

DELTA CONSERVATION FRAMEWORK

June 28, 2016 Meeting Summary

The following provides a summary of the Delta Restoration Network (DRN) discussion of the Delta Conservation Framework (Framework) held on June 28th, 2016. A list of participants is attached.

Questions Regarding the Framework

1. What is meant by “Biophysical”? – Refers to physical processes such as subsidence that are physical processes that interact with biological processes.
2. How will the Framework reflect Delta Plan performance metrics? – The Framework will incorporate existing acreage targets and other metrics outlined in the Delta Plan. Any new ecosystem function goals developed as part of the Framework will inform future Delta Plan amendment.
3. What about other restoration efforts and targets such as EcoRestore and Central Valley Flood Protection Plan – are there enough acres? – The Framework will focus on broad ecosystem function goals rather than prescribing acreage targets. The Framework will seek to connect various planning efforts providing an overarching, common vision.
4. How will local stakeholders including landowners and District Managers be engaged? – In addition to the DRN, the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) and the Delta Conservancy will conduct additional outreach at the local level.
5. What about water supply and agricultural diversions, particularly in-basin users, including local agriculture and regional M&I? – The Framework will identify critical issues such as the effects of restoration on water diversions and explore possible solutions such as the need for fish screens. The Framework can serve as a venue for acknowledging potential conflicts.
6. What’s meant by “Landscape Scale”? – Ecological questions are scale dependent. The Framework will consider how things work in a larger scale system. For example, tidal restoration activities could influence salinity in the Delta.
7. How will the Framework be rolled out? – DFW and the Delta Conservancy are looking for a continued level of stakeholder engagement in development of the Framework over the next six months with focused engagement over the next three to four months through a series of workshops. Looking for input on how best to facilitate stakeholder input.
8. How will the Framework relate to local plans and documents? The Framework will essentially be advisory to existing and future local plans. The Framework will provide overarching goals that can inform conversations and future planning at the regional and

local scale. The Framework will also acknowledge conflicts and possibly provide guidance on how to avoid or resolving common conflicts.

9. How will the Framework document be used? The Framework will be designed to incorporate existing plans and inform future regional and local strategies for conservation. It will serve to guide other more detailed planning, including providing a “menu” of potential options to consider. The Framework will incorporate, largely by reference existing information, including information associated with conservation measures considered as part of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. The Framework will not be a regulatory document.
10. What’s driving the six-month timeframe? – This is a self-imposed deadline that is not cast in stone.

Comments and Suggestions

1. The next three months are a busy time for local landowners. Consider additional outreach later in the Fall, after harvest season.
2. May need more than three meetings.
3. Gaining trust and respect of the public is critical to make restoration successful.
4. Acknowledge local values in the Framework.
5. Focus on known conflicts and potential resolutions. Recognize common barriers to conservation and restoration. For example, the Framework could address how to manage species while accommodating landowner interests through strategies such as wildlife friendly agricultural practices. Consider incentives to motivate landowner participation in conservation, including economic incentives. Highlight and describe tradeoffs.
6. Set up issue resolution by highlighting potential challenges and conflicts and referencing strategies that have been employed to overcome such challenges. Specific approaches to specific regional or local issues should be addressed in regional.
7. Consider future workshop discussions focused on specific challenges such as vegetation management on levees, or trade-offs between aquatic and terrestrial species conservation.
8. Focus on identifying opportunities for conservation.
9. Include the Contra Costa shoreline to Carquinez Straight in the planning area.

Suggestions Regarding Next Steps

1. Utilize DRN as a forum for input and feedback.
2. Provide materials in advance of any future meetings/workshops.

3. Facilitate opportunity for back-and-forth dialog on the Framework as it's being developed.
4. Start sharing material with DRN early, beginning with an annotated outline. Keep DRN actively engaged.
5. Use August meeting to review a draft outline and discuss additional outreach.
6. Consider establishing a steering committee.
7. Provide targeted outreach beyond the DRN. Consider presenting to the Delta Protection Commission, possibly at their July 21 meeting.
8. Consider workshops later in the year or early in 2017.
9. Consider establishing partners so the Framework has broader ownership and represents more of a shared vision.

Meeting Participants

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