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Subject: Managing subsidence in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta prospectus feedback

A few items to consider when finalizing the prospectus:

- 1) The “restoration acreages” being discussed in the broader conversations regarding the Delta are optimistic at best. How will estimates over effectiveness of actions be scaled appropriately when confronting realistic outcomes and possibilities? How do we begin to confront land ownership issues as more than an after thought whenever we propose restoration targets and mitigation?
- 2) How will you craft the outcomes of this workshop to become implementable actions? How will these be tracked and verified? Over what time duration and interval?
- 3) How does the need for protecting existing infrastructure play into the long-term future of the Delta? Are we effectively engaging or are aware of the long-term planning thinking that pipeline and powerline operators and owners are pursuing? How do these efforts dovetail, or do they?

Regards,

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