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# CALIFORNIA BAY-DELTA AUTHORITY

# Interactive Discussion with the Chairman of the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force

**Description:** Phil Isenberg, Chairman, Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force will be present to discuss Delta Vision.

#### **Attachments**

Attachment 1 -- Delta Vision Status Report, June 8, 2007 Attachment 2 – Delta Vision Articulation Timeline

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# **Delta Vision Status Report**

June 8, 2007

# **Delta Vision Committee**

The Delta Vision Committee will report to the Governor and Legislature by December 31, 2008 with recommendations for implementing the Delta Vision and Strategic Plan. The Chair of the Delta Vision Committee appoints the Delta Science Advisors.

# Membership:

Mike Chrisman, Secretary for Resources, Chair Dale E. Bonner, Secretary for Business, Transportation and Housing A. G. Kawamura, Secretary for Food and Agriculture Linda S. Adams, Secretary for Environmental Protection Michael R. Peevey, President, Public Utilities Commission

# **Blue Ribbon Task Force**

#### Charge:

To develop a durable vision for sustainable management of the Delta through the following processes:

• By coordinating and building on the many ongoing but separate Delta planning efforts underway;

• By assessing the risks and consequences to the Delta's main uses and resources in light of changing climatic, hydrologic, environmental, seismic and land use conditions.

• By examining sustainability in light of the Delta's multiple uses, resources and ecosystem through establishment of priority functions and values, and measures for long-term protection and management.

By informing and being informed by current and future Delta planning decisions such as those pertaining to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, Bay-Delta Conservation Plan, Suisun March Plan, Water Plan, updates of related General

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Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy • Sierra Nevada Conservancy • State Lands Commission • Wildlife Conservation Board





Plans, transportation and utilities infrastructure plans, integrated regional water management plans and other resource plans.

The Task Force's final products are to be an independent public report that will be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature that sets forth its findings and recommendations on the sustainable management of the Delta by January 1, 2008 and a Strategic Plan to implement the Delta Vision by October 31, 2008. In accomplishing these goals, the Task Force will have:

- Developed a strategic plan to implement its findings and recommendations for public policy changes, public and private investment strategies, Delta-Suisun preparedness and emergency response for near-term catastrophic events, levee maintenance options and how to monitor and report performance.
- Developed recommendations on institutional changes and funding mechanisms necessary for sustainable management of the Delta, including oversight, land use and implementation authorities.

#### Membership:

#### Phil Isenberg, Chair

Since 2005, Isenberg has served as president of Isenberg/O'Haren Government Relations. He served in the California State Assembly, where he was a member of the Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee. Isenberg served as chair of the California Marine Life Protection Act Blue Ribbon Task Force and on the board of directors of the 21st Century Insurance Group from 2004 to 2006, and is a current member or the American Civil Liberties Union, Sierra Club and the Sacramento Valley Conservancy.

#### **Monica Florian**

Florian most recently served as senior vice president for the Irvine Company from 1978 to 2004. Prior to that, she was assistant planning director for the City of Huntington Beach and associate planner for the County of Riverside. Florian is a former member of the Nature Reserve of Orange County, the Upper Newport Bay Watershed Executive Committee and the California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance.

#### **Richard Frank**

Frank is executive director of the California Center for Environmental Law and Policy at Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley. Prior to that, he worked for nearly a decade at the state Department of Justice office, ultimately reaching the rank of chief deputy Attorney General for Legal Affairs. He previously held the positions of chief assistant attorney general, senior assistant attorney general, supervising deputy attorney general and deputy attorney general. He is a member of the Environmental Law Section of the California State Bar and the Planning and Conservation League.

#### Thomas McKernan

McKernan is chief executive officer of the Automobile Club of Southern California, where he has worked since 1966. He is on the boards and past chair of the California Business Roundtable and the California State Chamber of Commerce. He is currently chair and

serves on the boards of Blue Shield of California and Forest Lawn Memorial Parks Association.

# Sunne Wright McPeak

McPeak is president and chief executive officer of the California Emerging Technology Fund. From 2003 to 2006, she served as secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, and prior to that was president and chief executive officer of the Bay Area Council, where she established and led major regional initiatives. She has also served as president and chief executive officer of the Bay Area Economic Forum.

# William Reilly

Reilly is a founding partner of Aqua International Partners, under the Texas Pacific Group, an investment company, where he has also served as a senior advisor. From 1989 to 1993, Mr. Reilly served as the seventh administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and earlier in his career, was president of both the World Wildlife Fund and Conservation Foundation.

# Raymond Seed, Ph.D.

Dr. Seed has been a professor of civil and environmental engineering at the University of California, Berkeley for 20 years. Previously, he was an assistant professor of civil engineering for Stanford University. Dr. Seed is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineers.

