

Second staff draft strategic plan
and
thoughts re third staff draft

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Processes going forward

- Focus energies on completing an effective strategic plan – “one text”
- First staff draft strategic plan presented at June meeting
- Contributions of suggested improvements by web site comment line, email, hard copy, panels at TF meetings, public comment period
- Proposed facilitated regional sessions on draft SP in August
- “Real time” science assessment of drafts
- Additional consultant work
- Stakeholder assessments and refinements to drafts
- Additional requests to departments probable

Final products likely to include:

1. Strategic plan with:
 - Effective presentation of strategies
 - Performance indicators for progress and targets for near and longer term
 - Action items for executive or legislative branches (“check lists”)
2. Near term action recommendations (as in the vision)
3. “Programmatic” elements relevant to proposed California Delta Ecosystem and Water Plan

TF meetings through October

public comment and direction to staff at each meeting

June 26-27: presentation of first staff draft; panels from DPC and stakeholders

July 17-18: modestly revised draft; panels of local officials, business representatives, relevant state and federal departments – “comfort” check by TF

August 21-22: revised draft; panels of stakeholders; regional sessions inputs; “OK to proceed” check by TF

September 18-19: draft responsive to TF direction; limited panels; discussion with administration; preliminary recommendation

October 16-17: draft responsive to TF direction; very limited panels; final recommendation

Changes in second staff draft

- Fix “errors” – e.g., water quality wording
- Fix identified typos
- Expanded treatment of performance measures and targets, but they will change more yet, which is discussed below

Written comments received

- Thirteen comments specifically addressed to the first staff draft and five general comments related to strategic plan issues (Agenda # 5, attachment 3, bucket)
- By interest represented, specific comments only:
 - Environmental (3)
 - Water (2)
 - Waste water (2)
 - Delta (2)
 - Native American (1)
 - Business (1)
 - Agriculture (1)
 - Individual (1)

Issues raised in written comments (1)

- Legal issues (2): 1-8 (Winnemem Wintu Tribe opposes possibly raising Shasta); 1-13 (O'Laughlin re water law and policy issues)
- Delta and economic impacts (2): 1-7 (North Delta Cares); 1-9 (Mark Wilson)
- Policy differences (3): 1-1 (So Delta Water Agency); 1-2 (Butte Environmental Council – large focus on groundwater); 1-4 (Sacramento Farm Bureau – opposes ecosystem performance targets)
- Doubts, specific recommendations (1): 1-5 (Central Valley Clean Water Association – focus on intersection with waste water regulations and operations)

Issues raised in written comments (2)

- Supportive, specific recommendations (5):
 - 1-3 (Ryan – advocates portfolio and performance management);
 - 1-6 (Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment – 14 detailed pages, including recommendations re governance and specific authorities);
 - 1-10 (TBI/NRDC – emphasis on governance)
 - 1-11 (NHI – emphasis on governance)
 - 1-12 (So CA Water Committee – refine governance)

Thoughts re staff draft # 3

- Determine TF “comfort” with main ideas of staff draft strategic plan; identify any changes
- Restructure/rewrite to achieve:
 - More compelling expression of key ideas
 - Establish policy targets which link to public report cards: “We know the Vision recommendations are being met when these are doing well.”
 - Clear strategies, implementation steps and phasing
 - “Check lists” of actions to move forward
- Related materials into (a) near term actions and (b) programmatic elements

Proposed model for public reports

- **Chesapeake Bay Report Card** (examples provided)
 - A few easily understood measures, which are policy relevant and well-grounded in science, likely to integrate several more detailed measures
 - Detailed work behind the broad public measures requires rigorous science and institutionalized data collection, analysis, work with stakeholders, etc.