

Comment Matrix
Delta Vision Committee
December 16, 2008

Author	Date Received	Generally Supportive	Generally In Opposition	Concerned	Interest Group	Keywords
Delta Vision Committee's Discussion Draft—November 25, 2008						
LA Area Chamber of Commerce	11-21-08	x			Business	DVC should recommend practical priority actions that can be paid for from reasonably available sources; actions that can be done now should not be delayed because of governance issues; remind detractors that the <i>status quo</i> is not working; accountability is important; future economic viability is at stake; pursue long-term plan with additional funding.
Association of California Water Agencies	11-21-08	x			Water Agencies	Co-equal goals is good starting point; supports many of ecosystem restoration actions, but actions should address other stressors such as invasive species, as well; acknowledge long-standing upstream water rights, and take collaborative approach when seeking additional water from upstream sources; water system needs better water management assets; supports additional groundwater and surface storage; supports Little Hoover Commission's recommendations regarding Delta governance.
Environmental Defense Fund	11-21-08				Environmental	It is not possible to solve Delta issues without addressing statewide water management; a finance policy for the Delta Vision is as important as a governance policy; proposals for new dams should pass both economic and environmental tests; do not prejudge the outcome of the BDCP; provide flows for fish.

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The Public Water Coalition of California	11-21-08				Water Agencies and Utilities	Support actions to achieve co-equal goals; state must invest in both Delta and regional self-sufficiency; begin immediately to implement physical improvements for water supply and ecosystem function; lists 10 guiding principles to follow, including criteria for public trust reallocation of water; makes specific recommendations regarding: regional diversity and self-sufficiency, value of conveyance for ecosystem and supply reliability, value of storage, water conservation, real time operations/monitoring/reporting, the water rights systems and Delta management, in-Delta diversions, water transfers, ecosystem restoration, Delta as place, and governance.
Southern California Water Committee	11-21-08				Water Agencies	Urge DVC to: (1) immediately implement actions for better in-Delta flows for ecological sustainability and to build an isolated facility; (2) make unambiguous commitment to a dual-conveyance system; (3) direct DWR to expeditiously complete its on-going storage studies; and (4) consider ways to use existing agencies to support implementing the strategic plan rather than set up another super-oversight agency.
Delta Protection Commission	12-1-08				Government	Designate DPC as local sponsor, with the California Department of Parks and Recreation, for the National Heritage Area application process; regarding land use policies, towns listed are in both the Primary and Secondary zones, and the Town of Hood should be added to the Primary Zone list, which also includes Walnut Grove, Locke, Clarksburg, Courtland, and Terminous; include a DPC representative (chair or executive director) to be a member of the proposed Delta Policy Group.

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Central Valley Clean Water Association	12-4-08			X	Wastewater Agencies	Two co-equal goals do not recognize many beneficial uses of Delta and may not comply with Porter-Cologne Water Quality Act; changes the legal standard for beneficial uses protection; supports alternative water supplies like reuse and recycled water, and suggests streamlining regulatory incentives as well as financial ones; questions affect of ammonia on POD; new governance and new Delta plan should not duplicate authority or functions of other existing agencies.
Restore the Delta	12-4-08		x		Delta	Basic information not available to make credible decisions about Delta conveyance; proposed Delta governance excludes meaningful Delta representation, expertise, and input; opposes "Do Not Repair" action for some Delta islands. Attached copy of campaign platform.
Phil Isenberg	12-5-08				BRTF Chair	Explicitly say whether or not the DVC supports the co-equal goals of ecosystem restoration and water supply reliability; say clearly whether or not a Delta Plan will be developed; draft governance discussion is too timid, and cannot have co-equal goals without clearly and specifically addressing governance issues; a short-term, coordinating body with no power, authority, functions, or reporting date does not address the long-range plan for sustainable development in the Delta mentioned in the governor's executive order; BDCP will not accomplish the necessary ecosystem evaluation because it is project-specific mitigation document, need to address scope of BDCP if it is to meet Delta Vision needs; suggest using the 7 goals, 22 strategies, and actions as template and say "yes, no, or punt" to each; CA Coastal Commission could serve as a model for how a Delta Plan could be structured; near-term actions should be mentioned explicitly in discussion paper and implemented.

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Marci Coglianese	12-5-08				Delta	Delta levees are key to protecting statewide, regional, and local values, yet residents are uncertain about the state's commitment to maintain Delta levees; there can be no "Delta As Place" without reliable levees; Delta economic investment requires adequate state and local infrastructure; a fully integrated emergency response plan is urgently needed; a Delta conservancy must include local representation. Makes specific recommendations regarding these topics to the Committee.
California Farm Bureau Federation	12-5-08			x	Agriculture	Support previous comments by Business Water Caucus and ACWA (9-30-08) about the Delta Vision Strategic Plan; Delta agriculture and Delta conveyance; new surface and groundwater needed; oppose mandatory monitoring of all water diversions and "one-size-fits-all" water conservation measures; questions attempt to resurrect defunct elements of CALFED; oppose mandatory development of streamflow recommendations; applaud support for Delta economic plan, Delta Investment Fund, and modified DPC; oppose the proposed water supply and environmental resource protection fees.
Delta Wetlands	12-5-08				Delta	Set a clear goal for the physical Delta; reject the strategic plan's recommendation to immediately adopt a Do Not Repair policy for some Delta islands; add the proposed comprehensive long-term levee investment strategy as a "near-term" action; deal with the "Paterno problem" by demystifying this topic.
Ducks Unlimited	12-5-08	x			Environmental	Agree with Task Force's recommendation that high priority projects to improve ecosystem function should be pursued aggressively, especially those with minimal controversy; these projects could create "green jobs" that help stimulate