# **Delta Vision Staff:**

# John Kirlin, executive director

John Kirlin brings more than 30 years of experience in policy analysis, administration and financing related to complex public policy issues, primarily in California. He has served as an environmental policy advisor to the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and held faculty positions at the University of Southern California for nearly 30 years and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis for five years. Kirlin holds a bachelor of arts degree in government from the University of Notre Dame. He also holds a master's degree in public administration and a Ph.D. in political science, both from the University of California, Los Angeles.

# Jeffrey Mount, Ph.D., science advisor

Dr. Mount is professor in the Department of Geology at the University of California, Davis, and chair of the CALFED Independent Science Board. His research focuses on the geology, geomorphology and restoration of lowland river systems. He is also involved in the integration of science and policy in the management of California's rivers. Author of the acclaimed book, *California Rivers and Streams*, Dr. Mount currently holds the Roy. J. Shlemon Endowed Chair in Applied Geosciences at UC Davis and is the Director of the UC Davis Watershed Center. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on the Klamath River. He received his doctorate in earth sciences from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

# Michael Healy, Ph.D., science advisor

Dr. Healy is CALFED's Lead Scientist and an internationally recognized expert in the ecology and behavior of Pacific salmon, His current studies include bioenergetic and behavioral research on upstream migration and spawning in salmon, competition and predation between cultured and hatchery fish and habitat requirements for endangered fish in Fraser Valley of Greater Vancouver. He is also known for his work on adaptive management with the CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Program Science Board. Dr. Healey received his doctorate in natural history from the University of Aberdeen.

#### Meetings to Date:

As of June 7, 2007, the Blue Ribbon Task Force has met three times: once on March 1-2; again on April 27; and lastly on May 31.

#### Stakeholder Coordination Group

#### Charge:

To provide assistance and make recommendations to the Blue Ribbon Task Force, including recommending alternative visions for sustainable management of the Delta.

#### Membership:

Acosta, Juan – Director, Government Affairs, Burlington Northern – Santa Fe RR (California/Nevada); currently serves on the Regional Rail Steering Committee (Bay Area) and participates in the Air Resources Board's Goods Movement Advisory Committee.

**Bendsen, Linda** – Member of the Delta Protection Commission's Recreational Citizens Advisory Committee and board member of the Recreational Boaters of California.

Beuttler, John – Conservation Director of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance.

**Birmingham, Tom** – General Manager and General Counsel of the Westlands Water District.

**Bobker, Gary** – Program Director of the Bay Institute, member of the CALFED Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee and co-chair of CALFED's Ecosystem Restoration Subcommittee.

**Cabaldon, Chris** – Mayor of West Sacramento and member of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, the Delta Protection Commission and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.

**Cain, John** – Director of Restoration Programs for the Natural Heritage Institute.

Chappell, Steve – Executive Director of the Suisun Resource Conservation District.

**Clark, Lenora** – Vice-chair of the state Boating and Waterways Commission and Vicepresident of the Recreational Boaters of California.

**Coglianese, Marci** – Member of the CALFED Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee and co-chair of Delta Levees and Habitat Committee; former mayor and council member of the City of Rio Vista and former member of the Delta Protection Commission and Solana Land Trust.

**Cosio, Gilbert** – Principal Engineer, MBK Engineers.

Davis, Debbie – Legislative Analyst for the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water.

Dym, Joan Anderson – Executive Director of the Southern California Water Committee.

**Ferguson, Bob** – Vice-chair of the South Delta Water Agency and Vice-chair of the Delta Protection Commission; owner of Ferguson Farms.

**Fiorini, Randy** – President of the Association of California Water Agencies and Director of the Turlock-Modesto Irrigation District.

Flinn, Tom – Director of the San Joaquin Public Works Department.

Gaines, Bill – President of the California Outdoor Heritage Alliance.

**Gartrell, Greg** – Assistant General Manager of the Contra Costa Water District and member of the CALFED Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee.

**Grader, Zeke** – Executive Director of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations and Executive Director of the Institute for Fisheries Resources.

**Guy, David** – General Manager of the Northern California Water Association and member of the CALFED Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee.

Hardy, Kathryn – Attorney, California Rural Legal Assistance Program.

Hurlbutt, Tom – Civil Engineer, J.G. Boswell.

**Johnson, Steve** – Director of Strategic Initiatives for the Nature Conservancy, California Chapter, and member of the CALFED Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee.

Kaspar, Jeff – Deputy Port Director of Properties and Environmental, Port of Stockton.

**Kightlinger, Jeff** – General Manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

**LaMar, Steve** – Chair of both the Water Resources Subcommittee and the Flood Taskforce for the Building Industry Association.

Levine, Jim – Water Policy Chair of the Bay Area Council.

