

Comment Matrix
Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force
September 18-19, 2008

Author	Date Received	Generally Supportive	Generally In Opposition	Concerned	Interest Group	Keywords
First Draft—June 18, 2008						
Alex Hildebrand	July 1, 2008			x	Delta	Discuss water use of open water and wetlands; water rights; in-Delta conveyance and impacts; Middle River conveyance; groundwater overdraft; decreased Delta inflows; water quality impacts of canal; reallocation of water supply; consumptive water use
Butte Environmental Council	June 27, 2008			x	Environment	Environmental Justice/Environment; groundwater basins; balanced aquifer; Delta smelt; Endangered Species Acts; increased fresh water flows; mercury; ground and surface water storage; modeling watershed; Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan; CDEW; NEPA; CEQA; monitoring; regional self-sufficiency; flood control planning; conjunctive use; BDCP; groundwater banking;
John Ryan	July 1, 2008	x			Citizen	Governance; define terms; explain how additional governance will improve the Delta; organize and staff proposed council to ensure continuity with existing programs; use performance measures to support governance structure
Sacramento County Farm Bureau	July 1, 2008			x	Agriculture	Protect Delta agriculture; incorporate agriculture into all four strategic plan areas; ecosystem goals should focus on existing ecosystems such as Yolo Bypass, Liberty Island, and Prospect Island; regional self-sufficiency
Central Valley Clean Water Assn.	July 1, 2008			x	Wastewater	Include municipal wastewater industry representatives in governance structure; CDEW; include improved water quality costs in plan; remove Action 8.5 in its entirety

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Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District	July 1, 2008	x			Wastewater	Proposed governance should be consistent, coordinated, and strengthened; Delta residents should not pay for statewide interests; clarify roles and authorities under proposed governance section; CDEW should be based on water quality plans; include water quality and water supply expertise to proposed science and engineering board; include wastewater representatives on proposed Public Advisory Group; provide better scientific support for conclusions; consider affects to wastewater and stormwater discharges from conveyance alternatives; use sound science and engineering to set standards and targets
North Delta CARES	July 1, 2008			x	Delta	Delta as Place; composition of DPC; protecting endangered terrestrial species; need information regarding cost of plan; affect of ring levees on emergency response to Delta legacy towns;
Winnemem Wintu Tribe	July 1, 2008		x		Native American	Opposes Shasta Lake enlargement
Mark Wilson	July 1, 2008		x		Delta	Delta As Place
The Bay Institute and Natural Resources Defense Council	July 1, 2008	x			Environment	Composition of proposed Council; needs more discussion about proposed land use changes; consider Delta Water Master position; keep existing statutory responsibilities of regulatory and permitting agencies; need better performance targets for ecosystem restoration; better floodplain inundation; integrate with DWR's FloodSAFE and Central Valley Flood Protection Plan programs; flood modifications on San Joaquin River should meet recent agreement; water supply reliability; add actions regarding low impact development; include discussions about phasing
Natural Heritage Institute	July 10, 2008 Rev. sent July 14, 2008			x	Environment	Describe what is broken and how plan would fix it; expand powers of Coastal Conservancy rather than create new conservancy, remove barriers to that; water exporters and fish must share rights in capacity of new canal; need scientifically competent entity to oversee adaptive management; strengthen existing Coordinated Operating Agreement

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Southern California Water Committee	July 15, 2008	x			Business	Infrastructure investment; dual conveyance; BDCP; wet-year diversions; conservation; water recycling; good science; refine governance section
O'Laughlin & Paris LLP	July 15, 2008		x		Water	Takes legal and factual exception to statements, assumptions and actions in plan; California water rights laws; flow management in South Delta; agricultural water use efficiency; water conservation; public trust resources; challenges the goal to protect desirable non-native species
Jay Kremer, PE	July 18, 2008			x	Citizen	Human life and human living conditions have priority over co-equal goals; discuss costs in money and energy of wastewater recycling; water storage; governmental structure non-functional, need a single purpose agency with technical expertise
Greg Zlotnick	July 21, 2008	x			Water	Expand discussion about how new infrastructure will meet co-equal goals; clarify performance measure discussion; clarify governance and finance discussion; CDEW; BDCP; adaptive management; beneficiary pays; ecosystem restoration; flow management; expand levee response strategy discussion; fiscal and energy impact of shifting pumping times; water supply reliability; comprehensive basin management; expand the strategic levee plan concept
Second Draft—July 11, 2008						
John Ryan	July 22, 2008	x			Citizen	Proposed governance; leadership, staff, tools, resources and plan needed; performance measures
Kathy Mannion, RCRC	July 23, 2008			x	Government	Inaccuracies; clarify and expand discussion about proposed governance, with more local participation; maintain current water rights; environmental justice; conjunctive use; water supply reliability; areas of origin
Discover the Delta	July 14, 2008	x			Delta	Delta As Place; gateway locations

