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Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Delta Plan.

We appreciate the inclusion of many of California State Parks' recommendations in the Proposed Project description and the Recreation section of this report. However we are concerned that only three proposed state parks are included in the draft EIR, as our *Recreation Proposal for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh* (available at [www.parks.ca.gov/deltarecreation](http://www.parks.ca.gov/deltarecreation)) recommends four new state parks. In addition to Barker Slough, Elkhorn Basin and Southern Delta proposals, we recommend a potential state park on the Wright-Elmwood Tract near Stockton.

This and other recommendations from the Recreation Proposal should be included, such as the addition of recreational facilities at existing state parks, as they are critical to meeting the PRC Section 29702's requirement that "The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place".

Please feel free to call me if you would like to discuss these comments further or if we can provide additional information.

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"Watersheds come in families; nested levels of intimacy... As you work upstream toward home, you're more closely related. The big river is like your nation, a little out of hand. The lake is your cousin. The creek is your sister. The pond is her child. And, for better or worse, in sickness and in health, you're married to your sink. " Michael Parfit, National Geographic