

Delta Vision Task Force

Draft – Three Essential Components of a Working Framework

(Principles, such as submitted by the Stakeholder Coordinating Group, could flow from this Framework.)

- **The Delta and exports are equally important.**
 - **Solution must be comprehensive including both conservation and construction.**
 - **Storage and conveyance must be coupled.**
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- Protection of the Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta Estuary and the supply of water through the Delta for users in the San Joaquin Valley and Southern California are of equal importance to the future of California.
 - The Delta is a valuable natural asset and unique multi-faceted special place with the largest estuary on the West Coast of North and South America which must be protected and preserved for future generations.
 - The Delta also is the source and “switching yard” for vital water supply for people, farms and factories throughout California that is critical to quality of life and economic prosperity.
 - Protecting these two beneficial uses and fixing the Delta requires a comprehensive solution including both conservation and construction.
 - Increasing demand for water from a growing population and expanding economy requires significant improvements in water use efficiency throughout California, including conservation, water reuse and recycling, conjunctive use, watershed management and voluntary transfers.
 - New storage and improved conveyance must be constructed to capture water that is truly surplus to the environment and efficiently move it to areas of need so that environmental impacts from the operations of the current system can be reduced. Strategically-located levees must be strengthened or rebuilt.
 - Construction of facilities must couple storage and conveyance to operate the system with sufficient flexibility to protect both the environment and economy.
 - New storage facilities—both surface and groundwater—are needed to capture surplus water and retain it for dry years so that exports out the Delta can be reduced while meeting water supply needs south of the Delta.
 - Conveyance alone seriously compromises the ability to protect the estuary and provide sufficient flows.

Delta Vision Task Force Framework of Principles

E + E

C + C

S + C

Estuary (Environment) + Exports (Economy)

Conservation + Construction

Storage + Conveyance