

# Late Revision to the Charter

(Page 6 of the Charter, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph under section 5.0)

## 5.0 Nutrient-related Concerns in the Delta

The initial nutrient related work will focus on addressing concerns about decreases in phytoplankton biomass and changes in species composition, harmful algal blooms, non-native aquatic macrophytes and the development of robust computer modelling tools. The nutrient work has been restricted to these four topics because of limited Water Board staff resources. After completion of a Nutrient Research Plan for these topics, Water Board staff will organize, with input from the STAG, Science Work Groups for low dissolved oxygen in ~~baek~~303(d) listed sloughs and other water bodies and for the potential effect of nutrients on drinking water supplies. White papers and research recommendations for these two topics will be reviewed by the STAG and Independent Science Review Panel and amended into the Nutrient Research Plan. In preparation for these follow-on efforts, a subcommittee of the STAG has organized itself to begin laying necessary groundwork for the drinking water issue. Membership in this subcommittee will be coordinated through the facilitator and the subcommittee will report periodically to the STAG on its efforts.

# Governance Revision 1

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## Majority Rule Decision Method – Administrative Decisions

Administrative decisions are about the day-to-day activities of the Steering Committee (including but not limited to: logistics, meeting dates and times, agenda revisions, schedules, etc). All administrative decisions will be made on a simple majority vote. Administrative decisions will be made by the STAG using a simple majority of all Participants present (51 percent or more) at any given meeting.

However, the Administrative Subcommittee is now making some administrative decisions between meetings.

Proposal: Add standing item to all future STAG agendas for an update/briefing from the Admin Subcommittee to provide opportunity for full STAG to provide feedback and guidance. The Admin Subcommittee could also contact the STAG as a whole between meeting in cases where decisions are more substantive than administrative.

# Governance Revision 2

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## Majority Rule Decision Method – Policy/Science/Resource Decisions

- Policy/Science/Resource Decisions – Such decisions are made by the STAG using the above-described consensus rule after sufficient discussion and deliberation has been conducted. In the event consensus cannot be achieved, a final decision will be made by the Regional Board representative and the dissenting opinion may be documented by the participant(s) endorsing that opinion.
- The STAG shall refer significant differences of scientific opinion to the Independent Science Review Panel. The ISRP shall provide objective input to clarify understanding of the issue. Such information will be used by the STAG in seeking to resolve significant differences of opinion.

However, these two bullets contradict each other re scientific differences.

Proposal: The Regional Board, not staff, will have the final say on such issues. Regional Board staff commit to request advice from the State Board External Review Panel on conflicting scientific issues and will present both sides of the controversy, including the Review Panel's suggestion, to the Board. Staff reserves the right to make their own recommendation to the Board but, of course, would have to justify their recommendation.