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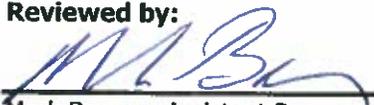


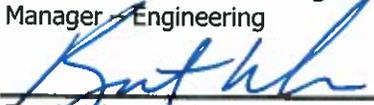
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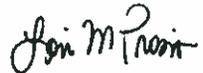
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**ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

BDCP	Bay Delta Conservation Plan
Delta	Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta
DHCCP	Delta Habitat Conservation and Conveyance Program
DWR	State of California Department of Water Resources
EJ	Environmental Justice
EO	Executive Order

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) conducted a statewide environmental justice survey from July to November 2009 in coordination with the development of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) and environmental review of the BDCP. The survey results and the following report is a part of an ongoing effort to fully comply with Presidential Executive Order (EO) 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice (EJ) in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations.

### 1.1 Purpose

Throughout the process of developing the BDCP and environmental analysis, it has been recognized that some elements of the proposed water conveyance and habitat restoration activities may result in disproportionate impacts to some minority and low-income<sup>1</sup> populations, including California Native American tribes, in and throughout the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Delta (Delta). To ensure that these potential impacts on minority and low-income populations are represented in the BDCP's planning and decision-making process, this survey was conducted to help better understand the environmental justice issues related to the BDCP.

The survey's intent was to identify possible environmental justice issues related to the BDCP and required environmental review process with the goal of providing the raw data results to the environmental review team for incorporation into the Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) analysis. The survey results are also meant to help the community outreach team gather information regarding environmental justice communities and stakeholders in order to adequately plan for community outreach activities and education efforts moving forward.

As such, one of the major goals of the survey was to identify potential issues of concern that should be considered as part of the environmental review of the BDCP, especially as they relate to environmental justice stakeholders. The survey was designed to identify potential disproportionate impacts to low-income and ethnic<sup>2</sup> communities (both English and non-English speaking residents) and identify appropriate means to communicate BDCP-related issues with these audiences.

Further, it was thought that by identifying potential issues of concern to these target populations, additional information could be gathered to (1) help address these concerns prior to any action being taken by state and federal agencies, and (2) help address or mitigate long-term potential impacts derived from potential BDCP actions.

Key information related to audiences that are typically hard-to-reach (e.g. rural, agricultural, or low-income groups) was obtained, both with the goal of aiding in the environmental review process, and for the purposes of identifying appropriate long-term outreach

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<sup>1</sup> Low-income communities were identified based upon U.S. Census Bureau data.

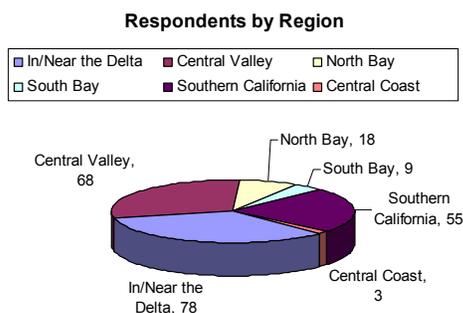
<sup>2</sup> All ethnicities identified in this report are based upon U.S. Census Bureau data.

methodologies for future use by the community outreach team. California Native American tribes were not included in this survey due to ongoing efforts at the state and federal levels to engage Tribal Councils on a government-to-government basis. However, tribes are recognized as important to the community involvement process and will be consulted regarding the BDCP through a separate effort.

The community outreach team, which includes staff from the state and federal agencies involved in the BDCP, as well as legal counsel and consultants, identified more than 1,400 individuals throughout the state to participate in the survey. Individuals were asked to take part in a brief telephone survey and offer insight and feedback to questions that were predetermined by the community outreach team dealing with various issues in the Delta, and related to water supply, quality, and conveyance throughout the state.

## 1.2 Participant Identification

A database was developed to serve as the foundation for identifying the target survey participants. Included in the database were a number of key environmental justice stakeholders, including public interest associations, ethnic associations, local governments and interested community members and activists. Efforts were made to ensure that the database included a broad cross-section of potentially impacted minority and low-income



stakeholders so that the responses represented as broad a view as possible. A sample of 1,400 stakeholders were identified as potential survey participants. Of the 1,400 survey invitations sent to identified stakeholders, 260 respondents agreed to participate in a 30-minute telephone survey. This response represents a 19 percent return. Due to scheduling conflicts and other issues, 231 of the 260 respondents who originally agreed to participate were interviewed.

