

Fourth staff draft strategic plan and thoughts re fifth staff draft

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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
- 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

Substantial restructuring:

1. Structure of staff draft

- Staff draft # 4 responsive to TF guidance in August:
 - Divided into two volumes
 - Adopted a structure built on recommendations from Task Force members McPeak and Isenberg, leading to seven goals
 - Much of Volume 1 is new text, including adapting draft cover letter from the Chair presented at the August meeting
 - Strategy descriptions in Volume 2

Substantial restructuring:

2. Areas of major change (redline: Agenda 6:1)

- More recognition of value of traditional agriculture, especially in the Delta
- Delta as place (goal 2), includes three legged stool metaphor and refinements
- Ecosystem (goal 3), includes contextual information re targets and many refinements
- Water (goal 5), shifts to emphasize options and flexibility
- Risks (goal 6), incorporate levee-land uses table
- Governance (goal 7), drop SWP from DWR, clarify and refine Council, Conservancy and DPC recommendations

Developing staff draft # 5

- What refinements to the structure of 7 goals with two volumes are needed?
- Rewriting to be more accessible and effective, now underway
- Levels of substantive changes:
 - Minor/clean up changes, started by staff
 - Further develop incomplete recommendations
 - TF direction to staff re recommendations to delete, change, expand or add

For # 5: Examples of minor changes/clean up actions

- Delete inappropriate inclusions- e.g., page 38
- Add back in non-fish species lost in goal 3, including in performance measures
- Clarify relationship between existing local governments and proposed Council, plan and DPC
- Discussion of science and engineering
- Add proposed emergency and water supply reliability recommendations into Near Term Actions
- General edits

For # 5: Examples of incomplete recommendations

- Infrastructure report now complete; recommendations can be incorporated
- Relationships of recommendations to existing authorities (e.g., CDEW Council and Plan to CEQA)

For # 5: Examples of areas for possible direction from TF

- Recommendations for the Delta as a place
- Governance structures
- Targets and performance measures
- Use of “triggers” to propel action: “If the responsible agency does not complete action on “XXX” within two years, the CDEW Council may assume responsibility and complete action. The Council may exercise this authority from any agency only once every ten years.”
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Proposed format for Friday

- Separate discussion of structure and format from substantive recommendations, starting with latter
 - Work from the unified list of “Goals, strategies and actions” as an organizing approach – some changes already recommended by staff
 - Staff and consultants who worked on various sections ready to discuss issues and answer questions, but not to “present”
- TF direction to staff, including both substance and structure
- Recommendation to work on one draft only

Discussion of final work products

- Draft Tables of Contents for Volume 1 and Volume 2 (handout)
- Process steps for October meeting:
 - Usual posting Friday before TF meeting
 - Expect changes at the TF meeting
 - Edits and clean up after meeting
 - Transmittal to Governor and DV Committee
- Interim and final print products, plus digital