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DELTA PROTECTION COMMISSION
LAND USE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is a natural resource of statewide, national, and international significance, containing irreplaceable resources. It is the policy of the State to recognize, preserve, and protect those resources of the Delta for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations. (Delta Protection Act of 1992)

PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT PLAN
PUBLIC WORKSHOP #2

WORKBOOK VERSION 2

Wednesday, February 11, 2009, 5:30-9:00 PM

Courtland Auditorium, 145 Primasing Avenue
Courtland, CA 95615

SACRAMENTO STATE

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AGENDA

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVE: To receive public input on the Public Review Draft of an updated Land Use and Resource Management Plan.

#	TIME	ITEM	PRESENTER
-	5:00 PM	**REGISTRATION**	
1.	5:30	**Welcome, Introductions, Agenda and Ground Rules**	**Linda Fiack**, Delta Protection Commission **Dorian Fougères**, Center for Collaborative Policy, CSUS
2.	5:50	**Overview of the Public Review Draft Plan**	Linda
3.	6:10	**Input Session #1** • Environment • Land Use • Agriculture	All
4.	7:00	**Group Reports #1**	All
5.	7:25	***BREAK***	
6.	7:35	**Input Session #2** • Recreation and Access (including Marine Patrol and Boating) • Water • Levees • Utilities and Infrastructure	All
7	8:25	**Group Reports #2**	All
8.	8:50	**Next Steps**	Linda
9.	9:00	**ADJOURN**	

WORKSHOP GROUND RULES

There will be many opportunities for workshop participants to engage group discussion. Participants are asked to adhere to a few key ground rules to allow for productive outcomes.

HONOR TIME
We have an ambitious agenda, in order to meet our goals it will be important to follow the time guidelines given by the facilitator.

USE COMMON CONVERSATIONAL COURTESY
Don't interrupt; use appropriate language; no side-conversations at the table, etc.

ALL IDEAS AND POINTS OF VIEW HAVE VALUE
During this meeting you may hear something you do not agree with or you think is "silly" or "wrong." Please remember that the purpose of the forum is to share ideas. All ideas have value in this setting. The goal is to achieve understanding. Simply listen, you do not have to agree, defend or advocate.

HUMOR IS WELCOME
BUT humor should never be at someone else's expense.

BE COMFORTABLE
Please feel help yourself to refreshments or take personal breaks. If you have other needs please let the facilitator know.

SPELLING DOESN'T COUNT
Research indicates that writing on a vertical surface (like blackboards or flipcharts) actually increases the number of spelling errors.

CELL PHONE COURTESY
Most of the participants have demanding responsibilities outside of the meeting room. We ask that these responsibilities be left at the door. Your attention is needed for the full meeting. Please turn cell phones, or any other communication item with an on/off switch to "silent." If you do not believe you will be able to participate fully, please discuss your situation with the facilitator.

AVOID EDITORIALS
It will be tempting to analyze the motives or intentions of others or to judge things. Please talk about YOUR ideas and thoughts.

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THE LAND USE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Recognizing the threats to the Delta from potential urban and suburban encroachment and the need to protect the area for agriculture, wildlife habitat, and recreational uses, the California Legislature and Governor instituted the Delta Protection Act of 1992. The Act directs the Delta Protection Commission to prepare a comprehensive resource management plan for land uses within the Primary Zone of the Delta. The DPC adopted its first Land Use and Resource Management Plan in 1995.

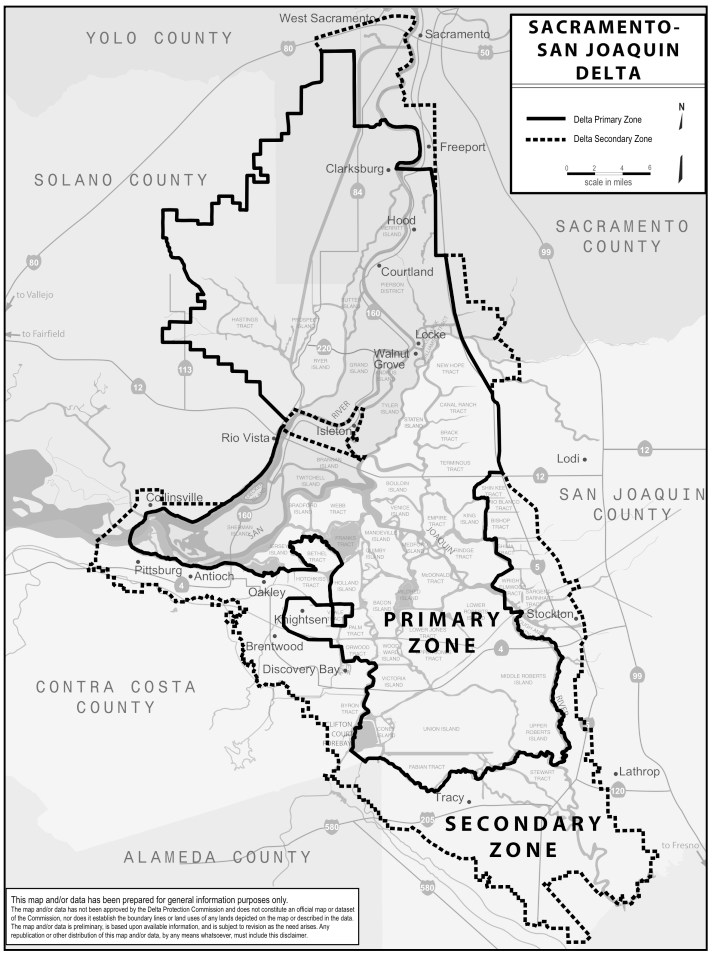
The goals of the Plan as set out in the Act are to