The 231 survey respondents represent the environmental justice stakeholders based upon their status as community leaders, and/or their direct involvement and/or access to information about low-income and ethnic communities. Survey questions were designed to solicit unique insights into underserved communities; of particular interest was the way in which area residents use the Delta.

To clearly define concerns expressed by those interviewed, six categories of participants were identified. Each respondent was assigned to one of the following categories:

- **Agriculture:** Representatives from farm bureaus throughout the state.
- **Business:** Business owners, chambers of commerce, economic development, and employment organizations.
- **Community or Faith-based:** Non-profit organizations and foundations, government-funded assistance programs, school districts and churches/places of worship.

- Ethnic<sup>3</sup>: Organizations specializing in outreach to minority communities.
- Government or Elected officials: Government employees, local and statewide elected officials.
- Public Interest or Environmental: Water districts, environmental advocacy groups.

### 1.3 Methodology

Telephone interviews were conducted by professional community outreach consultants. A questionnaire was used to guide discussions with interviewees; however, respondents were encouraged to explore additional non-scripted related topics that arose during the exchange of dialogue in order to examine other areas of interest not accounted for in the survey questions.

### 1.4 Method Limitations

Like other qualitative methods, these interviews allow for a detailed exploration of various key topics, but do not provide data that is statistically representative of a larger population. For example, in some instances only one respondent "type" was reached in any given geographic region and information was gathered and analyzed. However, it should not be assumed that this one individual offers adequate representation of all other potential respondents categorized in the same "type" (i.e., agricultural).

It should also be noted that this report makes note of trends among interview participants when applicable, but those trends in many cases have been generalized and cannot be applied as a standard to an entire population. Instead, the information obtained through these interviews is considered descriptive and informative only, and should be considered as representative of the wide range of opinions that may exist among communities throughout California.

### 1.5 Process

Two individual rounds of interviews were conducted. Community representatives for the first round of interviews were identified based on the percentage of low-income and/or ethnic residents in their respective community and the community's proximity to the Delta. The first round of interviews included key stakeholders in communities in/near the Delta, Central Valley, and North Bay.

The geographical regions represented by the areas defined as In/Near the Delta, Central Valley, and North Bay included the following counties among the survey respondents:

- **In/Near the Delta** – Sacramento County, San Joaquin County, Solano County, and Contra Costa County
- **Central Valley** – Fresno County, Kern County, Kings County, Merced County, and Tulare County

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<sup>3</sup> All ethnicities identified in this report are based upon U.S. Census Bureau data.

- **North Bay** – Alameda County

In order to get statewide representation for the survey, additional communities were included in a second round of interviews. For the second round of interviews, stakeholders were selected based on their dependence on Central Valley or State Water Project exports, as well as the percentage of low-income and/or ethnic residents in their respective communities. The second round of interviews included communities in southern California, South Bay, and along the Central Coast. Additional questions were asked of these communities related to water costs and water availability to help gauge overall knowledge of water supply issues.

The geographical regions represented by the areas defined as South Bay, Southern California, and Central Coast includes the following counties among the survey respondents:

- **South Bay** – San Benito County and Santa Clara County
- **Southern California** – Los Angeles County, Orange County, Riverside County, San Bernardino County, and San Diego County
- **Central Coast** – Santa Barbara County and San Luis Obispo County

It should be noted that no calls were made to areas north of Sacramento or the Delta at this time. Surveys focused primarily on areas that would bear direct impacts from construction of water conveyance facilities or the implementation of habitat restoration areas, as well as regions dependent upon state and federal water exports. However, if/when information on upstream water users needs to be obtained to fully explore and identify issues of concern in geographic regions farther north, additional interviews can be conducted and information analyzed at that time.