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Water Quality Subcommittee-BDPAC (CALFED Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee)	July 28, 2008			x	Water	Stakeholders; proposed governance unclear and added layer of government; water recycling; water conservation; water use efficiency; realistic performance measures; water quality impacts of proposed storage
North Delta Water Agency	July 30, 2008			x	Delta	In-Delta water supply for agriculture; protection for NDWA and Delta communities; assurances regarding water supply and agricultural land use; adequate and stable funding for solutions; open, fair, transparent process; water rights
Stockton East Water Agency	July 30, 2008			x	Water	Water supply reliability for all of California, not just export areas; where will freshwater flows come from; dual conveyance without third-party impacts
Sacramento County Farm Bureau	July 31, 2008			x	Agriculture	Preserve Delta agriculture; Delta-as-Place is a co-equal value with water and ecosystem
Topper Van Loben Sels	July 31, 2008			x	Citizen	Delta-as-Place must be a co-equal value with water and ecosystem; governance; DPC authority; protect Delta agriculture; water quality; levee maintenance
Anson Moran (Delta Wetlands Project)	July 31, 2008			x	Delta	In-Delta water storage and flood control potential with Delta Wetlands; levees and channel configuration;
Sacramento Suburban Water District; San Juan Water District; City of Folsom; City of Roseville	August 1, 2008			x	Water	Regional self-sufficiency; no reallocations of water; support coordinated Delta response under SWRCB; questions about proposed California Water Utility; opposes "one-size-fits-all" water conservation standards; need more information about conveyance proposals
Business Water Caucus	August 4, 2008			x	Business	Additional information needed regarding proposed governance; climate change; applied science vs. basic research; adaptive management; stable revenue stream; revitalizing Delta ecosystem; storage and conveyance; water supply and reliability; performance measures; Delta as Place

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Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District	August 4, 2008	x			Wastewater	Clarify Strategy 3, Financing; reasonable performance standards regarding water diversions; revise Action 8.5 for constituents of concern; SWRCB's draft strategic workplan; Special Area Management Plans should also cover water quality
Lawrence Kolb	August 4, 2008				Citizen	Revise farm water pricing; rather than streamline water transfers process, public agencies should acquire that water permanently at fair market value; recognize the wealth that urban water use produces; discuss differences between a canal and pipeline(s); discuss drainage impaired lands
California Farm Bureau Federation	August 4, 2008			x	Agriculture	Certainty vs. uncertainty; connect wet-period diversions to storage, conveyance, and conjunctive use; public trust and reasonable use understandings; proposed multi-part governance structure; CZMA; CDEW plan; SWRCB; Porter-Cologne Act; local representation; role of proposed Delta Conservancy; adaptive management; financing and revenue generation; consistency and compatibility of ecosystem elements with other goals and objectives of the vision; water supply; regional self-sufficiency; Delta as Place
Paul Frey	August 4, 2008				Citizen	Clarksburg; seed research; safflower; productive agriculture
California Urban Water Agencies	August 4, 2008			x	Water	Near-term emergency response strategy; Franks Tract; Middle River; Three-Mile Slough; demonstration fish protection screen at Clifton Court Forebay; levee and conveyance improvements; alternative intake for Contra Costa Water District; ecosystem habitat improvements; Decker Island; Dutch slough; Meins Landing; Yolo Bypass
Department of Conservation	August 4, 2008				Government	Land use modifications to existing prime farmland; Strategy 4 should include mention of land acquisition
Ducks Unlimited	August 4, 2008			x	Environmental	Ecosystem restoration; waterfowl habitat; Pacific Flyway; Aleutian Canada goose; migratory birds
Department of Conservation	August 4, 2008				Government	Approximately 3,000 oil and gas wells in the Delta

