

## **AFTERNOON PANEL:**

### **PANEL MODERATOR:**

**Patrick Johnston** is a member of the Delta Stewardship Council. He previously served on the board of the California Bay-Delta Authority and the Delta Protection Commission. Mr. Johnston held office in the State Assembly from 1981-90 and the State Senate from 1991-2000. He authored the Delta Protection Act of 1992 which created the Delta Protection Commission. He lives in Stockton.

### **PANEL MEMBERS:**

**Linda Stonier** is the Regional Coordinator for the National Heritage Area Program in the Pacific West Region of the National Park Service. She is also on the staff of the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program, the “community assistance arm of NPS.” Her job includes support for national heritage area efforts on the west coast. Linda holds a Master’s degree in City and Regional Planning from UC Berkeley and a BA in Geography from Southern Connecticut State University. She was a city planner before coming to the National Park Service in 1988.

**David Stuart** is the Executive Director of the San Joaquin County Historical Society and Museum. Dave attended Fresno State, followed by graduate school at the University of Colorado, majoring in anthropology.

Dave was the first Assistant State Archaeologist of Colorado and he then was an archaeologist and park planner for the National Park Service and worked national park master plans and other projects in Florida, Louisiana, New Mexico, Missouri, and Washington. Dave returned to California in the 1983, and managed three history museums and a variety of natural history programs for the City of Ventura. In 1988, he became Director of the Sacramento Science Center (Discovery Museum) and later, Sacramento History Museum in Old Sacramento.

Since December 2006, Dave has worked in his present post at the San Joaquin County Historical Society and Museum. The Museum is now in the midst of adding a new exterior exhibition called the Delta Water Path.

**MICHAEL J. MACHADO** was a member of the California State Assembly from 1992 – 2000, a California State Senator from 2000 – 2008, and served as executive director of the Delta Protection Commission. As a legislator, Mike was involved in water policy, an ex-officio member of the Bay-Delta Authority, and an advocate for preserving the Delta and improving flood protection. He was recently appointed to the Council of Economic Advisors on Tax Policy for the California State Controller. Since 2008 Mr. Machado has been the owner and operator of a diversified farming operation in California’s Central Valley. Mr. Machado is a board member of the California State Compensation Insurance Fund (2008 to present), P & M Farms (1985 to present), and is also a member of the non-profit boards for the San Joaquin Historical Society Board of Trustees and Restore the Delta. He is a member of the National Association of Corporate Directors and is a Board Leadership Fellow. He received an undergraduate degree in Economics from Stanford University and a Master's degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of California, Davis.

**JEFF HART** has a masters degree in ethnobotany from University of Montana and a PhD in Plant Systematics from Harvard University. Jeff has taught restoration biology, botany, horticulture, and

ecology at Sacramento State University, Sacramento, UC Davis, Harvard, and University of Montana. In the Delta, from his ten acre farm on Grand Island, he performed a variety of consulting services including: restoration ecology and habitat improvement, habitat restoration design, riparian systems analysis and restoration, bioengineering and erosion control, landscape ecology studies, mapping, surveys, wetland delineation, habitat restoration, and arboricultural consulting for clients ranging from federal, state, and local agencies to reclamation districts, flood control districts, nonprofits, and private landowners. Jeff obtained a captain's license and a vessel, and for several years provide eco-tours of the Delta for groups and individuals. These days, Delta EcoFarm and CaliNature is his focus. In addition, for the past several years Jeff has criss-crossed the state of California with camera and binoculars in search of insights to human relationships with nature. The outcome of this journey is an archive of photographs shot in California over decades and the CaliNature Book Series. In addition to the CaliNature Books, Jeff is the author of numerous scholarly research papers published in scientific journals.