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Dear Delta Vision Stakeholder Group;

the Governor Delta Blue Ribbon Task Force endorses the Peripheral Canal but addition there are two proposals buried in its Delta Risk management Strategy proposaling floodplain to force Roberts Island residents off their farm lands and homes

As owners of a farm parcel we oppose any use of Roberts Island in this manner. the farm land is strongly link to the food production in agricultural. the soil is one of the best. your strategy is taking away the livelyhood of family farms.

We also like to point out there is no appointed representitive from the farming community on the Blue Ribbon Task Force that our Governor appointed

Other alternatives such as dams, water storage facilities at higher elevations in northern and Southern California are the first alternatives to consider.

Dams and storage facilities in higher elevations can collect

heavy rain water runoffs and melting snow. The result of dams and large storage facilities would be a control release of water for the entire state.

We encourage you to look at higher elevations to save water, to avoid flooding and save fertile farm land that is disappearing to urban developement

Sincerely,
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