## 1.6 Issues Discussed

Information related to the following topics was obtained from people who resided or worked In/Near the Delta, Central Valley, or North Bay (round 1 interviews):

- Perceptions of the current state of the Delta
- Primary uses of the Delta
- Key information about the respondent and/or the communities he/she represents (ethnic, cultural, business type, etc.)
- Community diversity
- Employment
- Information and communication resources

Additional questions were asked of respondents outside of the Delta region (round 2 interviews), on issues including:

- Familiarity with the Delta and regional water issues
- Water quality
- Water availability

## 1.7 About this Report

This report summarizes the interviews conducted for the purposes of providing DWR and the BDCP environmental review team a general sense of the responses received by region. Results from this survey and information provided in this report will help the environmental review team gather information for the EIR/EIS, as well as provide important community and stakeholder information to the community outreach team.

Appendix A includes the survey responses, Appendix B includes the survey script and questions, and Appendix C includes a comprehensive list of all respondents (including those contacted who declined to participate).

The report is divided into eight sections, each representing a region of California. It is then further categorized by respondent type for each region, including:

- Agriculture (Agriculture)
- Community or Faith-Based Organizations (Community)
- Ethnic Organizations (Ethnic)
- Businesses (Business)
- Elected or Government Officials (Elected)
- Public Interest Groups or Environmental Organizations (Interested Parties)

Each regional section outlines the number of interviews conducted in that region, the number of interviews conducted in each city of that region, and the type and organizations that provided respondents to the survey.

As stated above in the Methodology Limitations subsection, this report does not provide data that is statistically representative of a larger population. For example, in some instances, there is only one respondent for a subsection of a region. It would be statistically invalid to draw conclusions for the entire state based on only one interview.

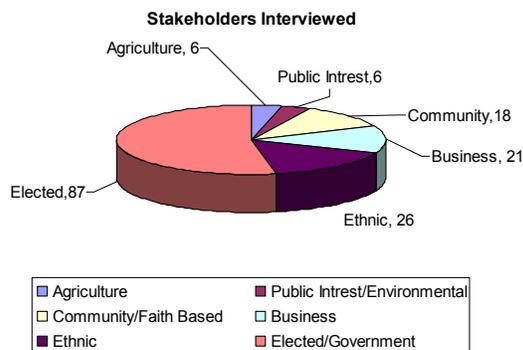
No conclusions are presented in this report; this report presents survey respondent opinions which may serve as a means to identify potential issues of concern and information for consideration throughout the BDCP environmental review process.

## 2.0 SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Two individual rounds of interviews were conducted as part of the interview process. The first round of interviews included key stakeholders in communities in/near the Delta, Central Valley, and North Bay. However, in order to get statewide representation for the survey, additional communities were included in a second round of interviews. The second round of interviews included communities in southern California, South Bay, and along the California coast.

### 2.1 In/Near the Delta, Central Valley and North Bay

Overall, interview respondents expressed concern over the current state of the Delta. When unprompted about current issues in the Delta, many stated their main concerns are associated with the fragility of the levees and infrastructure, and the potential for flooding should an earthquake or another natural disaster occur. Others referenced water supply protection – both in the quality and quantity of water available within the Delta and available for exports.



When talking about water quality, respondents believe the main issues to be addressed are saltwater intrusion, lack of water storage, general lack of wildlife protection, and a poor balance between the farming industry and the protection of the environment.

Although many respondents did not suggest a solution to address these concerns, some stated that an overall strategic approach needs to be taken to “fix” the Delta, and the piecemeal approach believed to be currently underway will not address any of the Delta’s issues. Many respondents mentioned during the course of conversation the lack of communication about the Delta’s issues and solutions, and thought a better, more comprehensive public outreach program is needed to educate residents in the state about the state’s water crisis and other water related issues.

Many respondents discussed the benefits they associate with the Delta, including its water supply to the state, the recreational opportunities available, the farming and agriculture it supports, and its abundance of wildlife and habitat. There were a few respondents who do not have any concerns about the Delta and believe its current state is “adequate” or “fine.”

