

DELTA VISION STAKEHOLDER CCORDINATION GROUP

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Summary of Key Outcomes from Work Group Discussions

This list represents the summary of key issues related to operational issues and “out-of-Delta” strategies as identified by the Work Group. A preface will be added noting these are considered first order issues that are currently not receiving sufficient attention. The next version will also contain the integration of detailed comments elaborating on each.

1. Identify desirable changes in inflows and outflows, and in-Delta circulation, to support the desired characteristics of a sustainable Delta ecosystem.
2. Identify approaches to create a better decision-making process for relating large-scale hydrologic regimes to desired biological conditions.
3. Identify changes to the water management system most effective for providing environmental assets and reducing adverse impacts.
4. Identify aspects of the current regulatory, legal, and institutional system that constrain opportunities to more effectively manage the system for ecosystem benefits.
5. Identify available upstream flood management techniques that reduce flood impacts on the Delta and create other potential benefits (e.g., water supply, habitat).
6. Identify the aspects of the current regulatory and institutional system (laws, enforcement, and monitoring) that constrain the achievement of desired water quality goals.
7. Identify appropriate in-Delta salinity levels to protect urban, agricultural and ecosystem values.