable water supply; water infrastructure investment; agricultural water use efficiency is regionally based; agricultural water conservation; California Agricultural Water Management Council

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Contra Cost County Water Agency	August 4, 2008	x			Water	Include federal agencies and local representatives on the proposed council; land use governance; DPC; coordination with other agencies; ecosystem restoration; Franks Tract; regional self-sufficiency; water supply reliability; conveyance; Delta as Place; levee design
Yolo County Board of Supervisors	August 4, 2008			x	Delta	Interaction of Delta Vision with other related processes; governance; Public Advisory Group; CDEW Plan; CZMA; DPC; proposed Delta Conservancy; flood and emergency preparedness; habitat restoration; recreation; tourism; economic development; protect Delta agriculture; mercury methylation; make up lost tax revenue if land purchased for habitat restoration
Contra Costa Water District	August 6, 2008			x	Water	Near-term and emergency actions needed; good science, good business practices, and adaptive management; need realistic capital costs; align assumptions about facility reliability with design assumptions and costs; fact check assumptions; revise performance measures; need additional information regarding governance structure;

Legend:

Generally Supportive: Commenters expressed general support of the draft Strategic Plan.

Generally In Opposition: Commenters expressed general opposition to the draft Strategic Plan.

Concerned: Commenters expressed concern, or in some cases, both support and opposition, with elements of the draft Strategic Plan.

Blank: Commenters did not express an opinion about the draft Strategic Plan.

Acronyms:

BDCP =Bay Delta Conservation Plan

CDEW=California Delta Ecosystem and Water Plan

CEQA=California Environmental Quality Act

CZMA=Coastal Zone Management Act

CVP=Central Valley Project

DPC=Delta Protection Commission

DWR=Department of Water Resources

NEPA=National Environmental Policy Act

SWP=State Water Project

SWRCB=State Water Resources Control Board