(1) Protect, maintain, and where possible, enhance and restore the overall quality of the Delta environment, including but not limited to agriculture, wildlife habitat, and recreational activities

(2) Assure orderly, balanced conservation and development of Delta land resources, and

(3) Improve flood protection by structural and nonstructural means to ensure an increased level of public health and safety.

Local government General Plans are required to be consistent with the Management Plan with respect to lands located within the Primary Zone.



THE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE PROCESS

Since the 1995 Plan was prepared, conditions in the Delta and the State policy realm have changed. Climate change has emerged as a major issue, along with new pressures for flood management and endangered species protection. A comprehensive Bay-Delta Conservation Plan is being developed by the California Natural Resources Agency, and the Governor's Delta Vision initiative has recommended changes in the overall structure of Delta governance, including the role of the Delta Protection Commission. These ongoing events support the need for the DPC to update its Management Plan as identified as a priority in the 2006-2011 Strategic Plan adopted in July of 2006.

As shown in the Timeline below, the DPC conducted an initial round of public workshops in the Delta in July 2008, to receive public input on items that should be revised or be added to an updated Plan. DPC staff and their consultant team, with guidance and oversight from a "Planning Advisory Team", used those comments to help prepare a Preliminary Draft Plan. This plan was reviewed in a second round of public workshops in January 2009, and presented for comment to the Delta Protection Commission on January 22, 2009. The Public Review Draft has been revised based on the public input received and comments of the Commission. A full record of the update process activities, including the full text of the Public Review Draft Plan, can be found at: http://www.delta.ca.gov/plan/management.asp

The purpose of today's public workshop is to receive public input on the policies contained in the Public Review Draft of an updated Land Use and Resource Management Plan. Ideas generated at the workshop will be incorporated into the materials provided to the Commission at its March 26, 2009 meeting. Public hearings will then be held as required by the Act, and the plan will come back to the Commission for finalization and/or adoption at their May 21, 2009, meeting.

Timeline for DPC Management Plan Update Process

Month(s)	Task / Activity
February 2008	Project adopted by DPC
May and June 2008	Document and literature review (background report) completed
June and July 2008	Mini-assessment conducted
July 2008	***First round of public workshops in the Delta*** (Walnut Grove & Antioch)
	July 24 Commission Meeting: Progress report submitted to DPC
September through December 2008	Planning Advisory Team meets seven times
January 2009	***Second round of public workshops in the Delta*** (Walnut Grove & Stockton)
	January 22: Commission review and discussion of Preliminary Draft Plan
	January 27: Planning Advisory Team meets eighth time
February 2009	***Third round of public workshops in the Delta*** (Isleton & Courtland)
March – May 2009	Early March: Final Planning Advisory Team meeting
	Public hearings
May 2009	May 21: Commission action – present draft for finalization and/or adoption

THE STRUCTURE OF THE PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT PLAN

The Public Review Draft Plan consists primarily of policies for local governments. It has three sections. Part I, the introduction, describes the planning program and the Plan objectives. Part II includes the Plan's individual Elements. Part III describes the program for implementing the Plan.

The policies in Part II are organized into seven elements:

(1) Natural Resources
(2) Utilities and Infrastructure
(3) Land Use
(4) Agriculture
(5) Water
(6) Recreation and Access, including Boating and Marine Patrol
(7) Levees

This listing differs slightly from the 1995 Plan, which had Boating as a separate, eighth element, and a ninth element on Implementation.

Within each of the seven elements in the Public Review Draft Plan there is an introductory discussion that provides **findings on the status and trends of relevant aspects of the Delta**. This differs from the 1995 Plan, which called out findings as a separate section.

Also different from the 1995 Plan, the Public Review Draft Plan no longer includes **recommended actions**. These will be moved to the DPC's Strategic Plan, which provides immediate next steps for implementing the Management Plan, including updates.

Before a final draft Plan is released, DPC staff will also add two features to improve the accessibility of the Management Plan to interested members of the public, local government, State agencies, special districts, and other users of the Plan. These include **a glossary of key terms, an index, and a series of cross-reference boxes**. The boxes will identify policy areas that are addressed directly in more than one element of the plan, and point the reader to the companion elements and policies.

GUIDELINES FOR WORKING IN SMALL GROUPS

You will spend most of the workshop working in small groups. As a group you will be asked to analyze or develop ideas and then report back to the full group on your conversations. Each group will need:

Facilitator(s): A facilitator should ensure

1) that the group stays focused on the assigned task
2) that all participants have an opportunity to share their ideas, and
3) that ground rules are used.

DPC staff will be available to serve as facilitators when possible. If a staffperson is not available, one or more group members should serve as the facilitator(s).

