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Charrettes are:

Brief, intensive workshops in which stakeholders can develop spatially explicit alternative visions of a future Delta

Charrettes produce:

Maps and illustrations of a desired Delta 50 years in the future



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Key points

- NO ONE will be asked to develop or sign onto a Delta vision that they do not believe in
- EACH small group of 6-7 will create a compelling vision of a future Delta
- ALL visions created by stakeholders shown to the Blue Ribbon Task Force



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Why do it this way?

- Charge calls for alternative visions
- Variety of visions ensures all voices are heard
- Visions show how pieces fit together



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Charrettes can envision:

1. Land form
2. Land uses
3. Infrastructure, including conveyance
4. Levee types

Visions are formed in light of:

1. Drivers of change
2. SELF-SELECTED management objectives and assumptions about entire range of Delta issues

Water and ecosystem

issues affect the visions to the extent that:

1. They suggest what the land form of the Delta should be
2. They suggest where certain habitat types could/should go, either on land or in the water
3. They suggest which land uses may be appropriate in a given place, in light of water or ecosystem needs

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Issues to be discussed

after the charrette:

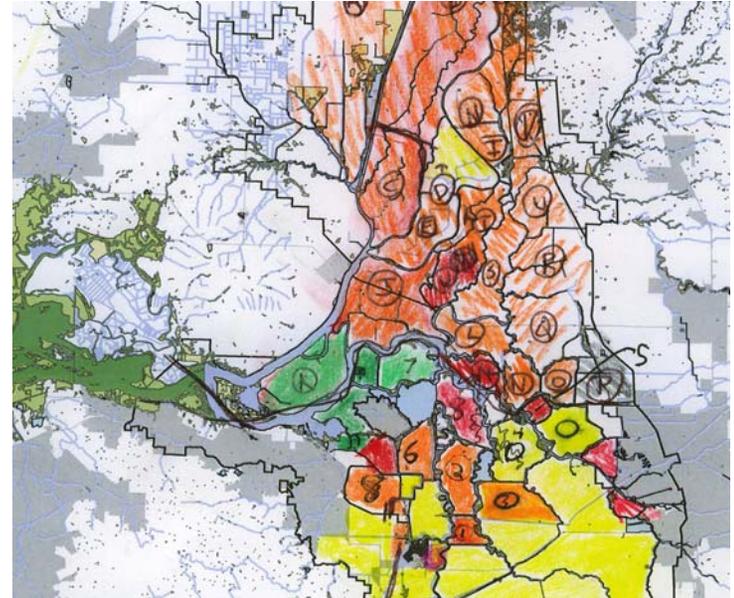
1. Governance and institutions
2. Financing strategies
3. Legal, regulatory, contractual issues
4. Out-of-Delta changes in detail
5. Water system operations
(e.g. pumping schedules, etc)
6. Assessing uncertainties and risks in the vision



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Pilot charrette was:

- A two-day event October 20-21, 2006
- A structured series of exercises, not an open-ended brainstorm
- 19 participants in four small groups
- Facilitated by UC-Berkeley students
- A comprehensive look at the Delta's land use, infrastructure, and levees
- Not about water conveyance or quality
- Not about the watershed
- Not about institutions



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What makes good visioning?

1. “Over the horizon” perspective
2. Anonymity = freedom to explore ideas