In addition to Delta issues such as flooding, endangered/threatened species, and water quality, issues raised included:

- Lack of knowledge/understanding about what's happening in the Delta
- Water rights
- Water flow

- Export commitments
- Environmental opinions about the Delta smelt
- Water diversions
- High-risk plants and/or non-native plant species
- Threat of the peripheral canal
- Pollution
- Intent to reclaim lands in Delta as part of "fix"
- Output from local treatment centers
- Groundwater monitoring
- Water pumping
- Urbanization around the Delta
- Mercury contamination

### 2.1.1 Type of Community

Most respondents feel their community is unique to other communities. Although their reasons varied, most respondents believe that their community is unique due to water source, or lack thereof, type of community, type of employment, and location. When describing their community and what makes it unique, many respondents believe that their community is unique because of the employment source or because of employment/unemployment statistics. For example, many say their communities are unique because they believe them to have a higher percentage of unemployment than other communities in the state. In addition, location is something respondents offered as a source of community uniqueness. Many respondents feel that their community is unique due to being rural or near the Delta.

### 2.1.2 Community Diversity

When asked about the ethnic makeup of their community, many respondents prefaced their answers by explaining the diverse nature of their community. However, when asked about their community's primary ethnic makeup, most indicated their communities are predominantly Latino, followed by Caucasian, Black, and Asian. Given the primary ethnic makeup of the communities surveyed, the primary languages spoken are reported as: English, Spanish, and many Asian languages (Hmong, Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese), with a small percentage of Tagalog.

### 2.1.3 Employment

A slight majority of those surveyed believe farming to be a primary source of employment, while the remaining respondents feel other industries such as construction and retail serve as the primary source of employment.

For those communities reliant upon on farming as a primary source of employment, the crops identified varied widely. Most farms are reported to be on the smaller side (employing

50 people or less). In general, the ethnic makeup of the farms mirrored the ethnic makeup of the community, with a high percentage of Latinos and Caucasians either working on, or owning, farming operations.

When farming was not identified as the primary source of employment, the following industries were given as the major source of employment:

- Government
- Manufacturing
- Service industry
- Education
- Professional services
- Healthcare
- Business owners
- Construction
- Technology
- Military
- Casino
- Biomedical

In general, businesses or types of businesses reported as owned or frequented by ethnic groups include:

- Grocery stores
- Restaurants
- Retailers (such as Walmart, Costco)
- Chambers of Commerce
- Senior and recreational centers
- Churches

#### 2.1.4 Community Events and Activities

Most communities interviewed identified events and activities that are seen as important. Generally these activities include community events, recreational activities, annual festivals, religious-oriented activities, sporting events, fundraisers, concerts, family activities, farmers' markets, volunteering activities and chamber of commerce events.

These community events and gatherings were reported as important to the community for many reasons. Some events are steeped in tradition and are celebrated for cultural purposes. Others bring members of the community together by providing fun, family-oriented activities, while maintaining or improving the quality of life for those residents. Overall, they allow for increased participation for community members, bringing them closer together while providing an opportunity to share information and experiences.

When asked if certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only those particular groups, a mix of responses were received. However, many specific and general events and activities were provided within each region, including:

- Church festivals
- Community center fundraisers
- Asian Sports Foundation Crab Feed and Basketball Program
- Exercise of Tai Chi
- Lantern Festival
- Obon Festival

- Laotian New Year
- Hmong New Year
- Chinese New Year
- Cambodian New Year
- Asian Pacific Festival Buddhist Bazaar
- Filipino Weekend (July)
- Filipino March of Batan
- Catholic church services
- Cinco de Mayo celebrations
- Dia de los Muertos
- Soccer games
- Flea markets
- Festival de la Familia
- Mariachi Festival
- Meetings at the Hispanic Chamber
- Mexican Independence Day
- Tulare County flea market
- Martin Luther King Jr. celebrations
- Juneteenth Celebration
- Black Family Days
- Kwanzaa celebrations
- Church events and school events
- Events at parks
- Hot Summer Nights
- Saturday Farmers' Market
- Thursday Car Shows
- Jazz Fest
- Courtland Pear Festival
- Isleton Crawdad Festival

### 2.1.5 Delta Uses by the Community

Respondents are evenly split on whether they feel a certain ethnic or cultural group uses the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others. Of the half of respondents who believe a certain ethnic or cultural group does use the area more than other groups, the majority think that ethnic group is Asian, followed by Latino, then Black, and lastly Caucasians.

