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CHARGE TO THE DELTA VISION STAKEHOLDER COORDINATION GROUP

Executive Order S-17-06, signed by Governor Schwarzenegger, established the Delta Vision initiative to prepare a vision and strategic plan for the Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta estuary including Suisun Marsh. The Executive Order creates a Delta Vision Committee appointed by the Governor that includes designated Cabinet members and the President of the CPUC and is chaired by the Secretary for Resources.

As provided for in the Executive Order, the Delta Vision Committee will select a Stakeholder Coordination Group (Group) to advise the Blue Ribbon Task Force and Delta Vision Committee in developing conservation and economic strategies capable of sustaining the Delta as an economic and environmental resource of local, state and national significance. Members of the Group will be drawn from diverse organizations representing stakeholders that are knowledgeable on issues relating to the topical areas cited by the Executive Order.

Stakeholder Coordination Group Charge

The Stakeholder Coordination Group is charged to provide advice and recommendations to the Blue Ribbon Task Force and to the Delta Vision Committee to assist in achieving a durable and sustainable Delta Vision and Strategic Plan. The best available scientific, technical and economic (local, regional and state) information pertinent to their deliberations will be made available, and they will be assisted during their meetings by the Delta Vision staff. The Group shall convene and deliberate in public meetings.

1. The Stakeholder Coordination Group shall develop alternative visions for the Delta addressing the substantive topics identified in the Executive Order. In particular, visions should address the following four factors:

    A) The potential impacts of natural disasters, including floods, earthquakes and global warming on the Delta;
    B) The current and future impacts of residential, commercial and other development on the Delta;

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C) The ability of the Delta to continue to exist as a vital environmental resource for California;
D) The ability of the Delta to continue to provide a statewide supply of water, of high quality, for residents, businesses and agriculture.

The visions should be developed to the extent that needed public policies are identifiable, but need not be developed to the point of specific assignment of responsibilities to any government, existing or needed statutory authority, administrative arrangements or financing.

These proposals shall be delivered to the Blue Ribbon Task Force by August 2007. The proposals will be considered in the deliberations of the Blue Ribbon Task Force as it develops recommendations for the draft Delta Vision Report.

2. After the Task Force releases its Final Delta Vision Report in January 2008, the Stakeholder Coordination Group will develop recommendations for implementing the vision(s). By June 2008 the Group will submit its recommendations to the Task Force for consideration in developing the draft Strategic Plan.

3. The Stakeholder Coordination Group will respond to the best of its abilities to requests by the Blue Ribbon Task Force or the Delta Vision Committee for input or specific work products.

Given the complexity of the issues to be addressed and scheduled project milestones, the Stakeholder Coordination Group is expected to meet regularly throughout preparation of the Delta Vision and Strategic Plan (through October 2008). At the discretion of the Stakeholder Coordination Group, one or more working groups may be created to address specific issues for reporting to the overall Group.

Stakeholder coordination group members serve at the pleasure of the Secretary for Resources, chair of the Delta Vision Committee. The composition to and charge of the group may be changed as needed to accomplish the goals of Executive Order S-17-06.

Stakeholder coordination group members are not compensated for time, but may, upon request, be compensated for travel expenses.

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