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						economy; propose a \$100 million "Green Jobs Economic Stimulus Projects Package" for 30 projects, creating more than 2,100 jobs in the state, half of which would be in the Bay-Delta.
San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors	12-5-08		x		Government	County has senior water rights over water projects; Watershed Protection Act and Delta Protection Act supersede "co-equal" goals; water quality issues and water projects' inability to meet permit requirements; urban flood protection, including need of federal and state support for urban levees; support integrated regional water management planning; regional self-sufficiency.
California Board of Food and Agriculture	12-5-08			X	Government	Asks the committee to recognize agriculture's strategic value to California and the nation; fully analyze impact of ecosystem restoration on water supply reliability; fully analyze water supply and economic impacts from proposed enhancement of SWRCB water right enforcement powers; regulatory streamflow requirements may not benefit co-equal goals because it could reduce water management flexibility; address area-of-origin issues; opposes new governance structure and supports improving roles and missions of existing agencies; does not recommend adopting strategic plan as interim planning document.
Bay Area Council	12-5-08	x			Government	Support governance recommendations in strategic plan; reinvigorate the CA Water Commission; support most of the recommendations in strategic plan and discussion draft.

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California Salmon and Steelhead Association	12-5-08				Fishery	SWRCB has failed to balance beneficial use of water and therefore the ecosystem and salmon fishery has collapsed; water project operations caused the collapse of the Bay-Delta ecosystem; peripheral canal must be approved by voters and meet CEQA and NEPA rules; water agencies must fund peripheral canal; do not let federal government control peripheral canal; water quality issues; accountability for diverted water; plans and compensation for harm to specified fish species; plan to decommission canal if it fails.
Yolo Basin Foundation	12-5-08			x	Environmental	Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, managed by DFG, is epitome of the vision for a healthy, sustainable Delta; strategic plan recommendations for Yolo Bypass would undermine its success; proposed Action 3.1.1 (a) directly contradicts the Yolo Basin Management Plan and would have devastating impacts; encourage Delta Vision interests to work with foundation to make the Yolo Basin project a success.
Yolo County Board of Supervisors	12-8-08				Government	Offers suggestions for the Delta Conservancy, a Delta Conservancy Plan, and a Delta Conservancy Advisory Council. Also makes suggestions integrating Delta Vision with BDCP and Central Valley Plan of Flood Protection; what the water bond should include; how funding for ecosystem restoration should be set up; that Delta planning must include local government representation, and include a Delta regional economic plan; include Delta Conservancy in funding mechanisms now, and expand the role of the conservancy.

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Rick Frank	12-10-08				BRTF member	Staff draft is timid, especially regarding governance; places undue reliance on BDCP process; proposed Delta Policy Group does not seem to be a serious effort to solve Delta governance problems; more aggressive yet feasible timetables are needed for actions such as water flows and allowing SWRCB to have new authority for comprehensive water monitoring, reporting, and enforcement; BRTF recommendations worthy of support and implementation and urges DVC to embrace that view when adopting their recommendations to the Governor and Legislature.
Jared Huffman	12-11-08				Assembly member. 6 th District	SB 1574 required DVC to present strategic vision to the Governor and Legislature; BRTF courageously addressed issues that have long been taboo in Delta debates; urges DVC to consider BRTF entire Delta Vision and strategic plan, and provide the Administration's perspective on how the State should proceed in light of the BRTF's proposals.

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Natural Resources Defense Council and The Bay Institute	12-12-08				Environmental	Discussion draft fails to capture the “bold, visionary nature” of the BRTF Strategic Plan; lists the BRTF recommendations they support; submits recommendations: create a study commission to write the Delta Plan and submit to Legislature who will approve the plan and create a permanent Delta governance entity; Delta governance reform must provide oversight of water management and integrate land use and water management; impediment to progress is lack of trust that water projects will be operated in “responsible and balanced manner;” make co-equal goals centerpiece of enforceable Delta Plan, particularly with regard to water project operations; address key unanswered questions to resolve conveyance issues; attain flow improvements mentioned in Strategic Plan; shift diversions to wet periods; operate water projects beyond ESA/CESA compliance; invest in alternative water supplies and regional self-sufficiency; design an equitable fee structure reflect lessons learned during Resource Investment Fund debates; create fees tailored to specific purposes.
Correspondence of Interest to the Delta Vision Committee						
Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District	12-8-08				Wastewater	Comments regarding the November 21, 2008 working draft of the BDCP, Section 3.3. Decisions need to be based on objective science, identify relevant and cost-effective solutions, and make specific scientific or “cause and effect” relationships. Refers to various studies about ammonia impacts in the Delta. Specifies changes to draft text. Questions why a discharger is not on a technical tam reviewing ammonia issues.

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Matthew Richardson	12-4-08				Citizen	Remove dams on California rivers to support fish, especially the Klamath River; raise water prices to induce water conservation.

Legend:

Generally Supportive: Commenters expressed general support of the draft Strategic Plan.

Generally In Opposition: Commenters expressed general opposition to the draft Strategic Plan.

Concerned: Commenters expressed concern, or in some cases, both support and opposition, with elements of the draft Strategic Plan.

Blank: Commenters did not express an opinion about the draft Strategic Plan.

Acronyms: BDCP =Bay Delta Conservation Plan
NEPA=National Environmental Policy Act
DPC=Delta Protection Commission
SWRCB=State Water Resources Control Board
CESA= California Endangered Species Act

DWR=Dept. of Water Resources
CEQA=California Environmental Quality Act
DVC=Delta Vision Committee
BRTF=Blue Ribbon Task Force

SWP=State Water Project
CVP=Central Valley Project
DFG=Dept. of Fish and Game
ESA=Endangered Species Act