Recorder: One group member should serve as recorder and write the ideas from the small group's discussion on a flipchart. These notes will be used when reporting back to the full group, and when writing the workshop proceedings. Ask the staff if you need help with this. For each set of questions the recorder should:

- put the table name and a page number on each sheet,
- note the issue being addressed, and
- help prepare a Summary Sheet for the reporter.

Reporter: One group member will summarize the small group's main points of discussion for the full group. This person

- should not be a facilitator or staff
- should limit their presentation to the allotted time to be fair to other small groups

Time Keeper: All activities will be allotted a specific amount of time to ensure that the overall workshop objective is met. Therefore one group member needs help the group keep track of the allotted time.

Personal Worksheets: In addition to the group notes, you may wish to make more in-depth individual or organizational comments. Extra workbooks will be available in each group to do this. These may also be turned in at the end of the session. If you are willing to include your name and contact information, it will help the person preparing the notes if they have questions.

SMALL GROUP WORKSHEETS

INPUT SESSION PART 1A: NATURAL RESOURCES

Time Now: _____ Time to End Work on 1A: _____ Total Time Available for Part 1: _____

The Element Addressed Here Is:

(1) Natural Resources
(2) Utilities and Infrastructure
(3) Land Use
(4) Agriculture
(5) Water
(6) Recreation (incl. Boating)
(7) Levees

Plan Goals

(1) Protect, maintain, enhance, and restore Delta qualities, including
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Welcome to your group! Take a minute to meet the people with whom you will be working.

During this section you will focus on the Natural Resources Element. The information you need for Part 1A is on this page and pages 8 and 9.

Step 1: As an individual review the goals and policies on pages 8 and 9.

Step 2: Thinking about the Natural Resources Policies, as a group spend about 8-10 minutes sharing your answers to Question 1, then move to the Part 1B Worksheet on page 10.

Q1. Which policies do you think could be changed, added, or deleted to help the Plan better meet its goals? (see left column) Please indicate P-1, P-3, etc.

NATURAL RESOURCES Goals and Policies

GOALS: Preserve and protect the natural resources of the Delta. Promote protection of remnants of riparian habitat. Promote agriculture practices that maximize wildlife use of lands in the Delta. Promote levee maintenance and rehabilitation to preserve the land areas and channel configurations in the Delta.

P-1. The priority land use of areas of prime soil shall be agriculturally oriented. If commercial agriculture is no longer feasible, land uses that protect other beneficial uses of Delta resources and that would not adversely affect agriculture on surrounding lands or the viability or cost of levee maintenance, may be permitted. If temporarily taken out of agriculture production due to lack of adequate water supply or water quality, the land shall remain reinstateable to agriculturally-oriented uses for the future.

P-2. Encourage agricultural and land management practices that minimize subsidence of peat soils. Local governments shall utilize studies of agricultural methods that minimize subsidence and shall assist in educating landowners and managers as to the value of utilizing these methods.

P-3. Lands managed primarily for wildlife habitat should be managed to provide several inter-related habitats, when appropriate. Delta-wide habitat needs should be addressed in development of any wildlife habitat plan. Appropriate programs, such as "Coordinated Resource Management and Planning" (Public Resources Code Section 9408(c)) and "Natural Community Conservation Planning" (Fish and Game Code Section 2800 et seq.) should ensure full participation by local government and property owner representatives and should recognize the rightful responsibility to offset the loss of tax revenue.

P-4. Support the non-native invasive species control measures being implemented by the California Department of Fish and Game, the California Department of Boating and Waterways, the California Emergency Management Agency, the California Department of Food and Agriculture, the State Water Resources Control Board, the Central Valley and San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Boards, and the Agricultural Commissioners for the five Delta Counties (Yolo, Solano, Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Contra Costa), which include controlling the arrival of new species into the Delta.

P-5. Preserve and protect the viability of agricultural areas by including an adequate financial mechanism in any planned conversion of agricultural lands to wildlife habitat. The financial mechanism shall specifically offset the loss of local government and special district revenues necessary to support public services and infrastructure. Also, include the development of additional agricultural lands as a mechanism to offset planned conversions to wildlife habitat.

P-6. Implement appropriate buffers within lands converted to wildlife habitat to ensure the ongoing agricultural operations adjacent to the converted lands remain viable.

P-7. Incorporate, to the maximum extent feasible, suitable and appropriate wildlife protection, restoration and enhancement on existing and future publicly-owned land as part of a Delta-wide plan for habitat management.

P-8. Encourage the management of suitable agricultural lands to maximize habitat values for migratory birds and other wildlife. Appropriate incentives, such as conservation easements, should be provided to protect this seasonal habitat through donation or through purchase.

P-9. Preserve and protect lands currently managed for wildlife habitat, such as private duck clubs or publicly-owned wildlife areas, from destruction from accidental inundation.

P-10. Promote ecological, recreational and agricultural tourism in order to preserve the cultural values and economic vitality that reflect the history, natural heritage and human resources of the delta, including the establishment of National Heritage Area designations.

P-11. Preserve and protect Delta-dependent fisheries and aquatic habitat consistent with balancing other beneficial uses of Delta resources.