Respondents believe that these ethnic groups frequent the Delta for both recreational and food purposes, with slightly higher responses given for recreational uses. However, of those who do fish in the Delta for food, most do so because it is economical. A smaller group of individuals fish for food because it is part of their culture.

Those who frequent the Delta for recreational purposes reported doing so because it is convenient and easily accessible, and they find an abundance of fish. While all ethnic backgrounds reported frequenting the following areas for recreational purposes, Latinos and Asians are the primary ethnic groups identified as using the region for recreational purposes. Although the intention was to limit the responses to bodies of water within the Delta, many provided popular areas outside the Delta as well. Popular areas cited include:

- San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers
- American River
- Antioch Pier
- Ardenwood Creek
- Bacon Island
- Bass Lake
- Beard Staging Harbor
- Beldon Island
- Benicia Lake
- Bethal Island
- Bethany Bridge
- Buckley Cove
- Buena Vista Lake
- Cache Creek
- California Aqueduct
- Canal by Jefferson Blvd
- Carquinez Strait
- Centerville area
- Charter Way

- Clarksburg
- Clear Lake
- Eight Mile Road
- Feather River
- Folsom Lake
- Fresno Slough
- Friant Dam
- Garcia Bend
- Half Moon Bay
- Huntington Lake
- Isleton Slough
- Kaweah Lake
- Kern River
- Kings River
- Knights Landing
- Lafayette Reservoir
- Lake Berryessa
- Lake Buena Vista
- Lake Commanche
- Lake Isabella
- Lake Success
- Lake Willows
- Lake Wollen
- Love Lake Park
- Lower Delta
- Marina Bay
- Marshlands located on the south side of Suisun City and Fairfield
- Martinez Marina
- Mendota Wildlife Refuge
- Mount Diablo
- North Richmond
- Old Grand Line Canal
- Pablo Shores
- Paradise Point
- Pine Flat Dam
- Point San Pablo
- Prospect Lake
- Putah Creek
- Richmond Marina
- Richmond Shoreline
- Rio Vista
- Sacramento River
- San Francisco Bay
- San Joaquin River
- San Pablo Bay
- San Pablo Dam
- Scaags Bridge Park
- Shadow Creek
- Shaver Lake
- Suisun Bay
- Three Forks
- Tule River
- Twin Cities Slough

### 2.1.6 Information and Communication

Most people receive their information about government programs through traditional media, such as the newspaper, television and radio. However, there are a number of people who receive information at community events, directly from their elected officials or local government agencies, and through community organizations. Specific examples of each of these communication channels in the Delta, Central Valley, and North Bay regions include:

#### Newspapers

- Bakersfield Californian
- Bi-Lingual Weekly
- Contra Costa Times
- Daily Democrat
- Daily Republic
- Davis Enterprise
- Ethnic newspapers
- Fresno Bee
- Grapevine Independent
- Merced County Times
- Parlicer Post
- Porterville Recorder
- River News Herald
- Sacramento Bee
- Sanger Hearld
- Selma Enterprise
- Stockton Record
- Sun Star
- The Aggie
- The Delano Record
- Valley Voice
- Visalia Times Delta
- West County Times
- Winters Express
- Woodland Daily Democrat

**Radio**

- El Piolin
- El Que Ritmo en la Manana
- K100
- KJAY
- KDTV
- KMJ
- KTIP
- KYOS

**Government**

- City Web site
- Bill inserts
- City newsletters
- City councilmember outreach
- E-blasts from elected officials

**Other means of receiving information identified include:**

- Chamber events, mixers, and newsletter
- Word of mouth
- Schools
- Internet (city Web sites, social media Web sites, blogs)
- Church
- Direct mail
- Community centers
- Homeowner Associations

When asked where people who may be considered low-income receive services, such as government assistance and/or healthcare, many suggested non-profit organizations, local emergency rooms or county service agencies as sources. Specific programs or organizations identified include:

