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Your descriptive analysis of the problems facing the Delta and its use as a critical highway for water for the South is almost compelling; your solutions chilling. The Plan reads as if it were created by the government of Big Brother in Orwell's "1984". You offer an even more complex governance structure than present with competing unelected entities and set performance measures most easily gamed by getting rid of farmers and folks who live in the Delta by actions that devalue farm land, rural homes and unincorporated areas.

Suggest most strongly that you need to stop process from going forward until some real public participation brings the victims of the Vision into communication on the fate you have planned for them. Your documents stress transparency of future actions but you have had little in the past and even less inclusion of Delta residents and farmers who will be left bereft of land and homes as a result of the Delta Vision process. It is no wonder that attendees at your few public meetings murmur of bringing pitchforks to those in the future. Stop seeing the Delta from outside's ivory tower and make the process one of true consultation; enable the people of the Delta rather than treat them as the federal government did American Indians, a subject people to be decimated and forced into enclaves hammered and hampered by that same government. The American Revolution was fought in large part to give its future citizens the right of self-determination, do not take that away from the people of the Delta.

Must also comment that the fewer farmers and farm lands in the Delta, the fewer the stewards of the environment, the more difficult and expensive to obtain compliance with Delta's needs.

Please seek to harmonize all interests, not set forth on authoritarian path driven by only technical needs or political interests; you did such a good job of analysis please do not fail us by foregoing an integrative, consultative process with those directly affected by the proposals; who knows, there might be even better solutions come out of the exchange that those presently proposed.