SMALL GROUP WORKSHEETS
INPUT SESSION PART 1B: LAND USE

Time Now: _____ **Time to End Work on 1B: _____** **Total Time Available for Part 1: _____**

The Element Addressed Here Is:

(1) Natural Resources
(2) Utilities and Infrastructure
(3) Land Use
(4) Agriculture
(5) Water
(6) Recreation (incl. Boating)
(7) Levees

Plan Goals

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During this section you will focus on the Land Use Element. The information you need for Part 1B is on this page and pages 11 and 12.

Step 1: As an individual review the goals and policies on pages 11-13.

Step 2: Thinking about the Land Use Policies, as a group spend about 8-10 minutes sharing your answers to Questions 1 and 2, then move to the Part 1C Worksheet on page 14.

Q1. Which policies do you think could be changed, added, or deleted to help the Plan better meet its goals? (see left column) Please indicate P-1, P-3, etc.

Q2. Which of the two Options for P-3 do you prefer? Which of the four Options for P-4 do you prefer? Which of the two Options for P-12 do you prefer? Please explain.

LAND USE Goals and Policies

GOALS: Protect the unique character and qualities of the Primary Zone by preserving the cultural heritage and strong agricultural base of the Primary Zone. Direct new non-agriculturally oriented residential, commercial, and industrial development within the existing unincorporated towns (Walnut Grove, Clarksburg, Courtland, Hood, Locke, and Ryde) and where appropriate services are available.

P-1. The rich cultural heritage and strong agricultural base of the Delta shall be preserved and recognized in public/private facilities, such as museums, recreational trails, community parks, farm stands, community centers, and water access facilities within the Delta.

P-2. Local government general plans, as defined in Government Code Section 65300 et seq., and zoning codes shall continue to strongly promote and facilitate agriculture and agriculturally-supporting commercial and industrial uses as the primary land uses in the Primary Zone; recreation land uses shall be supported in appropriate locations and where the recreation uses do not conflict with agricultural land uses or other beneficial uses.

P-3. ***Option 1:*** New non-agriculturally oriented residential, recreational, commercial, or industrial development shall ensure that appropriate buffer areas are provided by those proposing new development to prevent conflicts between any proposed use and existing adjacent agricultural use. Buffers shall adequately protect integrity of land for existing and future agricultural uses and shall not include uses that conflict with existing agricultural operations on adjacent agricultural lands. Appropriate buffer setbacks shall be a minimum of 500 feet, and beyond that distance, the setback determination shall be based on the expertise of local Agricultural Commissioners.

P-3. ***Option 2:*** New non-agriculturally oriented residential, recreational, commercial, or industrial development shall ensure that appropriate buffer areas are provided by those proposing new development to prevent conflicts between any proposed use and existing adjacent agricultural use. Buffers shall adequately protect integrity of land for existing and future agricultural uses and shall not include uses that conflict with existing agricultural operations on adjacent agricultural lands. *Appropriate buffer setbacks shall be based on the expertise of local Agricultural Commissioners based on applicable general plan policies and criteria included in Right-to-Farm Ordinances adopted by local jurisdictions.*

P-4. ***Option 1:*** New non-agricultural residential development shall be located within the existing unincorporated towns in the Primary Zone (Walnut Grove, Clarksburg, Courtland, Hood, Locke, and Ryde).

P-4. ***Option 2:*** New non-agricultural residential development shall be located within the existing unincorporated towns in the Primary Zone (Walnut Grove, Clarksburg, Courtland, Hood, Locke, and Ryde), *subject to the availability of support infrastructure and flood protection, as required by law.*

P-4. ***Option 3:*** New non-agricultural residential development shall be located within the existing unincorporated towns in the Primary Zone (Walnut Grove, Clarksburg, Courtland, Hood, Locke, and Ryde) *where support infrastructure and flood protection are already provided.*

P-4. ***Option 4:*** New non-agricultural residential development shall be located within the existing unincorporated towns in the Primary Zone (Walnut Grove, Clarksburg, Courtland, Hood, Locke, and Ryde) *where support infrastructure and flood protection will be provided prior to the issuance of building permits.*

P-5. Local government general plans shall address criteria under which general plan amendments in the Primary Zone will be evaluated under Public Resources Code Section 29763.5. Proposed amendments to local government general plans for areas in the Primary Zone shall be evaluated in terms of consistency of the overall goals and program with the Delta Protection Commission.

P-6. Allow water reservoirs that are consistent with the goals of this Plan.

P-7. New structures shall be set back from levees and areas which may be needed for future levee expansion consistent with local reclamation district regulations and, upon adoption, with the requirements to be identified in the California Department of Water Resources Central Valley Flood Control Plan.

P-8. Local government policies regarding mitigation of adverse environmental impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act may allow mitigation beyond county boundaries, if acceptable to reviewing fish and wildlife agencies and in consultation with recipient jurisdiction, for example in approved mitigation banks or in the case of agricultural loss to mitigation. Mitigation in the Primary Zone for loss of agricultural lands in the Secondary Zone may be appropriate if the mitigation program supports continued farming in the Primary Zone. California Government Code Section 51256.3 (Assembly Bill 797) specifically allows an agricultural conservation easement located within the primary or secondary zone of the Delta to be related to Williamson Act contract rescissions in any other portion of the secondary zone without respect to County boundary limitations.

