

**DELTA PROTECTION COMMISSION**

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**Meeting of the Delta Protection Commission  
Primary Zone Expansion Study Committee**

Wednesday, March 10, 2010  
11:00 a.m.

Rio Vista City Hall – Council Chambers  
One Main Street  
Rio Vista, California 94571

On Wednesday, March 10, 2010, the Delta Protection Commission will meet to discuss the process for completion of a Primary Zone Expansion study in accordance with Section 29773 of Senate Bill X7 1, which states “*on or before July 1, 2010 the Commission shall prepare and submit to the Legislature recommendations regarding the potential expansion of or change to the Primary Zone or the Delta. The Commission shall consider recommendations on the status of all of the following areas (a) Rio Vista; (b) Isleton; (c) Bethel Island; (d) Brannan-Andrus Island; (e) Cosumnes/Mokelumne Floodway; (f) The San Joaquin/South Delta lowlands*”.

The meeting is open to the public. Related information is available at [www.delta.ca.gov](http://www.delta.ca.gov). If you have any questions or need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Sheila Singleton, Delta Protection Commission, (916) 776-2290 or [sheila.singleton@delta.ca.gov](mailto:sheila.singleton@delta.ca.gov).

**DRAFT Outline for Primary Zone Expansion Study Process**  
**February 25, 2010**

**INTRODUCTION**

**A) Agency Mission** - The mission of the Delta Protection Commission (DPC) is to guide the protection of the California Delta's unique natural quality, cultural viability, economic vitality, and recreational opportunity through:

- Protection, maintenance, and enhancement and restoration of the overall quality of the Delta environment including agriculture, wildlife habitat, and recreational activities;
- Findings, policies, and recommendations in the areas of environment, utilities and infrastructure, land use, agriculture, water, recreation and access, levees, and marine patrol/boater education/safety programs; and
- Assurance of orderly, balanced conservation and development of Delta land resources.

**B) Agency Vision** - The vision of DPC is a region in which the essential land uses and unique natural qualities flourish in self-sustaining harmony.

**C) Purpose and Description of Services** - In November 2009, the California Legislature passed and Governor Schwarzenegger signed a comprehensive water package that included four policy bills and an \$11.14 billion bond measure. Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) by Senators Simitian and Steinberg establishes the framework to achieve the co-equal goals of providing a more reliable water supply to California and restoring and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. Specifically, this bill creates the Delta Stewardship Council, ensures that the Department of Fish and Game and the State Water Resources Control Board identify the water supply needs of the Delta estuary, establishes the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy, restructures the DPC, and appropriates funding from Proposition 84 for the Two-Gates Fish Protection Demonstration Program.

The DPC operates under the regulatory authority of the 1992 Delta Protection Act, which established the boundaries of the Primary Zone of the Delta. SB 1 directs the newly reconstituted DPC to prepare and submit to the Legislature, on or before July 1, 2010, recommendations regarding the potential expansion of or change to the Primary Zone of the Delta. The DPC is directed by SB 1 to consider recommendations on the status of all of the following areas: Rio Vista, Isleton, Bethel Island, Brannon-Andrus Island, Cosumnes/Mokelumne floodway, and the San Joaquin/South Delta lowlands.

The DPC needs consultant assistance in the development of recommendations regarding the potential expansion of or change to the Primary Zone of the Delta.

**D) Scope of Work** - The services to be provided by the Consultant shall include, but not be limited to, the following (subject to review and may be tailored as circumstances dictate):

1. Assist the DPC in developing recommendations regarding the potential expansion of or change to the Primary Zone of the Delta, consistent with the requirements of SB 1, Section 29773.5. Prepare an appropriate constraints study that adequately supports the DPC recommendations.
2. Define the areas to be evaluated for potential expansion of or change to the Primary Zone of the Delta including those areas identified in Section 29773.5 and other areas that may merit further study. Develop a methodology and process for establishing the areas to be included in the study.
3. Establish the criteria that will be used to evaluate the resource constraints and land use characteristics of individual areas. These may include, but would not be limited to: 100-year flood zone designations, soil and drainage characteristics, habitat quality, agricultural resources, levee stability, existing land use patterns, development potential, availability of infrastructure, land use and zoning designations, compatibility with adjacent land uses, seismic constraints, presence of cultural and historical resources, water quality and availability, transportation infrastructure, presence of health hazards, recreational characteristics, applicable local and regional plans and policies, and community interest.
4. Develop a process by which these characteristics and constraints would be ranked, categorized and evaluated in order to determine the suitability and feasibility of modifying the boundary of the Primary Zone of the Delta for individual areas.
5. Develop specific recommendations for consideration by the Commission based on the information gathered during preparation of the study and consultation with affected stakeholders.
6. Facilitate involvement of key stakeholders in developing the recommendations including the Commissioners, state and federal agencies, cities and counties, special districts, regional planning agencies, and private, non-profits and identify the important issues as identified from their perspectives. Obtain any relevant written materials or GIS maps they may offer.
7. Facilitate the involvement of agencies and organizations and individuals that have technical advice to offer the DPC to ensure the recommendations reflect accurate data regarding conditions within the Delta.
8. Identify the technical needs to develop the recommendations and how the DPC can obtain the needed technical support to develop the recommendations.

9. Develop a strategy for developing the recommendations within the timeframe mandated by SB 1.
10. Recommend, based on the experience of the firm or its principal project team members, methods and means to involve the public, in an effective and efficient manner, in the development of the recommendations.
11. Coordinate the work and attend meetings as required with DPC staff and others who may be assisting in developing the recommendations for the DPC.