

Delta Vision Strategic Plan Discussion and Comments July 2008

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Comment Schedule

- June 20: Draft #1
- June 26-27 BRTF rollout
- July 1: Written comments due on Draft #1
- July 11: Draft #2 (minor revisions)
- July 17-18: BRTF - public comments
- August 4: Written comments due on Draft #2
- August 15: Draft #3 (major revisions)
- August 22-22: BRTF

More schedule

- September BRTF: final draft
- October BRTF: plan finalized
- October 31: DV Strategic Plan submitted to DV Committee (Agency Secretaries)
- December 31: BRTF ends

Today

- Overview of DV Strategic Plan
- Subcommittee discussion
- Focus both on specific actions and overall concepts

Where are we?

- Draft #1:
 - 12 “strategies”
 - 50+ “actions”
- BRTF input: Some “actions” need to be elevated to “strategies”, provide greater clarity/emphasis.
- What you’ll see to day: Internal staff restructure -
 - 18 overall “strategies”
- What did we drop: Nothing

Delta Vision Main Principles

1. Delta ecosystem and reliable water supply for California are primary, co-equal goals for sustainable management of Delta.
2. California Delta is unique and valued area, warranting recognition and special legal status.

Proposed Strategies

1. Optimize water conservation, water use efficiency, and water reuse and recycling in areas upstream, within, and served by the Delta.
2. Maximize retention, infiltration, and/or groundwater storage of flood flows and stormwater runoff throughout the Delta watershed and export areas.
3. Optimize the managed use of regional groundwater resources, including groundwater storage capacity.

Proposed Strategies (cont.)

4. Improve Delta water quality by controlling anthropogenic contaminants.
5. Create wet-period diversion, conveyance and storage system, including dual conveyance.
6. Move major in-Delta diversions away from high-priority restoration areas to flowing channels for better water quality.

Proposed Strategies (cont.)

7. Restore habitats that increase land-water interfaces (floodplains, tidal wetlands).
8. Provide ecological freshwater flows in Delta, including increased spring and fall flows.
9. Control invasive species.

Proposed Strategies (cont.)

10. Develop science-based adaptive management for frequent adjustments as needed.
11. Create multi-purpose river corridors for migratory and resident fish, flood conveyance, and recreation.
12. Design, finance and construct Delta levees appropriate to land uses.

Proposed Strategies (cont.)

13. Discourage inappropriate urbanization of Delta.
14. Create emergency response strategy and immediately begin preparations.
15. Manage co-equal goals of eco / water through new governance structure.

Proposed Strategies (cont.)

16. New governance structure will manage to legally binding “California Delta Ecosystem and Water Plan”.
17. Improve compliance of water diversion and use with applicable laws.
18. Establish financing mechanisms.

Handout - Summaries from Draft #1

- Governance and Finance
- Ecosystem
- Water Supply and Reliability
- Delta as Place

DISCUSSION

Subcommittee comments can be presented to BRTF in writing or at July 17-18 meeting.

Comment Options

- Public comment at July BRTF meeting
- Written comments
- Joint comments with other BDPAC subcommittees

- August 4 comment deadline for Draft #3 (major revisions)