P-9. The implementation of the policies contained in the resource management plan shall not be achieved through the exercise of the power of eminent domain unless requested by the landowner.

P-10. Maintain spoil sites for dredge material from channels within the Delta and discourage the conversion of existing spoil sites to other uses, as appropriate.

P-11. Local governments may develop programs to cluster agriculture dependent residential units or transfer development rights (TDRs) to off-site locations. Clustering on a single parcel would be accompanied by conditions to preserve agricultural use and open space values on the balance of the property. TDRs may involve transfers from farms to unincorporated towns or to sites out of the Primary Zone.

P-12. ***Option 1:*** Local governments that pursue clustering or transfer of development rights shall proceed with adoption procedures to implement such programs as part of the local government implementation of the resource management plan.

P-12. ***Option 2:*** Local governments that pursue clustering or transfer of development rights shall proceed with adoption procedures to implement such programs as part of the local government implementation of the resource management plan *consistent with zoning in place on January 1, 1992.*

P-13. Encourage a critical mass of farms, agriculturally-related businesses and supporting infrastructure to ensure the economic vitality of agriculture within the Delta.

P-14. Support the implementation of appropriately-located agricultural labor camps and housing that are ancillary to agricultural operations and are constructed consistent with the requirements of local building codes.

P-15. Promote opportunities for establishing National Heritage Areas consistent with other applicable policies included in this Plan.

P-16. The conversion of an agricultural parcel, parcels, and/or an agricultural island to a water impoundment structure shall not result in the seepage of water onto or under the adjacent agricultural parcel, parcels, and/or agricultural island.

SMALL GROUP WORKSHEETS
INPUT SESSION PART 1C: AGRICULTURE

Time Now: _____ **Time to End Work on 1C: _____** **Total Time Available for Part 1: _____**

The Element Addressed Here Is:

(1) Natural Resources
(2) Utilities and Infrastructure
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During this section you will focus on the Agriculture Element. The information you need for Part 1C is on this page and pages 15 and 16.

Step 1: As an individual review the goal and policies on pages 15 and 16.

Step 2: Thinking about the Agriculture Policies, as a group spend about 8-10 minutes sharing your answers to Question 1, then follow the instructions at the bottom of page 16.

Q1. Which policies do you think could be changed, added, or deleted to help the Plan better meet its goals? (see left column) Please indicate P-1, P-3, etc.

AGRICULTURE Goal and Policies

GOAL: To support long-term viability of commercial agriculture and to discourage inappropriate development of agricultural lands.

P-1. Support and encourage commercial agriculture in the Delta as a key element in the State's economy and in providing the food supply needed to sustain the increasing population of the State, the Nation, and the world. Also, support agricultural tourism and value-added agricultural production as a means of maintaining the commercial agricultural economy of the Delta.

P-2. When possible, conversion of land to non-agriculturally-oriented uses should occur first where productivity is lowest, and promote the conservation of agricultural lands that have rich soil, ample and reliable supplies of high quality water suitable for irrigation, a long growing season and a mild climate. The unique physical characteristics of the Delta also require that agricultural landowners participate in maintaining extensive levee systems, providing flood control, and having adequate drainage to allow the lands to be farmed.

P-3. Promote recognition of the Delta as a place by educating individuals about the rich agricultural heritage and ongoing value of maintaining a healthy agricultural economy in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

P-4. Support agricultural programs that maintain economic viability and increase agricultural income in accordance with market demands, including but not limited to wildlife-friendly farming, conservation tillage and non-tillage.

P-5. Encourage implementation of the necessary plans and ordinances to: maximize agricultural parcel size; reduce subdivision of agricultural lands; protect agriculture and related activities; protect agricultural land from conversion to non-agriculturally-oriented uses; and clearly define areas in that jurisdiction where urban land uses are appropriate and where agriculturally-oriented land uses are appropriate. An optimum package of regulatory and incentive programs could include: (1) an urban limit line; (2) minimum parcel size consistent with local agricultural practices and needs; (3) strict subdivision regulations regarding subdivision of agricultural lands to ensure that subdivided lands will continue to contain agriculturally-oriented land uses; (4) require adequate buffers between agricultural and non-agricultural land uses particularly residential development outside but adjacent to the Primary Zone; (5) an agriculture element of the general plan; (6) a right-to-farm ordinance; and (7) a conservation easement program.

P-6. Encourage acquisition of agricultural conservation easements as mitigation for projects within each county. Encourage transfer of development rights within land holdings, from parcel to parcel within the Delta, and where appropriate, to sites outside the Delta. Promote use of environmental mitigation in agricultural areas only when it is consistent and compatible with ongoing agricultural operations and when developed in appropriate locations designated on a countywide or Deltawide habitat management plan.

P-7. Encourage management of agricultural lands which maximize wildlife habitat seasonally and year-round, through techniques such as fall and winter flooding, leaving crop residue, creation of mosaic of small grains and flooded areas, wildlife friendly farming, controlling predators, controlling poaching, controlling public access, and others.

P-8. Local governments may continue to retain agricultural zoning as described in zoning codes in place January 1, 1992.

P-9. Encourage the protection and reclamation of agricultural areas from the destruction caused by inundation.

