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## **Roderick Meade Named Executive Director for Delta Vision**

**SACRAMENTO** – Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman today announced the appointment of long-time resource management expert Roderick Meade as executive director for Delta Vision. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger issued an executive order on Sept. 28 creating Delta Vision. The goal of the initiative is to develop both short and long-term strategies for sustainable management of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

“Changing conditions in the Delta, combined with concerns about seismic risk to levees and the decline of several fish species require immediate action,” said Chrisman. “Potentially devastating national and statewide economic and environmental consequences will result unless we implement sustainable land and water management practices within the Delta.”

Working within the Resources Agency, Meade will lead staff and work with an independent task force to be appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger. Over the next 18 months, Delta Vision will assess the risks and consequences to the Delta’s resources in light of changing climatic, hydrologic, environmental, seismic, and land-use conditions. A strategic plan will be developed to implement findings and recommendations for policy changes, investment strategies, emergency response plans, levee maintenance options, and how to monitor performance.

The task force is charged with making recommendations by the end of 2008 on the future of the Delta.

“We have a limited window of opportunity to address the challenges that are confronting an increasingly fragile Delta,” said Meade. “The unique and irreplaceable Delta resources and range of services vital to the people of California that rely on a healthy and sustainable Delta ecosystem command our immediate attention. I am fortunate to have an opportunity to serve with the new Task Force, stakeholders and others interested in a sustainable Delta.”

A long-time resource management and development expert, Meade has more than 30 years of experience working on coastal management, wetland and endangered species issues in the public and private sectors. He has consulted for local, state and federal agencies, private landowners and environmental interests involved in large-scale development and resource management issues. Meade has extensive experience Natural Community Conservation Plans and was the Coastal Commission’s legislative liaison for passage of the landmark Coastal Act of 1976.

To learn more about Delta Vision and related activities, visit its Web site at [www.deltavision.ca.gov](http://www.deltavision.ca.gov).