



August 20, 2008

**The Honorable Phil Isenberg, Chair
Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force
650 Capitol Mall, 5th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**Re: Delta Vision Strategic Plan
Staff Draft**

Dear Chairman Isenberg:

The East Bay Regional Park District (the Park District) has received notice that the Governor's Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force is seeking comment on the draft staff Strategic Plan for the Delta (Delta Vision Strategic Plan). It is important to the Park District that the Delta Vision Strategic Plan recognize the existing and potential regional parklands and trails, and provide policies and action programs for partnering with the Park District to implement these regional facilities. The Delta Vision Strategic Plan should make adequate provisions to enhance recreational opportunities (such as camping, boating, and recreational trails along levees) and to protect and enhance wildlife resources. It is equally important that the Delta Vision Strategic Plan adequately address potential impacts on the Park District's regional facilities, avoid impact where possible, and adequately mitigate impacts where they cannot be avoided.

The Park District manages 65 regional parks, over 1,100 miles of regional trails, and over 98,000 acres (over 150 square miles) of open space for recreation and resource protection throughout Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Within the Delta area, the Park District has, as shown in the Master Plan 1997 and the Map (approved in 2007), the following six (6) existing and potential parklands, and the following fourteen (14) existing and potential trails:

A. Parklands:

1. Browns Island
2. Pittsburg/Antioch
3. Antioch Shoreline
4. Big Break
5. Delta Recreation
6. Delta Access

B. Trails [RT]:

7. Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail//Delta/DeAnza Trail//Marsh Creek Trail

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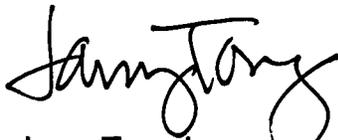
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8. [RT 7B] Delta/DeAnza Trail//Antioch to Oakley
9. [RT 7C] Delta/DeAnza Trail//Marsh Creek Trail to Rock Slough
10. [RT 43] Delta Island Shoreline Trail
11. [RT 42] Big Break Shoreline
12. [RT 39] Great California Delta Trail
13. [RT 6A] Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail//Contra Loma to Marsh Creek Trail
14. [RT 6B] Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail//Marsh Creek Trail to Delta
15. [RT 46] Mokelumne to Discovery Bay
16. [RT 45] Marsh Creek Trail to Discovery Bay
17. [RT 8D] San Francisco Bay to San Joaquin River Trail//Round Valley to Big Break
18. [RT 44] Southern Pacific Railroad
19. [RT 47] Delta Trail Extension
20. SF Bay Water Trail

These existing and potential parklands and trails are shown in the attached portion of the Park District Map. Electronic copies of the Park District Master Plan 1997 and Map adopted in 2007 are provided in the enclosed Compact Disc (CD). These Park District facilities include Big Break Regional Shoreline and the regional-significant Delta Science Center. The Park District is also working to implement SB 1556 (Torlakson) establishing the vision for the Great California Delta Trail. The proposed Bay Water Trail, extended into the Delta in the Park District Map, will enhance Californians' ability to experience the "place" that is the Delta, by getting people off the roadways and into the rivers, sloughs and wildlife-rich backwaters of California's heartland.

We would be happy to provide additional information regarding these regional facilities and look forward to working with the Task Force to promote and expand recreation and resource enhancement activities in the Delta region. Please keep the Park District on the notification list and informed on the processing of this important item. Please contact me if there are any questions about this item.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: EBRPD Map, Delta Vision Strategic Plan portion
Enclosure: CD with EBRPD Master Plan 1997 and Map adopted in 2007