NOW THAT YOU HAVE COMPLETED PART 1C, IT IS TIME TO SHARE WITH THE OTHER GROUPS WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT.

- Pick your reporter/spokesperson.
- Spend about 5 minutes putting together a 2 minute presentation.
- Remember to mark your flip charts and complete a group worksheet! This will help the note-taker greatly.

INPUT SESSION PART 2A: RECREATION and ACCESS (including MARINE PATROL and BOATING)

Time Now: _____ Time to End Work on 2A: _____ Total Time Available for Part 1: _____

The Element Addressed Here Is:

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(2) Utilities and Infrastructure
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During this section you will focus on the Recreation (including Boating) Element. The information you need for Part 2A is on this page and pages 18 and 19.

Step 1: As an individual review the goals and policies on pages 18 and 19.

Step 2: Thinking about the Recreation Policies, as a group spend about 8-10 minutes sharing your answers to Question 1, then move to the Part 2B Worksheet on page 20.

Q1. Which policies do you think could be changed, added, or deleted to help the Plan better meet its goals? (see left column) Please indicate P-1, P-3, etc.

RECREATION and ACCESS (incl. MARINE PATROL and BOATING) Goals and Policies

GOAL: To promote continued recreational use of the land and waters of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta; to ensure that needed facilities that allow such uses are constructed, maintained, and supervised; to protect landowners from unauthorized recreational uses on private lands; and to maximize dwindling public funds for recreation by promoting public-private partnerships and multiple use of Delta lands.

P-1. Ensure that plans are developed and funds are allocated for ongoing maintenance and supervision of existing public recreation areas.

P-2. Encourage expansion of existing private water-oriented commercial recreational facilities and ensure any new recreational facilities will be adequately supervised and maintained, appropriate access is provided, and agriculture and wildlife habitat are not adversely affected.

P-3. Develop funding and siting criteria for establishing new recreation areas.

P-4. Funding criteria should ensure adequate funding for recreational project development and long-term maintenance and supervision. Siting criteria should ensure adequate public access and minimal adverse impacts on: agricultural land uses, levees, and public drinking water supply intakes, and identified wetlands, habitat and other sensitive areas.

P-5. Encourage new regional recreational opportunities, such as Delta-wide trails, which take into consideration agricultural, infrastructure, and law enforcement needs, and private property boundaries. Also, encourage opportunities for water, hiking, and biking trails and related amenities such as picnic tables and restrooms.

P-6. Encourage provision of publicly funded amenities, such as picnic tables and restrooms, in or adjacent to and which complement private facilities, particularly if the private facility will agree to supervise and manage the facility (fishing pier, overlook, picnic area) thus lowering the long-term cost to the public.

P-7. Support multiple uses of Delta agricultural lands, such as seasonal use for hunting.

P-8. Support improved access for bank fishing along State highways, county roads, and other appropriate areas where safe and adequate parking, policing, garbage cleanup, sanitation facilities, and fire suppression can be provided and where proper rights-of-access have been acquired from the landowner.

P-9. Support programs that include adequate restrooms, pumpout facilities, trash containers, oily waste disposal facilities, and other facilities necessary to meet the needs of marina patrons and tenants for any new, renovated, or expanded marinas.

P-10. Encourage the development of funding and implementation strategies by appropriate governing bodies for the surrender of vessels and removal of abandoned vessels from waterways to avoid pollution of Delta water and remove hazards to navigation.

P-11. Promote and encourage Delta-wide communication, coordination, and collaboration on boating and waterway-related programs including but not limited to the removal of abandoned vessels, invasive species, clean boating, and emergency response in the Delta.

P-12. Encourage establishment of Delta-wide law enforcement protocols on local public nuisance and safety issues, such as trespassing, littering, and theft.

SMALL GROUP WORKSHEETS
INPUT SESSION PART 2B: WATER

Time Now: _____ Time to End Work on 2B: _____ Total Time Available for Part 1: _____

The Element Addressed Here Is:

(1) Natural Resources
(2) Utilities and Infrastructure
(3) Land Use
(4) Agriculture
(5) Water
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During this section you will focus on the Water Element. The information you need for Part 2B is on this page and page 21.

Step 1: As an individual review the goal and policies on pages 21.

Step 2: Thinking about the Water Policies, as a group spend about 8-10 minutes sharing your answers to Questions 1 and 2, then move to the Part 2C Worksheet on page 22.

Q1. Which policies do you think could be changed, added, or deleted to help the Plan better meet its goals? (see left column) Please indicate P-1, P-3, etc.

Q2. Which of the three Options for P-5 do you prefer? Please explain.

WATER Goal and Policies

GOAL: Protect and enhance long-term water quality in the Delta for agriculture, municipal, industrial, water-contact recreation, and fish and wildlife habitat uses, as well as all other designated beneficial uses.

P-1. Appropriate State and federal agencies shall be strongly encouraged to manage salinity in Delta waters, as well as the timing and quantity of Delta water inflows and outflows, appropriately to allow full agricultural use of Delta irrigated agricultural lands, to provide habitat for aquatic life, and to meet State water quality requirements for drinking water, and municipal and industrial uses.

