

DELTA PROTECTION COMMISSION/ GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES/ 5 DELTA COUNTIES EMERGENCY PLANNING AND RESPONSE COLLABORATIVE PROCESS

STATUS AS OF JANUARY 31, 2008

- The Delta Protection Commission (Commission) facilitated a summit meeting in 2006 of the 5 delta counties to discuss and agree upon a coordinated effort at delta-wide emergency planning especially to ensure that societal issues were included as well as common assumptions and approaches between the many planning efforts underway.
- The Commission moved forward in the fall of 2007 to work with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Center for Collaborative Policy, CSUS, to develop a process including all local, state, (including the Ca Department of Water Resources) and federal agencies involved with emergency response in the delta to ultimately achieve a coordinated regional emergency response framework plan. This plan is envisioned to be the integrating "overlay" and linking tool to provide one common framework of emergency response planning that supports and strengthens existing and future jurisdictional plans in the delta. Societal issues associated with a catastrophic emergency in the delta are to be focused on to ensure there is delta-wide coordination in the planning and response to issues such as: regional mass care and shelter, large scale evacuation, public warning, public information, interoperable communication and so forth.
- Interviews of key participants in emergency planning in the delta at local, state and federal levels are underway. Emergency planning documents impacting the delta are being compiled. An analytical approach to overlay existing emergency plans and initiatives is being developed so that planning gaps, overlaps or conflicts between existing planning efforts can be identified and addressed.

DELIVERABLES BY SUMMER 2008

- All existing emergency plans impacting the delta will be gathered and reviewed
- Potential funding sources for preparation of a regional, comprehensive emergency response planning framework will be identified. By the very nature of this effort being a 5 county, state, federal coordinative effort it should be very competitive for bond and grant funding.
- Completion of a detailed Proposal to prepare a regional, comprehensive emergency response planning framework with Letter of Support from local, state, and federal agencies.
- Proposal will be provided to the potential funding sources.

DELTA VISION BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE NEAR TERM ACTION
RECOMMENDATION ON DELTA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- The Recommendation states, "***State government should embark upon a comprehensive series of emergency management and preparation actions***

within a few months. California cannot wait for a flood before planning a response.”

- The Commission believes the process it has initiated is directly responsive to this recommendation and has a great chance for success given its collaborative approach.