

DELTA CONSERVATION FRAMEWORK

October 20, 2016 Workshop Summary

The following provides a summary of the third Delta Conservation Framework (Framework) workshop held on October 20, 2016. The workshop focused on refining draft strategies and related objectives, and on defining regional conservation regions (CORs).

Conservation Objectives and Strategies

Most of the comments received on the draft strategies and related objectives focused on editorial adjustments to clarify specific objectives, including the relationships between various strategies and objectives. Workshop participants also commented on the ordering of some of the objectives, and the fact that some objectives read more like strategies and vice versa. There was generally strong support for acknowledging and leveraging existing forums and partnerships to achieve the stated goals (i.e. don't reinvent the wheel). Specific comments included:

- Consider re-organizing some of the objectives. Some are really strategies.
- Revisit the timing of some objectives. Some are very ambitious.
- Leverage existing groups as much as possible. Be specific enough so that stakeholders can see themselves as part of the process. Consider constant/ongoing coordination with local and regional stakeholders. Consider one-on-one engagement with stakeholders. Identify and build on what's already out there.
- Acknowledge where work has been done relative to specific objectives.
- It may be difficult to evaluate the effectiveness or achievability of certain objectives in the absence of specific targets.
- Consider incorporating targets from existing plans, and cite.
- There is redundancy between Goal D and E. Goals F and G also overlap.
- Consider scenario planning as a tool for engaging stakeholders.
- Acknowledge and build in Good Neighbor Guidelines.
- Consider making permitting a strategy rather than a goal.
- Consider the balance between conservation and community goals.
- Define "responsible entity". Consider alternative term (e.g. lead agency).
- Engage the California Department of Agriculture.

Regional Conservation Areas

Workshop participants discussed conservation opportunities and the definition of regional conservation regions (CORs) for the purpose of future planning. Using a variety of GIS maps, participants discussed different regions of the Delta and potential planning area boundaries.

Specific comments included:

- Keep the planning area boundaries “fuzzy”.
- Focus on conservation potential and opportunity.
- Provide space to expand as conditions change.
- Consider including the Contra Costa shoreline.
- Carefully consider community values and services in each region. Consider what defines different communities.
- Let the regional planning efforts define each region.
- Consider regulatory boundaries.
- Anchor individual regions with existing planning efforts.
- Consider “secondary” zones as areas potentially outside the planning area, but important to the planning area, such as upstream watersheds.
- Be as inclusive as possible.
- Consider how things may change over time (e.g. agricultural practices, sea level rise).
- Consider up to the 25’ contour.
- Consider landscape units (e.g. fluvial vs tidal).
- Consider corridors.
- Consider connectivity between regions (e.g. Yolo Bypass and Cache Slough).

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