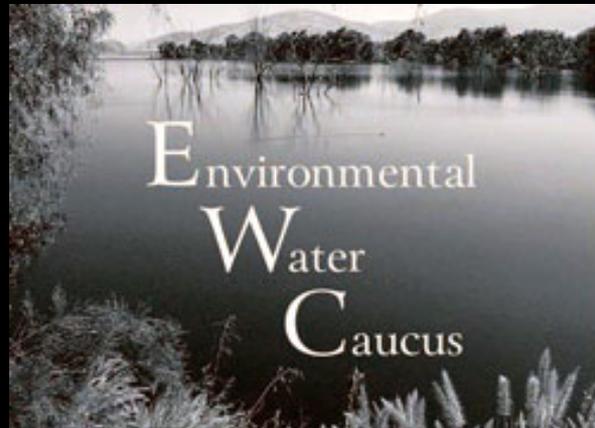


The Environmental Water Caucus Responsible
Exports Plan for California
vs.
The Bay Delta Conservation Plan



EWC

- The Environmental Water Caucus is made up of 30 core environmental groups from around the State, made up of over a million grassroots activists.
- EWC coordinates regularly with numerous other environmental organizations.
- Both Restore the Delta and the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance are core members of the EWC.



LEVEES

- California Sportfishing Protection Alliance and Restore the Delta worked closely with other EWC core organizations to craft this plan. The result: Environmentalists agreed to support a plan that calls for levee upgrades to the highest standard to protect Delta communities and agriculture.

