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Re: Stockton East Water District comments on Strategic Plan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

These comments to the Second Staff Draft of the Delta Vision Strategic Plan are provided by Stockton East Water District. At this point the comments provide are very broad, but nevertheless important.

**Water Supply Reliability**

“ . . .the actions recommended in our Strategic Plan are intended to increase water supply reliability.  
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One of the goals repeatedly stated in the Plan is that of increasing water supply reliability. While this is a laudable goal, the Plan needs to be more specific. While it mentions regional reliability and other issues, the Plan’s focus is on improving transport of exports through the Delta. From reading the plan, one is left with the inescapable conclusion that the focus is increasing water supply reliability to export water users of the Central Valley and State Water Projects.

Water supply availability and reliability is a serious issue to be addressed throughout California, not just in export areas. While millions of dollars are being invested in studying isolated and dual conveyance facilities in the Delta, equal amounts must be contributed to solving water supply reliability problems in non-export areas such as San Joaquin County. The Plan must address these issues.

## Restore Appropriate Water Flows

“Provide increased freshwater flows through the Delta. . .” Pg. 36

The Plan includes as a goal providing increased freshwater flows through the Delta. Again, while this is a laudable goal, it comes at a cost: the increased flows must come from some where, and from someone. The Plan suggests:

- Net downstream flow on San Joaquin River at Jersey Point October through June
- Increasing San Joaquin River flows from September through November.
- Double or tripe the rate of Delta outflow between Aug and Nov
- Spring flow targets

The Plan does not address *where* these flows will come from, and whether they will be purchased from willing sellers, legislated, or imposed as conditions of water right permits.

While the Plan speaks to increasing water supply reliability, identifying a goal of drastically increased flows upstream and through the Delta is at odds with meeting that goal in upstream areas. More attention must be paid to achieving a balance between additional flows and upstream consumptive water needs.

## Dual Conveyance System

“ . . .create a dual conveyance system for the Delta. . .” Pg. 62.

Setting aside the desirability of a dual or isolated conveyance system, if one is studied a co-equal goal of creating a dual conveyance system must be to create it without impact to third parties. Manipulating conveyance through the Delta will have impacts on water quality and flow through the Delta. These impacts will have ramification of up-stream water users whose permits are conditions with meeting water quality requirements in the Delta. A commitment must be made prior to creating a dual conveyance system that there will be no adverse re-directed impacts.

Very truly yours,



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