September 2, 2008

Mr. Phil Isenberg
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Re: Delta Vision Strategic Plan – Third Staff Draft, August 14, 2008

Dear Mr. Isenberg:

The City of Antioch once again appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed Delta Vision Strategic Plan ("Plan"). With respect to the Third Staff Draft of the Plan, Antioch has the following comments in addition to its prior comments:

1. Strategy 5, pg. 45: The identification of legal water users likely to be impacted by conveyance modifications and the identification of alternative intakes for such impacted users should begin immediately and be completed no later than December 2009. This information already largely exists. In-Delta users should be intimately involved in the process. Regional solutions should be encouraged.

2. Strategy 7: The Plan needs to protect and increase Sacramento River outflow. Increased San Joaquin River flows are not enough to protect water quality and the environment within the Delta. The Sacramento River is partially tributary to the western San Joaquin River.[1] The western Delta, and its environment, depends upon this connection. Ignoring this connection between the two rivers will lead to significant adverse impacts on fish and the

1 In Town of Antioch v. Williams Irrigation District (1922) 188 Cal. 451, the California Supreme Court held:

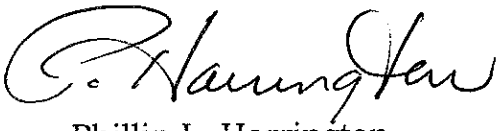
"It is important here to state some additional facts to explain how this pollution comes about and why diversions from the Sacramento River may or do affect the volume and quality of the water flowing down the San Joaquin River by the city of Antioch into Suisun Bay . . . For many miles above the entrance of the two rivers into said bay the land between them is flat and threaded with sloughs in which water either stands or flows. From the Sacramento River at two points, one about eight and the other about twenty-three miles above its mouth, sloughs diverge, into which parts of its waters escape and flow through said sloughs and into the San Joaquin River at points several miles above the place of the diversion by the city of Antioch."

general environment.

3. Strategy 11, pg. 62: Antioch is, and has been for over 150 years, located in the western Delta, not the southern Delta.

Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to provide these comments on the Plan. We look forward to continuing to work with the Blue Ribbon Task Force in developing the Plan.

Very Truly Yours,



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