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San Diego County Water Authority	August 4, 2008				Water	Near-term, emergency response actions need own section in strategic plan
San Joaquin County Public Works	August 4, 2008		x		Delta	Need complete analysis of dual conveyance or isolated facility; request adherence to Joint Resolution adopted by five Delta counties; clarify proposed governance Strategy 1; clarify finance Strategy 3.
California Building Industry Association	August 4, 2008	x			Business	Action 7.3 unfair to new homebuyers and unacceptable policy direction; use incentive programs for water conservation; do not include CDEW in strategic plan; CZMA; proposed Delta Conservancy; Delta ecosystem; water supply and reliability; Delta as Place; DPC; flooding; emergency preparedness
Northern California Water Association	August 4, 2008			x	Water	Improve regional self-sufficiency statewide; no reallocation of water; Delta coordination within the SWRCB; explain more fully California Water Utility; recognize that agricultural water conservation issues are unique to regions; more information about conveyance proposals needed
City of Antioch	August 4, 2008			x	Delta	Lacks reduced diversion scenarios from SWP or CVP; absence of meaningful discussion or data about impacts from out-of-Delta conveyance facility; absence of discussion and data regarding potential impacts to beneficial uses downstream; lack of discussion and data regarding changes in river flows; lack of local authority in proposed governance structure; municipal water quality performance measures; relocation of in-Delta facilities; water rights priorities
California Department of Food and Agriculture	August 4, 2008	x			Government	Include a strategy for Delta agriculture; integrate concept of sustainable agriculture throughout remaining strategies; stable and reliable water supply; water infrastructure investment; agricultural water use efficiency is regionally based; agricultural water conservation; California Agricultural Water Management Council

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Contra Cost County Water Agency	August 4, 2008	x			Water	Include federal agencies and local representatives on the proposed council; land use governance; DPC; coordination with other agencies; ecosystem restoration; Franks Tract; regional self-sufficiency; water supply reliability; conveyance; Delta as Place; levee design
Yolo County Board of Supervisors	August 4, 2008			x	Delta	Interaction of Delta Vision with other related processes; governance; Public Advisory Group; CDEW Plan; CZMA; DPC; proposed Delta Conservancy; flood and emergency preparedness; habitat restoration; recreation; tourism; economic development; protect Delta agriculture; mercury methylation; make up lost tax revenue if land purchased for habitat restoration
Contra Costa Water District	August 6, 2008			x	Water	Near-term and emergency actions needed; good science, good business practices, and adaptive management; need realistic capital costs; align assumptions about facility reliability with design assumptions and costs; fact check assumptions; revise performance measures; need additional information regarding governance structure;
Department of Fish and Game	August 5, 2008				Government	Multi-part governance structure; CDEW Council; CDEW Plan; California Delta Conservancy; Delta Science and Engineering Board; strengthened DPC; California Bay-Delta Authority; Little Hoover Commission; strong leadership, clear authorities, accountability essential; Wildlife Conservation Board; CEQA; NCCPA; BDCP; CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Program; DRERIP; finance principles; Environmental Water Program; science, monitoring and adaptive management; Interagency Ecological Program; pelagic organism decline; long-term monitoring program; ERP Conservation Strategy.
Contra Costa Water District	August 12, 2008				Water	Delta Levee Coalition; priority levees/projects; Mokelumne Aqueduct; Contra Costa Canal; Propositions 84 and 1E funding for Delta levees; "no regrets" investments.

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County of Sacramento	August 13, 2008			x	Government	More local representation needed; local land use; area of origin; honor and protect senior water rights; water quality; Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant; CDEW Council; DPC; Delta Conservancy; Delta Science Program; CDEW Plan.
Contra Costa County Water Agency	August 15, 2008				Water	Levees; levee repair; levees and water supply; levees and Delta landform; PL-84-99 standards; priority levees on western and central Delta islands; Delta Levee Coalition.
Delta Protection Commission	August 14, 2008				Government	Delta Protection Act; DPC Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Primary Zone; DPC Strategic Plan 2006-2011; Delta-As-Place should be co-equal value; keep DPC appellate authority; balance CDEW Council, DPC, and Delta Conservancy; streamlined permitting; Delta Dredging Long-Term Management Strategy; levee maintenance; agriculture; include economic analysis.
Shasta County Board of Supervisors	August 19, 2008			x	Government	Area of origin; CVP; groundwater basins; water rights; CDEW Council; CDEW Plan; BDCP; freshwater flows; invasive species; Irrigated Lands Program; water supply reliability; CALFED water storage projects; water transfers; groundwater banking; exports.
Solano County Board of Supervisors	July 29, 2008				Government	Honor existing land use authority; CDEW Council should include at least one elected member of Delta city or county; unfunded mandates; toilet to tap; loss of agricultural land;
Glenn County Board of Supervisors	August 19, 2008				Government	Area of origin; regional water and resource management issues; public trust doctrine; additional storage; water supply reliability.
Butte County Board of Supervisors	August 19, 2008			x	Government	Area of origin; SWP; CVP; regional water and resource management issues; CDEW Council; CDEW Plan; public trust doctrine; BDCP; invasive species; Irrigated Lands Program; Best Management Practices; water supply reliability; regional self-sufficiency; water transfers; groundwater banking; no groundwater exports.

