

Comment Matrix
Delta Vision Committee
December 3, 2008

Author	Date Received	Generally Supportive	Generally In Opposition	Concerned	Interest Group	Keywords
Final Strategic Plan—October 2008						
Richard and Debbie Marchini	10-17-08				Citizen	Injustice to use Roberts Island as floodplain for Lathrop and Weston Ranch areas; Roberts Island provides food for the country and benefits local economy, which would be lost if inundated under certain proposals; Marchini family has farmed on Roberts Island for four generations, and proposals threaten livelihood and heritage.
Ellsworth Rose	10-22-08				Citizen	Ideas for accessing long-range fresh water supplies for California and flood protection for Sacramento. Addresses controlling winter-spring runoff above Sacramento; capturing evaporation from water projects; and silt removal in aqueducts to lower pumping costs. Several attachments to letter.
San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services	10-27-08				Government	Invited members of the Delta Vision Task Force to observe a November 5 evacuation exercise for Reclamation District 17. Other activities to review emergency preparedness would also be tested.
Minnie Ratto	10-30-08		X		Citizen	Objects to the Task Force plan and the peripheral canal; also objects to DRMS' two floodplain management proposals; Delta Vision plan is inappropriate land grab by the State. Roberts Island is not a floodway.
Regional Council of Rural Counties	11-04-08			x	Government	Assure upstream beneficial uses and area of origin protections; streamline the proposed CDEW Council and Plan; do not adopt strategic plan as interim plan for the Delta; do not incorporate the co-equal goals into mandated duties and responsibilities of relevant state agencies.
Contra Costa Council	10-20-08	X			Business	View plan in its entirety, do not cherry-pick for political expediency; change in Delta critical for its sustainability; CDEW Council is needed and must be responsible and accountable; federal government must be part of the solution

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						too; without governance, the plan is fragmented and the condition of the Delta will continue to deteriorate. Attached guiding principles sent earlier in the process.
Nicky Suard	11-06-08				Delta	Delta should be recognized as its own region, rather than part of the Central Valley; have state agencies clearly mark the boundaries of the California Delta; California State Parks seems to be unaware of recommendation to designate the Delta as a National Heritage area.
Natural Resources Defense Council	11-12-08			X	Environmental	Encouraged, yet concerned about how Task Force recommendations will be implemented; lists four early implementation recommendations regarding Delta flows, analyzing conveyance facilities, governance reform, and water conservation. Concerned that Task Force recommendations may be "weakened" if DVC substantially "refines" the strategies or delays critical elements. Copy of letter to Governor and NRDC editorial attached to letter.
Environmental Defense Fund	11-13-08	x			Environmental	Support continuing balanced approach that Task Force has taken; urges Committee to prioritize and accelerate improving Delta flow and water quality standards; finance plan as important as a governance plan; urges Committee to build upon BDCP's efforts to assess dual conveyance by allowing the BDCP to complete its task before decisions about a peripheral canal are made.
Delta Counties Coalition	11-18-08			X	Government	Requests to meet with Delta Vision Committee to discuss their numerous concerns and work with the Committee in developing their recommendations to the Governor and Legislature.
League of Women Voters of California	11-11-08			x	Citizen Group	Concerned that water needs of people living in or around Delta will be secondary to perceived need for water supply reliability in other parts of the state; concerned about adequacy of scope and alternatives in BDCP; land use decisions should be made at lowest level of government feasible, subject to state review; need meaningful citizen participation; BDCP EIS/R needs to include wider range of

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						alternatives, e.g., statewide water conservation.
California Farm Bureau	11-21-08			x	Agriculture	Applauds plan's call for new storage and asks the Committee to support that in strong terms; disagrees with Action 4.1.3.c which would allow SWRCB to determine reasonable use of water for agriculture and asks the Committee to reject this action; supports the co-equal goals and existing in-Delta agriculture and asks the Committee to demonstrate their respect for existing Delta agriculture as well.
CALFED Independent Science Board	11-25-08			x	Government/Science	Supports Task Force's broad goals and objectives for science-based adaptive management in the Delta, but objects to the specific recommendations regarding the proposed new Delta Science and Engineering Board and Delta Science and Engineering Program. ISB recommends adopting the new name, but keeping existing board and program structure.
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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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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

CDEW=California Delta Ecosystem and Water Plan

CEQA=California Environmental Quality Act

CZMA=Coastal Zone Management Act

CVP=Central Valley Project

DPC=Delta Protection Commission

ERP=Ecosystem Restoration Program

IEP=Interagency Ecological Program

CVRWQCB=Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

SACOG=Sacramento Area Council of Governments

TMDL=Total Maximum Daily Load

DRMS=Delta Risk Management Strategy

DWR=Department of Water Resources

NEPA=National Environmental Policy Act

PAG=Public Advisory Group

SWP=State Water Project

SWRCB=State Water Resources Control Board

MWD= Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

PEIS/R=Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Report

CESA=California Endangered Species Act

ABAG=Association of Bay Area Governments

SJCOG=San Joaquin Council of Governments

NCCP=Natural Community Conservation Plan