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YOLO COUNTY DELTA LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY POLICY

Delta Conservancy

Delta Conservancy legislation must:

- Stipulate that sustainability of the Delta as a region with inherent statewide significance is the third coequal component of the state's Delta management strategy.
- Have a governing board with no more than 11 voting members with five of the members selected by the Boards of Supervisors of the five Delta counties.
- Provide that the Conservancy assist in implementation of HCPs and NCCPs that overlap with the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and the legal Delta.
- Help ensure the viability of Delta agriculture and protect agricultural lands.
- Help ensure the economic viability of Delta communities.
- Provide fiscal mitigation for lost revenues from changes to Delta management.
- Ensure Conservancy's projects are consistent with HCPs and NCCPs that overlap the Bay Delta Conservation Program and the Delta.
- Ensure that the Conservancy's projects protect existing habitat, such as within the Yolo Wildlife Area.

Delta Stewardship

Legislation related to Delta stewardship and governance must:

- Stipulate that sustainability of the Delta as a region with inherent statewide significance is the third coequal component of the state's Delta management strategy.
- Contain substantial local elected representation.
- Preserve Yolo County prerogatives related to land use, water resources, flood management, tax revenues, public health and safety, economic development, agricultural stability, recreation, and environmental protection.
- Analyze and compensate for the economic effects on Yolo County of changes in management and governance of the Delta;
- Advance the economic vitality of communities in the Delta;
- Provide permanent funding independent of the state budget to pay in-lieu property taxes and fees on land used for habitat restoration or water conveyance, including existing state in-lieu debt for state wildlife management areas or other property, such as the Yolo Wildlife Area.

- Fully mitigate costs of increased public services (such as law enforcement, fire, rescue, roads) lost business revenues and income, and socio-economic impacts of changes in governance, habitat conversions and alternative conveyance facilities.
- Improve local government's ability to respond in the event of a Delta emergency.

Water bond

Legislation proposing new state bond authority for the Delta and water management must:

- Include equal or better funding for Delta sustainability that may not be used to further exports of water from the Delta.
- Provide that such funding may be used by local governments to address impacts to the Delta from changes in management and provide for the sustainability of the Delta as a region with inherent statewide significance.