P-2. Ensure that design, construction, and management of any flooding program to provide seasonal wildlife and aquatic habitat on agricultural lands, duck club lands and additional seasonal and tidal wetlands, shall incorporate "best management practices" to minimize vectors including mosquito breeding opportunities, shall be coordinated with the local vector control districts, and shall recognize the rightful responsibility to offset the loss of tax revenue. (Each of the four vector control districts in the Delta provides specific wetland/mosquito management criteria to landowners within their district.)

P-3. Water agencies at local, State, and federal levels shall work together to ensure that adequate Delta water quality standards are set and met and that beneficial uses of State waters are protected.

P-4. Design and develop habitat restoration programs to minimize existing levels of mercury bio-methylization within the Delta. Habitat restoration programs shall be consistent with the Delta mercury TMDL, as adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board.

P-5. ***Option 1:*** Continue to have Delta waterways serve as a primary transportation system moving water to and from the State's natural and developed water systems.

P-5. ***Option 2:*** Continue to have Delta waterways serve as *the* primary transportation system moving water to and from the State's natural and developed water systems.

P-5. ***Option 3:*** Continue to have Delta waterways serve as a transportation system moving water to and from the State's natural and developed water systems.

P-5. ***Option 4:*** [DELETE ALL THREE OPTIONS. THIS OPTION IS RESPONSIVE TO SIGNIFICANT FEEDBACK.]

P-6. Ensure that Delta water rights and water contracts are respected and protected, including area of origin water rights and riparian water rights.

SMALL GROUP WORKSHEETS
INPUT SESSION PART 2C: LEVEES

Time Now: _____ **Time to End Work on 2C: _____** **Total Time Available for Part 1: _____**

The Element Addressed Here Is:

(1) Natural Resources
(2) Utilities and Infrastructure
(3) Land Use
(4) Agriculture
(5) Water
(6) Recreation (incl. Boating)
(7) Levees

Plan Goals

(1) Protect, maintain, enhance, and restore Delta qualities, including
   A. agriculture
   B. wildlife habitat
   C. recreational activities
(2) Assure orderly, balanced conservation and development of Delta land resources
(3) Improve flood protection by structural and non-structural means to ensure an increased level of public health and safety

During this section you will focus on the Levees Element. The information you need for Part 2C is on this page and page 23.

Step 1: As an individual review the goals and policies on page 23.

Step 2: Thinking about the Levees Policies, as a group spend about 8-10 minutes sharing your answers to Question 1, then move to the Part 2D Worksheet on page 24.

Q1. Which policies do you think could be changed, added, or deleted to help the Plan better meet its goals? (see left column) Please indicate P-1, P-3, etc.

LEVEES Goals and Policies

GOALS: Support the improvement, emergency repair, and long-term maintenance of Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta levees by coordinating permit reviews and guidelines for levee maintenance. Levee rehabilitation, emergency repair, and long-term maintenance shall have priority over other uses of levee areas. Encourage adaptive implementation of levee improvements to address varying conditions associated with climate change. Protect the Delta land form by making cost-effective levee investments in order to preserve the economy and character of the Delta, to the maximum extent feasible.

P-1. Local governments shall carefully and prudently carry out their responsibilities to regulate new construction within flood hazard areas to protect public health, safety, and welfare. These responsibilities shall be carried out consistent with applicable regulations concerning the Delta. Increased flood protection shall not result in residential designations or densities beyond those allowed under zoning and general plan designations in place on January 1, 1992, for lands in the Primary Zone.

P-2. Support programs for emergency levee repairs and better coordination between local, State, and federal governments. The programs shall include: interagency agreements and coordination; definition of an emergency; designation of emergency funds; emergency contracting procedures; emergency permitting procedures; and other necessary elements.

P-3. Support efforts to address levee encroachments that are detrimental to levee maintenance.

P-4. Support funding assistance for existing unincorporated towns within the Delta to attain 200-year levee standards.

P-5. If levee guidelines are needed, local governments shall adhere to guidelines for federal and local levee maintenance and construction at a minimum as stipulated in the Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan guidelines developed by California Office of Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the 1987 agreement, and set longer term goals of meeting Public Law 84-99 (Emergency Rehabilitation of Flood Control Works or Federally Authorized Coastal Protection Works), standards administered by the Corps of Engineers. If vegetation standards are needed, local governments shall adopt the adopted vegetation guidelines, which promote native grasses and limited vegetation on specific areas of the levee.

P-6. Support stockpiling rock in the Delta for levee emergency response.

P-7: Support a multi-year funding commitment to restore non-project levees and levees outside the State Plan of Flood Control.

P-8. Support and advocate for the Delta Long-Term Management Strategy (LTMS) and the beneficial use of dredged material for levee rehabilitation and maintaining waterway design capacities.

P-9. Seek funding for and support programs to make cost-effective levee investments in order to preserve the economy and character of the Delta, to the maximum extent feasible.

P-10. Encourage reuse of dredged materials, as appropriate.

P-11. Support using Public Law (PL) 84-99 (33 USC Section 701), administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as a minimum design standard for levees.

