

Delta Vision Ecological Design Team Short-Term Work Plan

The general Delta Vision Ecological Design Team strategy is to function as a **‘review and synthesis’** panel that receives the suite of ecosystem restoration ideas originating from multiple Delta planning activities and outputs one or more synthesized and vetted **Ecological Visions**. This short-term work plan seeks to support the November 2007 BRTF Vision. A separate ‘long-term’ EDT work plan to support development of the Strategic Plan in 2008, will be articulated separately to continue this initial EDT effort. This short-term work plan consists of four elements:

1) Ecological Design Team Panel and Core Group

- EDT Consists of 6-8 individuals representing a breadth of technical expertise
- The Core Group will include 2-3 of those members with greater time availability plus some key support staff to support the full EDT
- Intent is to gain full participation of the remaining EDT by minimizing the time requirements
- The full EDT would be called upon to participate in the two workshops and to provide colleague review on interim work products from the Core Group
- The Core Group will consist of individuals with excellent integrative ecosystem science and restoration expertise in order to prepare the review and synthesis documents and workshop notes
- The Core Group will coordinate with the Delta Vision Science Advisors

2) Ecological restoration ideas

- Will originate from the wide variety of current planning activities and are intended to be as encompassing as possible (DV SCG, ERP, BDCP, DRMS, POD, etc.). Strategy allows for origination of ‘new’ ideas.

3) Workshops

- Workshops would be professionally facilitated and recorded
- Attendees include the EDT Panel and representatives of all planning efforts interested in having their perspectives reflected in the Delta Vision Plan including the Stakeholders Coordination Group members and interested public
- Rough template is the recent Variable Salinity Workshop hosted by the CalFed Science Program
- **Workshop 1:** receive inputs on recent and current ecosystem restoration ideas. Presentation and discussion format. **Late August 2007**
- **Workshop 2:** present the reviews and synthesized Ecological Visions and solicit comments from attendees. **Late September/early October 2007**
- Between the two workshops, the Core Group would perform a ‘preliminary’ review of the restoration ideas using vetting tools from DRERIP (for ecosystem elements) and DRMS/BDCP/other (for cost, water supply, water quality, land use).

4) Ecological visions

- Will be the product made available to the Blue Ribbon Task Force for its use in developing its Delta Vision Plan. The number of ecological visions will be between one and a few.