- Brickside Community Clinic
- Brookside clinic
- CAL Works program
- Care Link
- Children's Healthcare Program
- Churches
- Clinica Sierra Vista
- Clinica de la Raza
- Clinica Sierra Vista
- CommuniCare Health Care Clinic
- CSET
- Delta Food Bank
- Family and friends
- Family Healthcare network
- Family Resource Centers
- First 5 Yolo
- Golden Valley Health Care
- Habitat for Humanity
- Healthy San Joaquin
- Homeless Healthcare
- HSA – Human Services Agency
- Human Resource Centers
- Kern Medical Center
- Love Inc.
- MediCal
- National Health Care
- Neighbors
- Partnership for Families
- Prodic
- Salvation Army

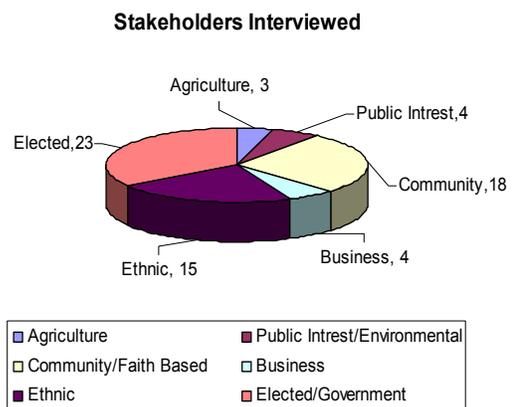
- Schools
- Senior Centers
- Southside Enterprises
- The Adventist Health Hospital
- The Employment Development Center
- The Food Closet (helps individuals, not large groups)
- The Housing Authority
- The Lions Club
- The Rotary Club
- The Sutter Foundation
- The Winters Healthcare Foundation
- The Work Force Investment (non-profit)
- Tracy Planned Parenthood
- Tracy Shelter for Women
- Tracy Sutter
- Tracy Urgent Care
- Unemployment Office
- United Health Care
- Women Infants and Children (WIC)/Food Stamps
- Workforce Connection
- Yolo Family Resource Center (also acts as a referral service)
- Yolo Way Farer (Helps with shelter and payment of utility bills)

The majority of the respondents identified Latinos as the largest percentage of low-income residents in their communities.

## 2.2 South Bay, Southern California, and Central Coast

A majority of those interviewed indicated that they are familiar with the issues impacting the Delta and of those, many have heard news stories about the Delta or Delta-related issues in the past 6 to 12 months. Some of the Delta-related issues heard by the respondents include:

- Protection of the Delta smelt and other fish
- Water delivery amounts from northern California to southern California
- Overall environmental impacts
- Levee stability and flooding concerns
- Water quality
- Construction of a canal
- Agricultural and farming concerns
- Water supply shortages



The respondents indicated that the news stories they had heard closely mirror the concerns they personally have or have heard elsewhere.

When respondents were asked for their opinion on the Delta's primary use or need, many cited water supply (drinking water), followed by farming, environment/habitat, boating and recreation, fishing, navigation by ships, and housing/jobs. When asked for their views on

what the primary purpose of the Delta ought to be, the number one response was also water supply (drinking water), followed by farming, environment/habitat, boating and recreation, navigation by ships, fishing, and housing/jobs. However, many of the respondents also indicated that they believe a large portion of their water supply comes from the Colorado River or other water sources outside of the Delta.

Only half of those surveyed from Southern California had visited the Delta, and had done so for business or recreation reasons, or lived in the area at one point. Others have driven through on their way to other destinations, and a handful had been on sponsored tours of the area. For the half who had never visited the Delta, many feel that it is too far away, have no interest in the area, or it had not occurred to them to visit.

When prompted about current conditions in the Delta, two-thirds of the respondents were familiar with flood hazards associated with levee failures and the status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt. However, only half are familiar with the condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon, and water quality conditions. Other Delta conditions cited include:

- Lack of water and impacts to farmers and agriculture
- Water supply

The majority of respondents believe that their community has water quality and availability issues, and about half feel that the community has water affordability issues. The majority of those asked do not know where their water comes from.