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Third Draft—August 14, 2008						
East Bay Regional Park District	August 20, 2008				Government	Regional parklands and trails; partnering with district to protect and enhance recreational opportunities and wildlife resources; address potential impacts to district regional facilities; Great California Delta Trail; proposed Bay Water Trail
A.L.L. Save Construction Inc.	Undated				Citizen	Explain what needs to be done, how it is going to get done, and if we don't do those things, what is the future of the Delta; wants the pros and cons of the situation; wants to know the game plan; asks about mitigation.
Delta Wetlands Project	August 25, 2008				Delta	"Recognition, not abandonment" is too weak and unspecific; protection is better word choice; other words to consider: "investment, adaptation and evolution."
Butte Environmental Council	August 28, 2008			x	Environmental	Area of origin rights; no intentional drawdown of Sacramento Valley aquifers; Sacramento Valley and its streams are as unique and valued as the Delta; need to include Sacramento Valley watershed representatives in governance structure; more investment in groundwater management in upper watersheds will benefit the Delta; retire drainage impaired San Joaquin County land; reasonable use and public trust applies to water outside of the Delta as well; do not destroy native ecosystems to maximize regional self-sufficiency.
Department of Conservation	August 29, 2008				Government	Williamson Act and contracts; Delta as Place; preservation of farmland and open space; plan must acknowledge effort needed to comply with existing Williamson Act contracts.

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The Nature Conservancy	August 28, 2008	x			Environmental	Biological diversity; sustainable water management; need more detail regarding storage and conveyance benefits of setback levees; include mechanism so entire CDEW Council cannot be fired by a governor; specify experience and expertise for each council member; let Coastal Commission start conservancy, and Delta Conservancy can "spin off" from there; clarify if Delta Science and Engineering Program/Board are subsumed or replace the CALFED Science Program and Independent Science Board.
Bert Heffner	August 29, 2008		x		Citizen	Chilling solutions; Big Brother; Orwell's 1984; include more local participation in more public process; fewer farms mean fewer stewards of the environment and harder to obtain Delta needs; do not be so authoritarian.
California State Board of Food and Agriculture			x		Government	
Patrick McCarty	August 30, 2008			x	Citizen	Delta Protection Commission; "three-legged stool" concept of protection, preservation and restoration to the environmental, recreational and agricultural "legs" of the Estuary; recreation; proposals may be illegal under the Delta Protection Act; unthinkable to destroy one region and its values to benefit another region; Peripheral Canal; by-pass canal.
Molly Roe	August 31, 2008			x	Citizen	Revitalization of Delta should not come at expense of other equally valuable ecosystems; Northern California would be harmed if lakes depleted and should not be used to solve the water woes of state.
G. Fred Lee and Associates	September 1, 2008			x	Citizen	Known violations of water quality standards in the Delta; violations and water quality impairments in Delta are influenced by water flow manipulations through diversions and exports; USEPA Clean Water Act 303(d) "Impaired" Delta waterbodies; text misleading regarding current CVRWQCB efforts for TMDLs; no performance measures for aquatic-life-related water quality issues; target dates unrealistic; ensure the CALFED Mercury Project is continued; legislature should be directed to fund programs, not agencies; rewrite strategies 5 and 8.

