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COMMENTS: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on DSC Delta plan. I believe you have side-

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stepped / ignored the most important fundamental questions that would help you sucessfully craft a workable Delta plan that would meet the co-equal goals. (1) pg

Where have you addressed the water code + where do you place importance on how much water/flow is necessary to keep the estuary healthy.

Where is the examination of the legal right to divert the Sacramento River water from North to South recognized/discussed.

Where are the safeguards on the Delta - where are the real solutions to reduce reliance on the Delta.

So much rhetoric + piles of study are cumbersome & are just a diversion to try to convince people you are protecting the Delta when the opposite is happening + policy framework re: the Delta is flawed. Discuss the implications. (2)

You must first establish the flows, safeguards before you adopt a plan.

Also your plan in terms of co-equal goals that protects + enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource + agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place. Sounds great but you are not operating under that premise if you incorporate the current BDCP project into your policy framework. You will violate the co-equal goals!! (3)

You are not balancing the needs of all Californian's that will result in a more reliable water supply without requiring all water districts in CA to develop their own water infrastructure.

During the meeting it was discussed that your executive summary should specifically include local agencies related to those impacted by any transfer of Delta water as well as local communities + agricultural interests in the north be involved in policy planning. That should occur so the people that are the

the stewards of the Delta & most adversly (4)
affected will be able to voice their ideas/concerns.
Otherwise you will fail to protect it as a place.
You also mention the Delta Protection Commission
role is to represent the locals ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible] the Delta Protection Commission~~
but what happens if the commission is dissolved - then
where will the representation be for the stakeholders
which could occur at some point.

I know this is a longterm policy framework
but the deficiencies in this plan fail to protect
the public trust I believe. We must have a
plan that benefits all of California's
rather than a few special interests who
will profit from water being diverted from

the Delta. (5)

~~The key should be~~
We settled in the Delta during
the Gold Rush - our "gold" was the
rich fertile soil of the Delta where
we are still farming today. Today's
new gold is "water". ~~Now it is not so~~
~~clear but uncertain that~~ I hope the
powers that be DSC recognize the
responsibility they have to represent
the Delta as a natural resource that
they must protect.

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