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DEVELOPING ALTERNATE ELEMENTS OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN

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RIVER DELTA and VINTAGE - HISTORIC TOWNS

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As spokesperson for the Concerned Citizens of Clarksburg (CCC), I have been directly involved in the appeal(s) of Yolo County's "stayed" entitlement of the Old Sugar Mill (OSM) Specific Plan by the Delta Protection Commission (DPC). CCC has participated in the above appeal(s) and monitored the DPC and the ever heightening interest in the Sacramento – San Joaquin River Delta for the last four (4) years. CCC respectfully makes the following comments and suggestions to your Task Force:

GOVERNANCE:

The Delta Protection Act of 1992 (DPA), the DPC and its Land Use and Resource Management Plan have served well to halt urbanization behind uncertified levees in the Primary Zone (PZ) and to protect and preserve Clarksburg, an historic – vintage town which was settled more than 150 years ago on the Sacramento River in the Primary Zone.

- The DPC should be further strengthened with expanded authority over land use in the PZ
 - Early Review, comment and approval or denial over proposed projects in the PZ.
 - Either expand appointed (non-elected) members or limit elected members to current number.
 - The DPC has been significantly improved by recent legislation (Wolk AB 797) which expanded the commission with three non – elected appointees of the governor and forced local governments to constructively respond to the DPC, when projects are remanded.
- CAUTION: Any effort to change the legal boundary of the PZ must ensure the integrity of its current boundary.
- Efforts to encourage agricultural, environmentally sound and recreational uses of the Delta will benefit from Federal – State collaboration with innovative strategies for National and State Park Designation and management.
- A scientific element to the DPC should be included in any form of governance, as an adjunct to the official body.

HISTORIC VINTAGE TOWNS:

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1. The Delta towns of Clarksburg, Hood, Courtland, Locke, Ryde and Walnut Grove are all within the P Z.
 - The vintage towns are emerging, as protected by the the DPA, as centers for agriculture, recreation and tourism.
 - The slow growth of these communities has protected their unique character and must be preserved.
2. Agriculture will become increasingly important to metropolitan areas, as population and transportation costs increase. The strategic location of the Sacramento River Delta between the growing San Francisco Bay communities and the edge cities which now surround Sacramento and Stockton will provide a source of farm fresh local agriculture to support the population of these growing communities.
3. As this megalopolis continues to grow and to surround the Delta, opportunities for recreation and tourism will abound. These opportunities must be provided in an environmentally enlightened manner to ensure water quality and delivery for generations to come. Some recreational and tourism opportunities follow:
 - Wineries Bed and Breakfasts Farm Stays
 - Canoeing Fishing Artist studios
 - Estuary Wildlife Boating Hiking

And, a myriad of other opportunities will provide a experience for those who come from California, national and international locations to experience the Delta, the largest estuary in western North and South America.

- These opportunities will provide an economic base that will support a needed revenue for the cities, villages and counties in the PZ.

Enlightened governance and management of recreation, tourism and agriculture, will serve California's generations well into the future.

New York's Adirondack National Park is an example of a model area to be studied.