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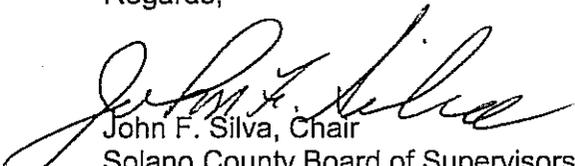
RE: Strategic Plan Draft 2

Dear Chairman Isenberg and Members of the Task Force:

Solano County appreciates the opportunity to provide comments regarding the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force Strategic Plan Draft 2. The attached document provides comments in the areas of Governance and Finance, Ecosystem, Water Supply and Reliability, and the Delta as Place.

We look forward to opportunities to share further input in the near future.

Regards,

  
John F. Silva, Chair  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

Attachment

**COMMENTS TO THE DELTA VISION BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE STRATEGIC  
PLAN DRAFT 2  
August 2008**

***Governance and Finance***

**Goals**

- Create clear lines of governmental responsibility for protecting the co-equal values and other state interests in the Delta.
- Ensure consistency of action and clarity of roles among existing agencies across all levels of government.
- Ensure adaptability of governance to changed circumstances over time.
- Create effective finance mechanisms.

**Strategy 1:** Create a multi-part governance structure, with a California Delta Ecosystem and Water Council, a strengthened Delta Protection Commission, a Delta Conservancy, and a Delta Science and Engineering Board. The Council will develop and adopt the California Delta Ecosystem and Water Plan, and will have ongoing responsibility for its implementation.

**Strategy 2:** Ensure consistency of action among existing state, federal and local entities by creating a California Delta Ecosystem and Water Plan, clarifying the roles of existing agencies in the Delta, and making full use of existing laws and constitutional principles governing water.

**Strategy 3:** Finance the activities called for in the CDEW Plan by creating effective and transparent revenue-generation mechanisms that reflect the true value of resources and are linked to value-creation for beneficiaries and future generations of Californians.

**Solano County Comments**

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Action 1.3      All

Mentions coordination only with no indication that Existing land use authority would be honored when decisions are made.

Page 3

Line 6            "...other state and Delta interests in the Delta."

Lines 35-37    All

CDEWC membership shall include at least one elected member of a Delta county or city.

Line 39            "...to govern monitor land use..."

Line 45            "...non-governmental organizations..."

Remove from DPC

Page 6

Line 22 "...Delta and other effective estuaries." Does this include the Suisun Marsh?  
Line 33 "...as physically feasible..." Set limits and mitigate impact

Page 12

Line 17 "...and enhance important agricultural production/processing, tourism..."

Page 15

Lines 25-27 "In a state where...state of affairs." Export of non-surplus to area of origin water right holders is unreasonable  
Lines 39-42 All Should also empower local residents to pursue a prosperous and secure future without having to bear disproportionate burdens from statewide priorities

Page 16

Line 12 "...and other state local interests..."

Page 17

Line 45 "...all water, road...projects..." This group must have the necessary expertise  
Need to establish functionality  
Parameters/goals  
Essential arteries of heart of mega regions

Page 18

Line 3 "...to any public or non-profit entity..." No  
Lines 17-22 All Counties?  
Line 25 "...to govern-monitor land use..."

Page 23

Lines 14-18 All State assuming direct governance

***The Delta Ecosystem***

**Goals**

- Support viable populations of native resident and migratory species.
- Create functional corridors for migratory species.
- Create a diverse mosaic of habitats and ecosystem processes.
- Reduce stressors to below adverse effects levels.



- Manage the co-equal values and prepare for climate change.

**Strategy 7:** Maximize regional water self-sufficiency throughout California by a wide range of supply augmentation and demand management techniques.

**Strategy 8:** Integrate and strengthen management of all aspects of the water cycle, including surface flows, groundwater, flood control, infiltration, and water quality.

**Strategy 9:** Create a wet-period diversion, conveyance and storage system to the greatest feasible extent to minimize ecosystem stress and prepare for climate change.

### **Solano County Comments**

#### Page 44

Lines 24-25 "...collect groundwater...Watershed..." Unfunded mandates

#### Page 47

Line 33 "...agricultural and landscape irrigation..." Crops intended for use by humans?

#### Page 49

Lines 4-8 All Toilet→ Tap

#### Page 56

Lines 22-25 "...the State, working ...expand water water banking." Loss of Ag Land

### ***The Delta as Place***

#### **Goals**

- Increase recognition of the Delta as a place.
- Enhance tourism and recreation, sustainable and multi-functional agriculture, and the local economy.
- Decrease flood risks to people and property, and match levee types to land uses, services provided, and other management requirements.
- Improve governance of state interests and local priorities.

**Strategy 10:** Increase recognition of the Delta as a place, and enhance tourism and recreation, by creating a National Heritage Area and a multi-unit State Recreation Area, and by facilitating new investments in "gateway" locations near major cities and highways.

**Strategy 11:** Enhance the Delta as a place by creating multi-purpose river corridors on each major river system entering the Delta, and by creating Special Area Management Plans for selected areas.

**Strategy 12:** Improve the Delta's flood protection and levee system by improving upstream flood management, designing and financing levee types to protect specific land uses and services, and conducting comprehensive emergency management planning and preparation.

**Solano County Comments**

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Lines 10-15 All

Separate Tourism Region

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Where appropriate add:

“Increased recreational usage in the Delta will have an impact on local services such as law enforcement, fire and rescue. These increased costs to local government need to be considered when planning for increased recreation.”

Page 70

Line 14 “...public benefits...”

Who pays for O&M-Ensure  
NO unfunded mandates on  
Local Governments/Districts

Page 72

Line 45 “...state interests are protected...”

No—responsibility of locally  
Elected officials

Page 78

Lines 32-33 All

Counties/Cities/Districts

Additional comments

This plan ignores 3<sup>rd</sup> party impacts, economic costs, human impacts, cumulative loss of agricultural land and allows water regulators vs. DWR to pick winners and losers. Solano County views this as providing exclusive benefits to water export and environmental special interests with an exclusive focus on State interests.