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Central Valley Clean Water Association	September 1, 2008			x	Wastewater	Possible conflict with Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act; recycled water use; limited funding; stringent permit requirements; law is "reasonable" protection, not "full" protection; need sequential actions; plan is internally inconsistent; implication that significant contaminant issues are unaddressed is inaccurate; more detail needed regarding CDEW Plan and CDEW Council; proposals may put agencies in legal bind; environmental justice issues regarding new wastewater treatment proposals; wastewater treatment agencies should be on PAG.
Reclamation District 2068	September 1, 2008		X		Delta	Plan ignores that landowners have statutory assurances and contractual obligations with State; co-equal goals give extraordinary advantage to CVP, SWP, and their contractors; North Delta Water Agency; productive agricultural land; BDCP; new governance structure will continue reactionary rather than proactive and collaborative ways of doing business; does not adequately address federal government's role.
Solano County Board of Supervisors	September 2, 2008			X	Government	Plan should more fully address: lack of assured local government representation; assured area of origin water rights; preservation of water quality and salinity intrusion standards; the capacity of the engineered conveyance options; time should occur after downstream storage and Delta community concerns are addressed; protection from sea level rise; socio-economic impacts, operations, maintenance, and economic development revitalization costs. Specific questions and comments on each part of the report and each strategy.
City of Antioch	September 2, 2008				Government	Identify legal water users and alternative intakes beginning immediately, complete by December 2009; encourage regional solutions; protect and increase Sacramento River outflow; Antioch is in western Delta, not southern Delta.
State Lands Commission	September 2, 2008				Government	Roles, responsibilities, and jurisdictions of the State Lands Commission not acknowledged in the Strategic Plan; State Lands Commission should be added to the list of ex-officio agencies to the CDEW Council.

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Alex Clayton	September 2, 2008	x			Citizen	Focus on permanent conservation measures; increase public outreach for water conservation, water conveyance system, and Delta's significance; target a string of islands to create a contiguous chain of wetlands.
Nicole S.Suard, Snug Harbor Resorts	September 2, 2008			x	Delta	Boating; marina/resort; designate Delta as its own tourist region, or add it to SF Bay tourist region; make sure data used is correct; check out correlation between DWR's requirement that drinking water wells be chlorinated with fish decline; object to degradation of any of the "project levees"; dual conveyance/Peripheral Canal—"we've been <i>rambo'd</i> on this issue." Provide fair market value to landowners; State and Federal Tax Credits; provide same information at all your public meetings.
Environmental Defense Fund and The Bay Institute	September 2, 2008	x			Environmental	Strategy 15 should include establishing an environmental water right for California; environmental water on equal footing with consumptive appropriative rights; California Delta Conservancy; instream flows; State Water Resources Control Board.
The Bay Institute	September 2, 2008	x			Environmental	Be more explicit that water resources in Delta and watershed are over allocated, current levels not sustainable; increased flows prerequisite for improving ecosystem; more detail regarding "wet-period diversion system;" Tulare Lake bed; stronger nexus between water management and reduced diversions and exports; upstream water users obligations to the Delta; create new environmental water right; west side San Joaquin Drainage problem.
County of Yolo Board of Supervisors	September 2, 2008			x	Government	Does not show how Strategic Plan interacts with other Delta plans; deadlines appear arbitrary and disconnected with other calendars; plan unsupported by analysis; internally inconsistent; should not be used as interim CDEW plan; land management and finance sections inadequate; should contain assurances of no redirected, significant, unmitigated adverse impacts, including to local jurisdictions.

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Business Water Caucus	September 2, 2008			X	Business, Water	Strategy 7 flow recommendations lack support and analysis; governance proposal is worrisome, overreaches and a quagmire; regional self-sufficiency needs additional discussion; Delta is transfer point for export water, not its source; regulations; co-equal values; collaborative process; climate change; regulatory framework; questions accuracy of some statements, questions interpretation of others; new conveyance and storage; adaptive management framework; CALFED; Bay-Delta Conservation Plan; wet-period diversions; ecosystem challenges; California's water rights system; CDEW Council proposal; performance measure; water use efficiency; reasonable use; water pricing; Agricultural Water Management Plans; stormwater infiltration; ecosystem flow; floodplain and open water habitats; CDEW Plan; California Water Utility
Central Delta Water Agency	September 2, 2008		X		Water	Recommendation to construct an isolated canal unfairly circumvents the CEQA (and NEPA) process and may be contrary to existing law; an isolated facility abandons Delta water quality; stakeholders with direct Delta interests should be majority in any new governance system; co-equal goal in vision is misleading and misplaced; clarify statements about water right priorities and preferential treatment toward water interests; includes CDWA's vision/strategic plan.
Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District	September 2, 2008			x	Wastewater	Wastewater districts should be on stakeholders group; multiple Delta efforts; beneficiary pays allocation formula; objective science; ecosystem health and water quality; performance measures.

