

Review of the Values of the Delta as an Evolving Place --- A History

April 17-18, 2014

Brian and I agreed to work on a draft proposal for a review of Delta as Place.

June 12, 2014

A first draft proposal is discussed at DISB meeting with copies available to the public.

July 17, 2015

A "Review Prospectus" was presented and discussed at the DISB and available to the public.

December 10-11, 2015

A Draft "Review" was presented, and the Board asked, after considerable discussion, for a revised prospectus (though I was under the impression that the request was for a final draft) in February.

February, 2016

A very good draft is now available, reviewed by, and comments included from six Board members, but it turns out that a prospectus was called for.

February-March 2016

Modest suggested elaborations are added to the draft on possible research that could be undertaken in this area.

The Central Issue Now: 3± Board members are uncomfortable with the tone, approach taken, and/or the findings of the draft review.

OPTIONS:

1. Complete the current draft with amendments and updates. Allow dissenting Board members to submit statements after an appropriate amount of time, then release the report with the dissenting statements appended.
2. Start afresh with different Board members providing a new prospectus.
3. Abandon the effort entirely.
4. Amend the current draft and “release” it as a Report to the Board.
5. Amend the current draft to include:
 - a. A discussion of what is felt to be a problem of “tone” and possibilities for changing that by modifying the current tone and/or adding additional tones.
 - b. One or more volunteers to contribute a review of the research literature relating to agricultural values.
 - c. One or more volunteers to strengthen the emphasis on the importance of moving toward human-natural coupled systems.