



May 12, 2010

Phil Isenberg, Chair  
And Members  
Delta Stewardship Council

Dear Chair Isenberg and Members of the Council:

The Contra Costa Council is pleased to offer these suggestions for an Interim Delta Plan. These are items that we have advocated for the last two years and as part of the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force's recommendations. These are actions that we believe are needed in the near term to protect public safety as well as water supply while the long-term solutions are being developed and implemented. There is general agreement that the Delta is in crisis and failure to act could result in loss of life and a catastrophic interruption of our water supply.

These actions are in priority order.

- Expedite efforts for a multi-agency coordinated emergency response action plan in the event of levee failure to protect lives, personal injury and disease. Local and state emergency response agencies should be involved, using state and local funding.
- Develop an emergency preparedness program to stockpile rock and other logistical material and equipment to be used in the event of any levee failure.
- Begin implementation of levee strengthening at identified strategic locations in the Delta. The agency would be the Department of Water Resources and the funding would come from Propositions 1E and 84.
- Design and construct improved fish screens at the export project pumping stations.
- Begin planning for projects to improve flow through Delta channels and proposed ecosystem restoration projects.

The Contra Costa Council is a private sector, public policy organization whose mission is economic vitality and quality of life for our region. The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is a vital part of our regional and state economy and contributes significantly to our environment and quality of life.

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We look forward to the important work the Stewardship Council will be doing in the next year and plan to continue to participate in the process.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely yours,

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