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East Bay Municipal Utility District	September 2, 2008			x	Utility	Water use efficiency; water reuse; recycled water; salmon migration in Mokelumne River; protecting key infrastructure; Mokelumne Aqueducts; clarify what are state interests in the Delta; clarify SWRCB's role; clarify how water for ecosystem will be provided as "reasonable use and public trust"; cost/benefit analysis needed; Delta Operations Team; levee design and investment; CDEW Plan; not enough support for new government agency (CDEW Council); beneficiary pays; fee basis and structure; fee protections; cross-system subsidies; credits for previous and future acitons/investments.
California Department of Parks and Recreation	September 2, 2008				Government	DPR is completed its Central Valley strategic plan, including the Delta; National Heritage Area consistent with DPR plan, recommendations about state recreation areas are not.
Delta Wetlands Project	September 2, 2008			x	Delta	Strategies 11, 12, and 13 are, respectively, a marketing plan, and are limiting investment in the Delta rather than a commitment to Delta protection; timid and defeatist; nothing balances limitations on land use with protections for local economies.
California Central Valley Flood Control Association	September 2, 2008			x	Flood Control	Strategic Plan is CALFED with new name and more bureaucracy, no federal participation; goals and strategies are internally contradictory, not well defined, not analyzed for technical or economic feasibility; strong link between flood management, water supply, and increased storage; regional self-sufficiency; Sacramento River Flood Control Project; Delta islands are "swamp and overflowed lands" not "tidelands;" Delta As Place; local reclamation districts left out of emergency preparation role; Strategy 13 "Balkanizes" flood assistance based on gross economic return to the State abandons longstanding California governance principle; new governance needs majority local Delta representation.

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Regional Council for Rural Counties	September 2, 2008			X	Government	Assumptions and assertions are unsubstantiated; anti-water right priority system and anti-area of origin water rights commentary; future food security and affordability; description of proposed governance structure is inaccurate and misleading; CDEW Council; CDEW Plan; need for north-of-Delta storage too; California Water Utility.
Contra Costa County Water Agency	September 2, 2008			X	Government	Short-term actions should be called out as a priority; Efficient Water Management Practices; Agriculture Water Management Council; Delta Long-Term Management Strategy; relocating CVP and SWP intakes; Contra Costa Water District intakes; CDEW Plan; CDEW Council and Delta Conservancy should have majority local representatives; California Water Utility.
California State Association of Counties	September 2, 2008				Government	Respect local counties authority, revenues, public health and safety, economic development, water rights, and agricultural viability; recreation; environmental protection; flood protection; water quality, flows, and supply; consistency with adopted policies and plans; flood management; emergency response; legacy communities; regional self-sufficiency.
Environmental Justice Coalition for Water	September 2, 2008			X	Government	Ill-conceived notion of environmental justice; six recommendations to integrate environmental justice in Strategic Plan.
Calleguas Municipal Water District	September 1, 2008			x	Water	State Water Project; groundwater storage; recycling and increased conservation; imported water is base supply; need reliability, not quantity; operational and regulatory flexibility for sustainable exports; unbiased science; water quality; treatment costs; separate municipal and agricultural supplies from Delta estuary environment; conveyance infrastructure; watershed management approach positive example for Bay-Delta governing board.
Mary McTaggart	September 2, 2008			x	Citizen	Live-long resident of Delta; the "unique cultural and historical character of the Delta" is predominately agricultural; what does having a "special legal status" really mean for the Delta? Define sustainable agriculture and multifunctional forms of agriculture. What about farmers who do not want to provide agri-tourism?

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California Farm Bureau Federation	August 29, 2008			x	Agriculture	Subordination of human water supply needs to environmental needs; capture, storage, and conveyance; environmental needs, consistent with public trust, must be balanced against other needs in the public interest; National Wildlife Refuges Areas; Middle River conveyance; future South-Delta exports; BDCP EIR/EIS; performance measures; CDEW Plan; HCP/NCCP; improve reliability and predictability of diversions; define “sustainable agriculture” and “appropriate agriculture”; Farm Bill; carbon farming in the Delta.
North Delta CARES	September 2, 2008			x	Delta	Agree that less water should be taken from the Delta and sent to Southern California; why is a dual conveyance system needed? What are the long-term benefits or consequences of designating the Delta a federally-recognized National Heritage Area and a multi-unit State Recreation Area; need a strong in-Delta public participation process before final report.
Mark Wilson	September 2, 2008		x		Citizen	Delta culture should be a co-equal value; throwing out previous legal contracts and water rights; gives preferential treatment to environmental groups and water exporters south of the Delta; no recognition of Delta agriculture; economics of food and fiber and water supply; no assurances that plan will succeed; free market system; subsidence reversal farming; CDEW Council overbearing, unelected; leave DPC alone; scrap Strategies 15, 16, 17, and 18.
Browns Valley Irrigation District	August 25, 2008			x	Water	Regional self-sufficiency; recommendation that Sacramento Valley water users will be required to reallocate water without compensation to promote the Delta disturbing (pg. 91); Sacramento Valley is also a unique and valued place.

