

Memorandum

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From:  Carl Wilcox
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Subject: Invitation for Comments on the Interim Delta Plan

This memorandum responds to the Delta Stewardship Council's (DSC) Invitation for Comments on what should be included in the Interim Delta Plan. The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) was established in 2000 as part of the CALFED watershed based strategy for mitigating and conserving critical habitats for special status species consistent with the requirements of the Natural Communities Planning Act (Fish and Game Code Section 2800) and continues to be authorized under the CALFED Record of Decision.

The DFG recommends that the Delta Stewardship Council consider the CALFED Strategic Plan, Multi-Species Conservation Plan and the Draft Stage 2 Conservation Strategy for the Delta in its decision making process when considering protection of ecological values in the Delta. http://www.dfg.ca.gov/ERP/reports_docs.asp Restoration and enhancement actions identified through the Delta Vision process and Bay Delta Conservation Planning process should also be considered. The DFG recently presented the DSC with a list of historic and ongoing ERP projects in the Delta as well as other restoration projects currently being planned or implemented, with an accompanying map showing the projects location and type. These documents should also be considered for inclusion in the Interim Plan. Our staff is available for assistance in this endeavor and we look forward to working with the DSC in its efforts.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 445-1231, or David S. Zezulak, Ph.D. at (916) 445-3960.

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