**McGowan, Mike** – Yolo County Supervisor and Chair of the Delta Protection Commission and the Port of Sacramento.

**Minton, Jonas** – Senior Project Manager for the Planning and Conservation League, former Deputy Director of the California Department of Water Resources and former executive director of the Sacramento Water Forum.

**Moran, Anson** – General Manager of the Delta Wetlands Project and former manager of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

Mulcahy, Gary - Winnemem Wintu Tribe.

**Nelson, Barry** – Senior Policy Analyst for the Natural Resources Defense Council and former Executive Director of Save the Bay in Oakland.

**Nera, Valerie** – Legislative staff for the California Chamber of Commerce, specializing in water supply and conveyance, agricultural land use and labor, balanced resource development, private property rights protection and federal environmental laws.

**Rosekrans, Spreck** – Senior Analyst for Environmental Defense, specializing in land, water and wildlife and electric utility issues.

Rosen, Rudy – Director of the Western Regional Office of Ducks Unlimited.

**Ross-Leach, Diane** – Manager of Environmental Support and Service for PG&E and a member of the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Conservation Plan Stakeholders Group.

**Scheuring, Chris** – Director of Water Resources for the California Farm Bureau Federation.

**Shabazian, David** – Senior Planner for the Sacramento Area Council of Governments and project manager of SACOG's intelligent-transportation systems integrating regional systems with Caltrans.

**Simonsen, Arne** – Councilmember of the City of Antioch and member of the Association of Bay Area Governments.

Tatayon, Susan – Assistant Director of The Nature Conservancy.

**van Loben Sels, Topper** – Member of the Delta Protection Commission, the Delta Citizens Municipal Advisory Committee and a grower.

Wilson, Mark – Chair of Wilson Farms and Wilson Vineyards.

**Wunderman, Jim** – President and CEO of the Bay Area Council and board member of the Bay Area Economic Forum, the Bay Center and the California Center for Regional Leadership.

**Zlotnick, Greg** – Board Member of the Santa Clara Valley Water Agency and Association of California Water Agencies; Vice-chair of the Bay Area Water Forum.

**Zuckerman, Tom** – Co-counsel of the Central Delta Water Agency and member of the CALFED Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee.

# Meetings to Date:

As of June 7, 2007, the Stakeholder Coordination Group has met four times: first on March 5-6; then April 3-4; followed by May 23-24; and finally on June 7.

\* NODOS - North-of-Delta Offstream Storage Investigation Delta Regional Ecosys. Restoration Implement'n Plan (DRERIP) US FWS Native Fish Species Recovery Plan US ACE CALFED Levee Stability Program CALFED Integrated Storage Investigation\* IEP Pelagic Organism Decline Synthesis Report **Assembly Bill 1200** CALFED End of Stage 1 Report/ Stage 2 Planning Operations, Criteria and Plan Suisun Marsh Charter Implement'n Plan CALFED State of Science Report US ACE Delta Dredged Sediment LTMS US NMFS Salmonids Recovery Plan Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) CALFED ERP Conservation Strategy Stakeholder Coordination Group Delta Risk Management Strategy (DRMS) Blue Ribbon Task Force Delta Vision Committee May 30: DRAFT Project Description April: NODOS Plan Formulation Report Meeting Dates Meeting 31 by May: Conservation Strat. Guidelines leased in March: Pelagic Fish Action Plan May by June 5: Pick Phase 2 Scenarios May Spring: USJRB Plan Formulation Report Develop Analytical Process sometime in June: FINAL Conceptual Models Dovetail Options and Activities DRAFT Report June 13: Committee Meeting June Charrette 13-Phase 1 FINAL DRAFT Report June 15 - July 27: Science Review Panels Refinement of Visions until Aug. 15 All DRAFT Chapters Possible Committee Meeting (16-17 20 July Analyze Options Scientific Input Chapters Begin to be Available Phase 2 ADMIN. DRAFT Report Phase 1 FINAL Report DRAFT Conservation Strategy Submission of VIsions to Task Force 30-Aug. Aug. 1-2 Sept. 20 Develop Draft Conservation Strategy Framev 45 FINAL Report Vision Assessment and Selection of Recommended Alternative FINAL DRAFT Report DRAFT Cons. Strategy with Eco- Risk Phase 2 FINAL DRAFT Report Indep. Review Panel Possible Committee Meeting Oct. 25-DRAFT Report to Legislature ADMIN. DRAFT Restoration Plan EIS/R late Nov: FINAL Cons. Strategy Nov. 30-DRAFT SLWR Feasibility Report & EIS/R DRAFT Implementation Plan Dec 31: FINAL Biological Assessment Conservation Strategy F.work Document Phase 2 FINAL Report Report to Committee and Governor Report to Legislature FINAL Report FINAL Report Dec. Committee Meeting end Dec: Stage 1 Milestone Assessment end Dec: ERP Progress Assessment FINAL Delta Vision Report Released January ~Febr Conveyar Beç Feb

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