

## **DSC PRESENTATION**

### **SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

1. Existing General Plan (2010)
  - Adopted July 1992
  - Contains strong, visionary policies
    - a) Ag Preservation
    - b) Location of urban development
  - Amended in 1996 to include policies regarding the Delta, consistent with Delta Protection Act (Limits development to water dependent uses, recreation, and agriculture).  
Consistent with Delta Protection Act that states that the Primary Zone “should be protected from the intrusion of non-agricultural uses.”
  - Have not been “egregious” violations in and around the Primary Zone within County. No land has been redesignated from A/G to urban designation.
  - No urbanization in Primary Zone has occurred. No plans or intention to permit urbanization as part of GP Update.  
Flooding is a significant deterrent to development, as are GP policies. Expect to carry forward policies into new 2030 GP.
  - No loss of Agricultural Land in Primary Zone through urban development.
  - No significant conversion of agricultural land to urban GP designation in entire County (less than 300 acres).
  - Existing GP policies require coordination with cities.
  - SJC Multi-Species HCP
  - Agricultural Mitigation Ordinance
  - More Agricultural Land will likely be lost with implementation of the BDCP than by “urbanization” in County.

2. General Plan Update (2030)

- Significant public outreach. Coordination with all 7 cities.
- At “Alternatives” stage, consider for adoption in early 2012.
- Expect policies regarding preservation of agricultural land to remain, perhaps strengthen.
- May show some growth outside of existing communities for limited commercial and industrial development.
- Common themes in all Community Workshops:
  - a) Preservation of Agricultural Land
  - b) Protect Delta and Delta agriculture
  - c) “No Canal”
  - d) Maintain water quality and quantity
  - e) Retain local control of land use matters
- County has been a responsible steward of Delta land use matters
- Delta Plan will significantly impact agriculture in Delta
- Policies in Delta Plan should be clear and simple for people to comply with.
- Unfunded mandate to impacted counties and cities.

**Fact Sheet**  
**DSC Land Use Panel – April 14, 2011**

**San Joaquin County**  
**Community Development Department**

Total area of San Joaquin County: 920,000 acres

Number of cities within San Joaquin County: 7

Acreage of Delta Primary Zone: 187,774 acres

Acreage within the unincorporated portion of Delta Secondary Zone: 87,096 acres

Number of parcels in Delta Primary Zone: 1,849

Number of parcels within the unincorporated portion of Delta Secondary Zone: 17,030

Number of parcels under Williamson Act in Delta Primary Zone: 848

Acreage under Williamson Act in Delta Primary Zone: 148,689 acres

Number of parcels under Williamson Act within the  
unincorporated portion of Delta Secondary Zone: 588

Acreage under Williamson Act within the unincorporated portion of  
Delta Secondary Zone: 42,145 acres

Population in Delta Primary Zone: 4,257

Population in unincorporated portion of Delta Secondary Zone: 44,490

The San Joaquin County General Plan 2010 contains the following policies regarding land use in the Delta:

Pubic Facilities Chapter, Recreation Section, Policies 17-19, p. IV-118

The Delta

17. The Delta shall be recognized as an area of international importance and as a major recreational, wildlife, agricultural, and economic resource of San Joaquin County.
18. Waterway development and development on Delta islands shall protect the natural beauty, the fisheries, wildlife, riparian vegetation, and the navigability of the waterway.
19. Development in the Delta islands shall generally be limited to water-dependent uses, recreation, and agricultural uses.

The Delta Primary Zone is comprised of 187,774 acres within San Joaquin County. Of this total, all but 970 acres is within the unincorporated area of San Joaquin County. The majority of the Delta Primary Zone is designated as Agriculture or Open Space on the County's General Plan. Approximately 155,122 acres are shown on the General Plan as A/G (General Agriculture) and 31,430 acres are shown as OS/RC (Opens Space Resource Conservation).

Since approval of the General Plan 2010, in 1992, the County has not redesignated any land within the Delta Primary Zone from Agriculture or Open Space to any urban land use designation. In the remainder of the unincorporated portion of the County, since adoption of the General Plan in 1992, less than 300 acres have been redesignated from Agriculture to a non-agricultural designation.