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**Subject: Data on recreational users of the delta**

This has been previously raised. But bears repeating.

Many people, particularly people from disadvantaged communities, rely on the delta for recreation and for fishing for home consumption - people who don't live in the geographically defined delta, but often live in adjacent urban areas.

Data should be gathered on these users, and the effect of decisions on access and use by these users should be considered; and , adverse effects avoided to the extent feasible. Further, this consideration should be given in a public manner.

The actions by DFW DWR and CVFPB in the Yolo Bypass are an example of what not to do. These three agencies closed off convenient access to the Fremont Weir on the upstream end of the Bypass, providing the public with false information that the state had no reservation for public access. For eight years thereafter they have failed to either reopen fishing access or explain why fishing access was closed.

As background: members of the public have the right to be on state owned land to fish; and, no land owned by the state shall ever be sold or transferred without reserving in the people the absolute right to fish (sec. 25 art. I, Cal. Const.) No land owned by the state fronting on or near a navigable water which provides the only convenient access to navigable water shall ever be sold, leased or rented without reserving convenient access to the water to the people (PRC sec. 6210.4). No land owned by the state which provides the only convenient access to other state owned land shall ever be sold, leased or rented without reserving convenient access to the other state owned lands (PRC sec. 6210.5).

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