

Water Resources Association
of Yolo County

Delta Governance Proposals

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Why is all this happening?

- **“California is unprepared for the changes that will occur in the Delta.** The institutions, regulations, infrastructure, and expectations for the Delta are built around maintaining the Delta in an unsustainable and deteriorating condition. It is time to prepare for a very different Delta, with a different ecosystem and different water supply and land use capabilities. “
- **PPIC report, Comparing Futures for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, 2008**

Proposed Changes

Delta acres 738,000

Changes

Delta Vision/BDCP habitat conversion -100,000 + Bypass

Flooded islands - ?

Peripheral Canal - ?

DV "Reserved lands" for sea level rise - ?

Habitat required for biological opinions - ?

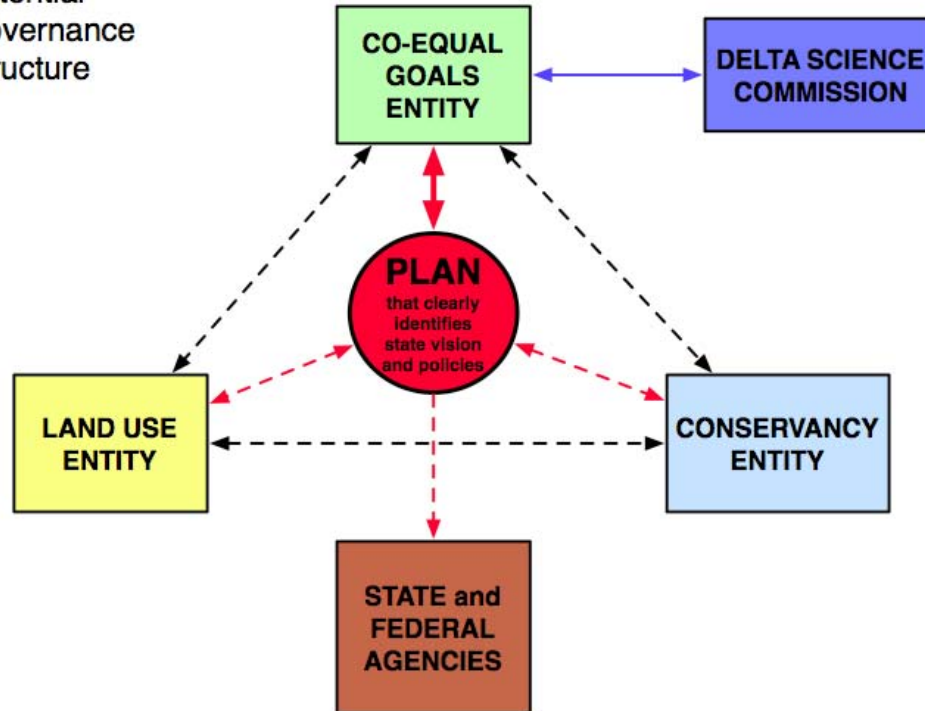
CV Flood Protection Plan, FEMA maps - ?

Changes from new water management - ?

Total land use change = No one knows, because no one is looking at it comprehensively

Delta Vision governance proposal

Potential
Governance
Structure



Elements of governance

1. Delta plan – what should Delta look like after changes?
2. Statewide water management – needs overhaul of authority, storage, supply; covers upstream diversions and export from Delta

Components

- Control Agency = Delta Council
- Conservancy = implement and management of habitat projects and address local Delta concerns, spend bond money and fees
- Delta Protection Commission = land use regulation
- Federal agencies = no mechanism to compel
- Finance = Bonds and fees at state level, unknown at local and federal

Delta Council

Develops Delta Plan

Has authority to ensure all actors are consistent with Plan
(incl. upstream diverters, state and local agencies)

Could include authority over water management

Could set and be funded by fees

Land Use

1. “Strengthen” Delta Protection Commission
2. Funded by state GF

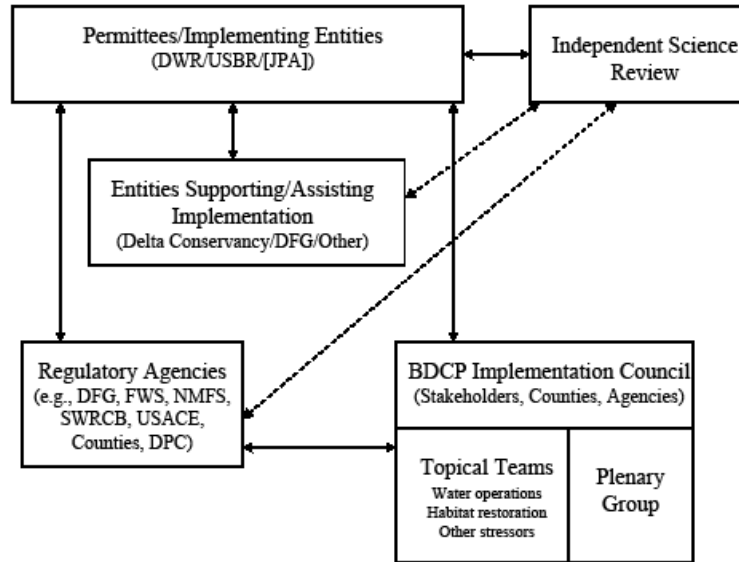
Conservancy

1. Implements and manages habitat projects
2. Assists Delta community with response to impacts
3. Funded by combo of state bond and fees

BDCP governance proposal

BDCP SC 2/27/09 Meeting

HANDOUT



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Figure 6-1
Preliminary Concept for
BDCP Governance Structure

↔ Indicates communication, not control, between entities
 (- - - - -) Relationship still under discussion by the Governance WG

\$\$ Follow the money \$\$

What it pays for

1. Beneficiary pays - BDCP paid for by water contractors, but they want upstream diverters to carry their share (as yet undefined). Costs of additional water supply development.
2. Public benefit - Additional increment of ecosystem restoration, recreation, etc. paid for by public
3. Impacts to Delta community— currently included in some bond legislation

Sources

1. State general obligation bonds = “water bond”
2. Fees on water = Set by? Who pays? How much? Collected by? Spent by? On what?

Legislative Process

Current Legislative and administrative process

- SB 12 work groups
- Bicameral, bipartisan water and conveyance work groups of members
- 60 day “deadline” for governance model = mid-May
- Bills moving out of policy committee to wait in fiscal, chosen ones move to next house before summer break
- Water bond = currently money follows policy, could change
- Governor = focused on bond, governance later, no proposal on the table

Current legislation

- SB 12 Simitian Delta governance, water management, Delta Conservancy, funding
- SB 229 Pavley California Water Commission
- SB 448 Pavley Safe Harbor agreements
- SB 457 Wolk Delta Stewardship
- SB 458 Wolk Delta Conservancy
- SB 808 Wolk Delta and State Water Resources Control Board strategic work plan

- AB 13 Salas Delta Conservancy
- AB 39 Huffman Delta Plan
- AB 642 Huber Delta Protection Commission
- AB 900 De Leon In-Delta water diversion measurement

- Five water bonds – Senators Steinberg, Wolk, Florez, and Cogdill, and Assemblymember Huffman