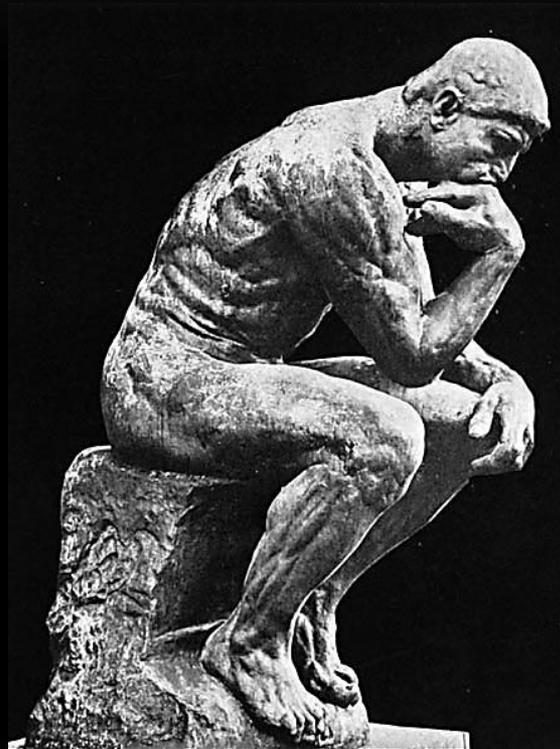


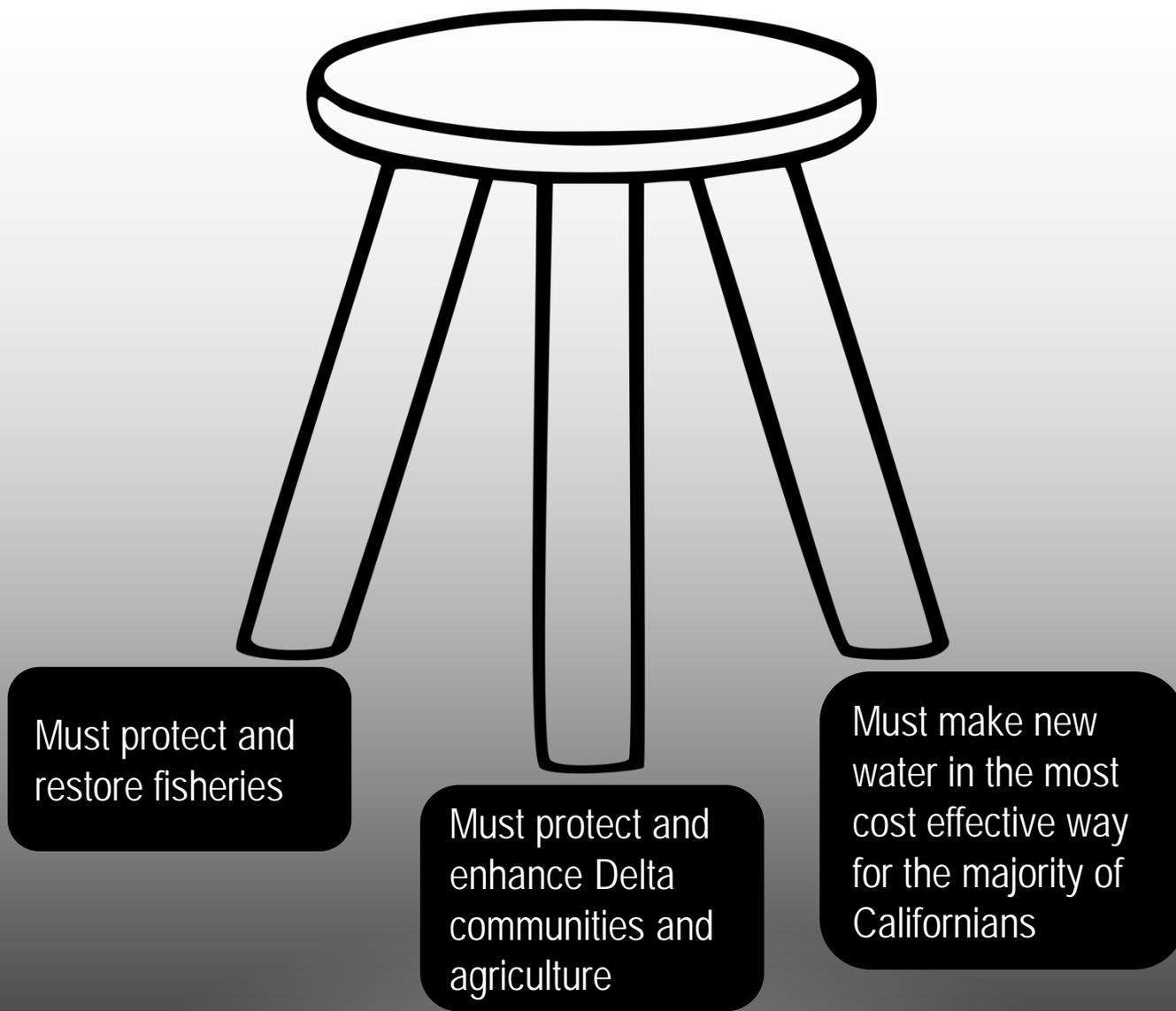
HABITAT RESTORATION

- The broader environmental community agreed that habitat restoration should happen on already existing state lands or on wide reinforced levees so as to keep Delta farmers in production.



How does Restore the Delta evaluate “plans” for the Delta, including the BDCP?





How does the EWC Responsible Export Plan fit those three criteria?



The EWC plan is the best bet for fisheries restoration and protection because it:

1. Focuses on fixing the South Delta pumps which will still be in use with the BDCP and several other alternative plans for the Delta, using known, not experimental technology.
2. It only takes a sustainable yield of water from the Delta based on documented information regarding flow standards from the 1960s to the present 2010 State Water Resources Control Board hearings. Presently, 3 million acre feet is the maximum safe yield amount for exports from the Delta. This is the maximum cap in the EWC Plan.
3. It allows for habitat in the Delta with sufficient flow. And it does so without weakening Delta communities.
4. It increases flow in the San Joaquin River, reduces reverse flow in Old River, and connects Delta flows to San Francisco Bay to enable salmon to reach the sea and return to spawn.

Remember: The Delta needs more flow; not the status quo.

The EWC plan is the best bet for Delta communities and agriculture because it:

1. Improves water quality and quantity for **all** Delta communities.
 2. Reduces discharges of salt, selenium and boron into the San Joaquin River that impair south and central Delta agriculture.
 3. Is the only plan that does not introduce new infrastructure into the heart of the Delta outside of Clifton Court.
 4. Is based on the wide levee standards set in the Delta Protection Commission's Economic Sustainability Report.
 5. Preserves the "common pool" in the Delta to ensure that Southern California will continue to have a stake in Delta protection.
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The EWC plan is the best bet for making new water for the majority of Californians in the most cost effective manner because:

1. It calls for the largest investment. \$2.7 billion, of all Delta plans in new regional water projects to conserve, recycle and reuse water outside of the Delta. Studies predict that up to a million acre-feet of "new water" can be created for every \$1 billion invested in water efficiency programs.
2. It is a job generator. Economists estimate that investments in water efficiency projects create 10 to 20 jobs per \$1 million spent. BDCP estimates that it will only result in 5-7 jobs per \$1 million spent.

Costs:

- \$1.9 billion estimate for state-of-the-art south Delta fish screens
- \$4 billion for fortress levees with water-side habitat restoration
- \$2.7 billion for regional water projects to create new water supplies

Total: Under \$10 billion to start – with a sustainable yield of Delta exports. Provides south-of-Delta with about a million acre feet of more water than what is presently being exported.

- From there, the State can contribute additional funds to construct new water efficiency projects to create “new water” as it sees fit in its budget.
- Additional storage? Southern California has existing reservoirs and a large groundwater system that needs clean up to expand storage capacity. We know that many folks locally support off stream storage south of the Delta pumps. But do we really want to support unsustainable agriculture on land that spews pollution right back into the Delta? The question is new storage for whom and what will be the impacts back on the Delta.