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Mr. Phil Isenburg, Chairman
Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force
State of California Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
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Re: Delta Vision Strategic Plan Dated June 18, 2008 (edited July 11, 2008)

The northern Sacramento Valley region is the Area of Origin for much of the water that flows through the Delta which makes our region the major source for California's overall water supply. As part of the Delta watershed, Glenn County and the surrounding counties of our region have a vested interest in the overall health and stewardship of the Delta. Our water resources provide the life blood for our agricultural-based communities, economy and environment. The delicate balance of our water system comes from the care and planning of local governments, private landholders and water agencies.

Through the Four County Memorandum of Understanding (Four Counties), the counties of Butte, Colusa, Glenn and Tehama are working collaboratively on regional water and resource management issues.

At this time, Glenn County would like to reiterate and support the comments that have been forwarded to the Task Force by the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) and the Northern California Water Association (NCWA). Our specific concerns are:

- The promotion of the Public Trust doctrine over the current water rights system that in turn would undermine any existing area of origin protection
- The concept of any additional authority that would supersede any established local water management programs and decision processes would not be in the regions best interest
- We have in the past and will continue to promote and support additional storage as one of many efforts to provide water supply reliability

We believe that the Strategic Plan contains many positive elements that will protect the Delta's ecosystem and surrounding communities. Unfortunately, the Strategic Plan includes many elements that ultimately may have many negative effects on our communities and local economies. We do not believe it is prudent to implement short term strategies to remedy the Delta while negatively impacting the Sacramento Valley.

We believe the Task Force can be successful by incorporating the principles of area of origin in conjunction with a cooperative approach to our existing water rights, by supporting regional self sufficiency, and by encouraging the commitment to water supply reliability through additional water storage projects. We discourage the Task Force from fixing the Delta through actions at the expense of the Sacramento Valley region.

Sincerely,
Glenn County Board of Supervisors


Mike Murray, Chairman