

# Fifth staff draft strategic plan and thoughts re Task Force recommended strategic plan

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# Strategic plan process steps

- Vision adopted by Task Force – November 2007
- January – May 2008: 10 days of TF meetings, work groups and Stakeholder Coordination Group focused on preparing materials; consultants and staff supporting
- First staff draft strategic plan – June 26-27
- Second staff draft – July 17-18 (modest changes)
- Third staff draft – August 21-22 (major restructuring, some new sections added, more details)
- Fourth staff draft – September 18-19 (major restructuring, refinements)
- Fifth staff draft and action by TF – October 16-17 (major edits, refinements)
- Contributions of suggested improvements by web site comment line, email, hard copy, panels at TF meetings, public comment period
- “Real time” science assessment of drafts
- DV Committee meetings leading to action – November and December 2008

# Foundation: EO S-17-06

Charged TF with making an independent recommendation of a “durable vision for sustainable management of the Delta...managing the Delta over the long term to restore and maintain identified functions and values that are determined to be important to the environmental quality of the Delta and the economic and social well being of the state.”

# E.O. S-17-06 included specific charges

- Identify “priority functions and values”
- Develop “recommendations on institutional changes and funding mechanisms”
- Remedy “prior Delta and Suisun strategic planning efforts [that] have been too narrowly focused”
- Propose governance changes to address complaints that “the existing complex system of Delta governance has been criticized because no one level of government is fully in charge, or capable of responding in an orderly and effective way to address and mitigate the range of threats to the Delta.”
- Identified at least nine specific policy categories

# Broad view of process

- Values clarified: co-equal goals, Delta as place, sustainability, importance of addressing uncertainty
- Policy strategies identified under seven goals
- Recommended strategies and actions well enough developed to guide policy making and management
- Advanced importance of performance targets and recommend measures

# Late breaking information on water use supports TF recommendations

- SWRCB: face value of water rights in Delta watershed 8.4 times unimpaired annual flows
- DWR statewide figures suggest no to very little conservation of water:
  - Total applied water unchanged since early 80's
  - Urban per capita water use same as 1972 (220 GPD)
  - Agriculture total water use unchanged since 60's

# Overview of changes from staff draft # 4 to # 5

- Built on editing by Greg Lucas to improve accessibility
- Responsive to TF direction received in September (e.g., governance structure for conservancy or re level of detail re flows)
- Staff review of comments received to incorporate recommendations consistent with Task Force positions
- Remains two volumes organized around 7 goals

# Staff draft 5.5 (dated 10.15)

No substantive changes, but line numbers and pagination shift slightly

- Consistency in language of goals, strategies and actions
- Fact checking (e.g., 55 species vs. 130)
- Address recommendations by TF members, including Mr. McKernan
- Updated water use discussion per DWR numbers
- Address recent comments from science advisor (mostly clarifying intent; some more to consider)
- Continued clean up of various sections

# Overview of fifth staff draft

- Remains two volumes
- Organized around seven goals
- Includes performance indicators
- Additional work still being prepared and checked, including the list of recommended actions by agency (current draft at agenda item 4, attachment 6)

# Decisions for Task Force

- Final decision re recommendations
- Changes in content or emphases
- Substantive choices, e.g.,:
  - Legal limit on water exports? (page 1.6)
- “Style” choices, e.g.,:
  - “Co-equal goal” or “co-equal goals”
  - “request” to legislature?
  - “recommend,” “require” or “direct” to a state agency?
- Finalize as two volumes or two parts of one?

# Governance receives most comments (examples only)

- Written comments from DFG, SWRCB, DWR and CDFA and presentations from DWR and DFG
- Alternative approach from business-water coalition proposes Council with oversight powers only and no plan, but tasking agencies with achieving objectives derived from DV
- Recent comment from NHI advocates conveyance focused JPA in place of Council
- ACWA supports conservancy in concept and enhancing DPC but opposes Council
- Solano County recommends local government involvement in all governance structures and preserving local government powers

# Proposed process for discussion and action

- Task Force work through staff draft # 5:
  - Section by section
  - Sense of the Task Force on sections
  - Identify any needed changes
- Action on Friday, including review of any modifications made during meeting and directions for other changes

# Production process on TF strategic plan

- Incorporate any TF recommended changes
- Continue clean up of typos and facts, including re water use based on latest from DWR
- Copy editing and clarification of intent by rewording
- Approval of changes by TF chair or full TF as required
- Hard copies available for transmittal to Governor and DV Committee on 10.31 (will be a spiral bound as single volume with divider of two parts)
- Posting of transmittal and final copy expected Monday November 3
- Production of larger run of hard copies for use in Delta Vision Committee processes