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Subject: Comments on the Second Draft Interim Plan

Chairperson Isenberg,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to the Delta Stewardship Council's Second Draft Interim Plan. I can truly appreciate the challenge given to the Council by the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 (Delta Reform Act). Cal EMA's partnerships in the Delta are important to us and you can be assured that Cal EMA will cooperate with any and all efforts that reduce risks to people, property, and state interests in the Delta.

As you requested my staff has reviewed the document. Attached you will find considerations, suggested language and early actions we believe should be included in the Interim Plan. If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Secretary Stephen Sellers at (916) 845-8484, or your staff may contact Jim Brown, Inland Region Administrator, at (916) 845-8487.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Matthew R. Bettenhausen'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

MATTHEW R. BETTENHAUSEN
Secretary

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Overall Considerations

Policy Objective (g) Reduce risks to people, property, and state interests in the Delta by effective emergency preparedness, appropriate land uses, and investments in flood protection.

- The Interim Plan discusses at length the various water supply and ecosystem issues which are very important. However, Cal EMA considers the loss of life and damage to property due to a major flood or catastrophic levee failure in the Delta to be the most significant issue.
- Emergency Management is viewed in four phases, of which preparedness is only one. The phases are Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery. "Appropriate land use" and "investments in flood protection" are both mitigation activities. Developing an emergency response plan for the Delta is a nonstructural preparedness activity.

Policy Objective (h) Establish a new governance structure with the authority, responsibility, accountability, scientific support, and adequate and secure funding to achieve these objectives.

- Under the Emergency Services Act, Cal EMA is the primary lead for all response activities relating to disasters and emergencies. While DWR is the lead agency for flood fighting operations in the Delta, Cal EMA will coordinate the overall response to a catastrophic levee failure that will include, besides the flood fight; alert and warning, water and airborne rescues, evacuations, and sheltering operations.
- Regarding the development of an emergency response plan for the Delta there are currently five (5) different efforts of which Cal EMA is aware. While all these efforts have the similar task of developing emergency plans for the Delta; they all have different approaches, different agendas and different leadership.
 - Delta Stewardship Council
 - Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Multi-Hazard Coordination Task Force (SB27)
 - USACE's Central Valley Project
 - DWR's Central Valley Flood Protection Program
 - Delta Vision Strategic Plan
- The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Emergency Preparedness Act of 2008 (SB27) requires the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Multi-Hazard Coordination Task Force to make recommendations on the development of a draft emergency preparedness and response strategy for the Delta Region, and to develop and conduct an all-hazard emergency response exercise in the delta. The task force is required to submit a report with its strategy and recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor prior to January 1, 2011. This task force is led by Cal EMA. **(Policy Objectives (g) and (h))**

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Specific Language Suggestions

- Page 6, Line 3 Strike: *inadequate emergency preparedness from floods and other emergencies such as fire.*
Replace with: the many uncoordinated flood specific emergency planning projects.
- Page 11, Lines 23 - 24 Redundant: ...in meeting California's future water supply needs in the future through...

Early Actions

| Activity | Policy Objective | Responsible Party | Date to be Completed |
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| The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Multi-Hazard Coordination Task Force submits its strategy and recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor | g | Cal EMA, DWR, DPC, and the five Delta Counties | Jan 2011 |
| Completion of the review and revision of the Inland Region Mass Evacuation Plan | g | Cal EMA, CalTrans, CHP, and the five Delta Counties | April 2011 |
| Golden Guardian 2011 (Region wide Delta Flood Emergency Response Exercise) | g | Cal EMA and all state agencies | May 2011 |