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August 9, 2012

Mr. Dan Ray, Deputy Executive Director
Delta Stewardship Council
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Dear Mr. Ray,

As a follow up to our conversation regarding projects that the Delta Protection Commission (Commission) is engaged in and has proposed, two project portfolios are attached, one dealing with habitat restoration and production agriculture and the other dealing with projects proposed for regional emergency response and preparedness.

The Commission has an ongoing program called Working Landscapes which consists of eleven (11) demonstration projects in the Delta partnering with local land owners for habitat restoration projects. These projects are focused on using both non productive farmland and production farmland for habitat restoration. The objective is to demonstrate that wildlife habitat can be incorporated with production agriculture. Full project descriptions including a project proposed as part of the Delta Coalition Process are attached. Working Landscapes is consistent with the objectives stated in the Delta Plan.

The second portfolio focuses on creating a unified response to Delta flood events. In May of 2011 the Commission authorized pursuing a grant application for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Regional Flood Response Project. This proposal consists of nine (9) projects:

1. A study to determine the feasibility of implementing a regional assessment district for the maintenance and repair of Delta Levees
2. Implementing a Regional Multi-Agency Coordination System
3. Regional Maintenance, Training, and Public Education Program
4. Flood Contingency Maps and GIS data system for emergency actions
5. Town and Urban areas evacuation maps
6. Centralized Levee Patrol reporting system to improve response to identified problems

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7. Flood Fight research to develop and test protocol for sealing breaches
8. Flood Fight resource stockpile and depots system to avoid overlap and duplication
9. Flood Fight resource waterway and roadway traffic control system for the Delta

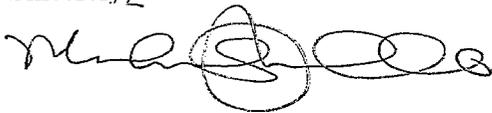
Details of these projects are attached. Moreover, the projects are consistent with the Delta Plan's recommendation of regional assessment and regional coordination of emergency response, including planning for the safety of life in a flood event.

The Commission is interested in working with the Council for funding of any or all of the above projects to meet the objectives outlines in SB 7X-1 and the Delta Plan. I am available to address any questions concerning the two portfolios and projects contained therein.

It was mentioned that a BCP is being considered to commence projects in the Delta that are designed to address issues in the Delta identified in the Delta Plan. The Commission stands ready to assist, as needed, in developing the BCP.

Thank you for the opportunity to present to you and the Council an update on ongoing projects and project proposals of the Commission.

Sincerely,



Michael Machado
Executive Director

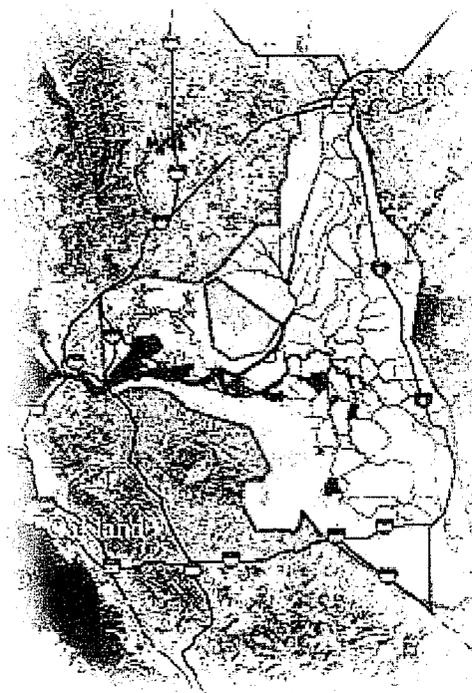
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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED REGIONAL PREPAREDNESS PROJECTS

- Project #1: Feasibility of a Regional Assessment District
- Project #2: Delta Multi-Agency Coordination System (Delta MACS)
- Project #3: Regional Maintenance, Training, and Public Education Program
- Project #4: Flood Contingency Maps and GIS Data Systems
- Project #5: Town and Urban Areas Evacuation Maps
- Project #6: Centralized Levee Patrol Reporting System
- Project #7: Flood Fight Research – Alternate Levee Breach Repair Protocol
- Project #8: Regional Flood Fight Stockpiles and Depot System
- Project #9: Flood Fight Resource Waterway and Roadway Traffic Control System

ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Resolution
- (2) Letters of Support Received as of August 1, 2012 from the following:

DELTA REGIONAL PROJECTS

SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA REGIONAL FLOOD RESPONSE PROJECT

Common past practice, in the case of State and Federal grants to local government, has been for eligible local jurisdictions to develop individual projects and applications. In this case, the Delta Protection Commission is sponsoring an effort to bring local jurisdictions within the primary and secondary zones of the legal Delta together to identify joint regional projects that would improve flood response effectiveness. Participating jurisdictions would then jointly seek funding to implement the projects under the sponsorship of the DPC. This regional initiative allows Delta-wide regional projects to be envisioned to provide Delta wide benefits and efficiencies to be achieved in spending scarce public funds. Such a joint, regional, effort also ensures that emergency response capabilities are implemented consistently across the Delta.

The Delta Protection Commission agreed in May 2011 to be the lead applicant for a joint regional funding request developed by Delta agencies and jurisdictions. Delta counties, cities, and reclamation districts, and other interested agencies were asked to comment on proposed projects through an outreach program and series of open meetings conducted in Fall of 2011. In early 2012, a tentative list of proposed regional projects was finalized. Delta jurisdictions were then asked to indicate their participation in the regional project and grant application through submission of a letter of support. All projects will be implemented in cooperation with CalEMA, DWR, and Federal agencies. The tentative Delta Protection Commission regional flood response project consists of nine specific preparedness projects with a total funding request of \$4.450 million.

SB27 TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING FLOOD RESPONSE

In early 2012, the Governor released the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Multi-Hazard Coordination Task Force Report mandated by Senate Bill 27 in 2009. That legislation required the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) to form a task force to develop a strategy for improving emergency response in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The task force was composed of a representative from each of the five Delta counties, the Department of Water Resources, and the Delta Protection Commission. Specific projects identified for inclusion in the Delta Protection Commission grant application are consistent with the Task Force recommendations.

Summary of General Preparedness Recommendations

The following is a summary of recommendations reflected in the SB27 Task Force Report and in previous Delta county flood response group reports

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

Updated **Risk Assessment** for Delta Floods

Regional Multi-Agency Coordination System (Delta MACS) to improve resource management and information sharing during regional Delta emergencies

Delta Interoperable Communications Plan for local and State responders

Regional Interagency Unified Command Organizational Framework for improved response coordination

Regional Evacuation Plan for efficient evacuation and rescue of residents

Flood Contingency Maps for the entire Delta to improve flood fight operations

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Flood Catastrophic Incident Plan as basis for integrated response

Flood Response and Flood Fight Resource Stockpiles to be placed strategically in Delta

Emergency Response Exercises for all hazards in the Delta

Training Plan for officials that would implement this regional system

Flood Fight Emergency Funding Protocol to eliminate potential delays in responding to levee problems due to lack of appropriations or cash at time of emergency

Proposed Regional Preparedness Projects