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Reclamation District 999	August 29, 2008			x	Delta	RD999 has North Delta Water 1981 Contract that should be respected; do not take productive agricultural land out of production; landowners should not be “collateral damage” of a Delta solution; habitat restoration must not trump other public health and safety concerns; follow CEDA and NEPA; do not remove local funding; plan does not have adequate cost/benefit analysis of recommendations or analysis of social costs; do not “reallocate” water from water rights holders.
California Department of Water Resources	September 2, 2008				Government	Too much detail rather than focusing on objectives and direction; remove site specific information; make sure Delta counties and other Delta local governing entities have a significant and meaningful role; clearly describe other on-going efforts; clearly phase the proposed governance reform, and provide more information about the proposed organizational structures; establish Delta Conservancy; State Water Project; CDEW Council; clarify roles; timing of exports; additional storage facilities; Sites Reservoir, Los Vaqueros Expansion, Shasta Enlargement.
Sacramento County	September 3, 2008			x	Government	Inadequate time to review and analyze the 3 rd draft; constitutionally protected system of California water rights; reasonable use doctrine; public trust; water rights reallocation; Central Valley Project; State Water Project; what is role of local agencies in new governance structure?; disenfranchising those who live and work in the affected areas; Public Advisory Group; CDEW Plan; regional self-sufficiency; concerns about flood control and levees sections; BDCP; water quality; expanded recreation and tourism may be inconsistent with other goals; largest energy consumers in state are the water projects’ pumps; water pricing; Freeport Regional Water Plant; Sacramento Regional County Sanitation Plant; South County HCP; floodplain management; CALFED.

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Concerned Citizens of Clarksburg	August 20, 2008				Delta	Don't take away DPC appeal authority; CDEW Council; composition of the DPC; put proposed Delta Conservancy under authority of DPC; include DPC in coordinating role with Delta Emergency Response Plan; Delta-As-Place should be a co-equal value; state funding is needed for Delta governance.
Sacramento County Farm Bureau	September 1, 2008			x	Agriculture	Delta interests (including agriculture) should be more prominent in the plan; do not sacrifice the Delta to the other co-equal goals; Delta must be protected; limit agricultural land conversion; performance measures; Sutter Island and New Hope Tract should not be included in floodplain planning and ecosystem restoration plans; no reallocation of water; water transfers.
Contra Costa Water District	September 2, 2008				Water	Immediate and emergency actions need to take place now; governance proposal needs more explanation; water quality; invasive species; salinity; performance measures; CCWD; SWRCB; CVP and SWP; Delta outflow; Delta Operations Team; cost estimates for isolated facility too low; user fees.
Alan Paterson	August 7, 2008				Citizen	Upstream users; export projects; Delta; 1920 Antioch lawsuit; CVP; Shasta Reservoir; Bulletin No. 25; Owens Valley; County of Origin Act of 1931; Watershed Protection Act; Delta Protection Act; salinity control.

Legend:

Generally Supportive: Commenters expressed general support of the draft Strategic Plan.

Generally In Opposition: Commenters expressed general opposition to the draft Strategic Plan.

Concerned: Commenters expressed concern, or in some cases, both support and opposition, with elements of the draft Strategic Plan.

Blank: Commenters did not express an opinion about the draft Strategic Plan.

Acronyms:

BDCP =Bay Delta Conservation Plan

CDEW=California Delta Ecosystem and Water Plan

CEQA=California Environmental Quality Act

CZMA=Coastal Zone Management Act

CVP=Central Valley Project

DPC=Delta Protection Commission

DWR=Department of Water Resources

NEPA=National Environmental Policy Act

PAG=Public Advisory Group

SWP=State Water Project

SWRCB=State Water Resources Control Board