INPUT SESSION PART 2D: UTILITIES and INFRASTRUCTURE

Time Now: _____ **Time to End Work on 2D: _____** **Total Time Available for Part 1: _____**

The Element Addressed Here Is:

(1) Natural Resources
(2) Utilities and Infrastructure
(3) Land Use
(4) Agriculture
(5) Water
(6) Recreation (incl. Boating)
(7) Levees

Plan Goals

(1) Protect, maintain, enhance, and restore Delta qualities, including
   A. agriculture
   B. wildlife habitat
   C. recreational activities
(2) Assure orderly, balanced conservation and development of Delta land resources
(3) Improve flood protection by structural and non-structural means to ensure an increased level of public health and safety

During this section you will focus on the Utilities and Infrastructure Element. The information you need for Part 2D is on this page and pages 25 and 26.

Step 1: As an individual review the goals and policies on pages 25 and 26.

Step 2: Thinking about the Utilities and Infrastructure Policies, as a group spend about 8-10 minutes sharing your answers to Question 1, then follow the instructions at the bottom of page 26.

Q1. Which policies do you think could be changed, added, or deleted to help the Plan better meet its goals? (see left column) Please indicate P-1, P-3, etc.

UTILITIES and INFRASTRUCTURE Goals and Policies

GOALS: Protect the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta from excessive construction of utilities and infrastructure facilities, including those that support uses and development outside the Delta. Where construction of new utility and infrastructure facilities is appropriate, ensure the impacts of such new construction on the integrity of levees, wildlife, recreation and agriculture are minimized.

P-1. Locate new transmission lines and utilities in existing utility corridors, transportation corridors, water corridors, or along property lines, in order to minimize construction impacts within the Delta. Before new transmission lines are constructed, the utility should determine if an existing line has available capacity. To minimize impacts on agricultural practices, utility lines shall follow edges of fields. Pipelines in utility corridors or existing rights-of-way shall be buried to avoid adverse impacts to terrestrial wildlife. Pipelines crossing agricultural areas shall be buried deep enough to avoid conflicts with normal agricultural or construction activities. Utilities shall be designed and constructed to minimize any detrimental effect on levee integrity or maintenance.

P-2. Ensure that new houses built in the Delta agricultural areas but outside of the Delta's unincorporated towns continue to be served by independent potable water and wastewater treatment facilities and/or septic systems. Agricultural uses that require waste water treatment shall provide adequate infrastructure improvements or pay to expand existing facilities, and not overburden the existing limited community resources. The appropriate governing body shall ensure that new or expanded construction of agriculturally-oriented wastewater disposal systems meet the appropriate standards/conditions and are not residentially growth inducing. Independent treatment facilities shall be monitored to ensure no cumulative adverse impact to groundwater supplies.

P-3. Ensure that new municipal sewage treatment facilities (including storage ponds) and new areas for disposal of municipal sewage effluent and sludge to support development or business outside of the Delta Primary Zone are not located within the Primary Zone. The Rio Vista project, as described in the adopted Final Environmental Impact Report for such project, and the Ironhouse Sanitary District use of Jersey Island for disposal of treated wastewater and biosolids are exempt from this policy.

P-4. Encourage recycling programs for metals, glass, paper, cardboard, and organic materials in order to minimize waste generation. Recycling facilities for these materials should be suitably located to serve Delta residents, visitors, and businesses. High groundwater tables and subsiding soil make the Delta an inappropriate location for solid waste disposal.

P-5. Maintain roads within the Delta to serve the existing agricultural uses and supporting commercial uses, recreational users, and Delta residents. Where possible, commuter traffic and through traffic should be discouraged. Promote 'traffic calming' measures when determined feasible.

P-6. Allow air transportation in the Delta to continue to serve Delta residents and agriculture-related businesses. Due to subsidence, transmission lines, high winds, fog, and high raptor and waterfowl use, the Primary Zone is not an appropriate location for new or expanded general aviation airports.

P-7. Encourage the provision of infrastructure for new water, recreational, and scientific research facilities, as cited in the Land Use Element.

NOW THAT YOU HAVE COMPLETED PART 2D, IT IS ONCE AGAIN TIME TO SHARE WITH THE OTHER GROUPS WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT.

- Pick your reporter/spokesperson.
- Spend about 5 minutes putting together a 2 minute presentation.
- Remember to mark your flip charts and complete a group worksheet! This will help the note-taker greatly.

WORKBOOK VERSIONS 1 AND 2 – WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

After the Planning Advisory Team for the Management Plan Update's last meeting, some loose ends remained. DPC staff worked with members of the Team to make some additional changes between the day when Workbook Version 1 was posted (January 30) and when Workbook Version 2 was posted (February 4, the day of the first workshop for the Public Review Draft). The decision was made to post a Version 1 to get the vast majority of the text to workshop participants several days in advance of the workshop, and help them better prepare, even though a few text amendments would be made later. All workshop participants will be provided with copies of the Workbook Version 2.

List of Changes from Version 1 to Version 2:

Agriculture Policy 8 Option 2: deleted

Agriculture Policy 9: added "and reclamation" after "protection"

Recreation and Access Policy 3: spelling error corrections

Recreation and Access Policies 5-11: significant changes

Recreation and Access Policy 12: new policy added

Water Policy 2: added "shall recognize rightful responsibility to offset the loss of tax revenue"

Water Policy 5: added a fourth option (serve as *the* primary transportation system)

Levees Policy 11: new policy added

Utilities Policy 4: changed "centralized" to "suitably located"