When asked about the primary cause of the water quality, availability, and reliability issues, respondents were evenly split between environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other), lack of water being exported from Northern California, and political opinions.

Almost all respondents reported the existence of both voluntary and/or mandatory conservation programs in their community. For those few respondents who are not aware of or whose community does not have formalized conservation programs, many think it would be a good idea to start water conservation efforts in their community.

As it relates to water affordability, only a small group of respondents believe their community could afford an increase in water costs. However, they could not quantify the level or percentage of increase their community could afford. Most others believe the people in their communities would not be able to afford an increase in water costs even if it meant higher quality water or a more reliable source of water. And at the same time, the respondents recognized that the agricultural, commercial, or industrial businesses are impacted in some way by water quality, reliability, or availability issues.

### **2.2.1 Impacts on the Community**

During the survey, the respondents were asked a series of questions related to specific impacts on their communities should water supplies decrease from current levels, or if water

costs are increased to maintain the current level of water supplies. The specific categories of impacts included residential, agricultural, industrial, or commercial industries and are summarized below.

### **2.2.1.1 Residential**

When asked about impacts due to water supplies being decreased from current levels, many reported that community members' lifestyles would change and their quality of life would be impacted: they would landscape less, be forced to conserve more, be more responsible about their water usage and decrease activities such as car washing. There would be a fiscal and economic impact as well – many would lose their jobs – due to lack of water. It would also cause hardships for families and non-profit organizations (food banks), creating more foreclosures and forcing residents to leave their current communities.

When asked about impacts caused by increases in water costs to maintain current supplies, the response was similar to those reported above. Although some indicated that certain portions of their community would be able to afford an increase in costs, the majority would be greatly impacted, especially low-income areas and seniors on fixed budgets.

### **2.2.1.2 Agricultural**

Many respondents suspect that agriculture would be hit hardest with a reduction in water or an increase in the cost of water. Respondents stated farmers would have to reduce production of goods, and would potentially not survive further water cutbacks, resulting in the closure of many farms. Many said cost increases would be passed along to the end customer, making it difficult to afford California-farmed goods and products.

Some believed with a cutback in the agricultural industry there would be a larger, negative impact on the overall economy of California.

### **2.2.1.3 Industrial and Commercial**

Respondents lumped industrial and commercial into one category, referencing a cutback in water or an increase in the cost of water as having the same impacts on these industries. Many believed that one of two things would happen to these two industries:

1. Any increase in cost would be passed along to the customer.
2. They could not survive a cutback in water and would ultimately have to close down, again resulting in a greater economic impact for California.

## **2.2.2 Type of Community**

Most respondents feel their community is unique to other communities. Although responses varied, many cited diverse populations – ethnically, culturally and economically. Others feel their community is unique because of the community's location, size, topography, and geography. Some feel the active lifestyle and ties to nature make their community unique.

Water source and types of jobs held by community members were also provided as responses.

### 2.2.3 Community Diversity

When asked about the ethnic makeup of the community, many prefaced their answers by saying the community is very diverse. However, when asked about the primary ethnic makeup, most indicated their communities are predominantly Latino, followed by Caucasian, Asian, and Black. The primary languages identified as spoken in the communities are: English, Spanish, and many Asian languages (Korean, Cambodian, Vietnamese, Japanese), with a smaller percentage of Tagalog as the primary language in the community.

### 2.2.4 Employment

The major employment types cited include:

- |                           |                          |             |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Government             | 5. Professional services | 9. Retail   |
| 2. Manufacturing/industry | 6. Technology            | 10. Retired |
| 3. Education              | 7. Tourism               |             |
| 4. Service industry       | 8. Healthcare            |             |

### 2.2.5 Community Events and Activities

Most communities have events and activities that are seen as important for many reasons. Some events are steeped in tradition and are celebrated for cultural purposes. Others bring members of the community together by providing fun, family-oriented activities, while maintaining or improving the quality of life for those residents. Overall, they allow for increased participation for community members, bringing them closer together while sharing information and experiences. Some examples of these events cited include:

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|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • 66 Rendezvous – Car Show              | • Blue Grass bands          | • County Fair               |
| • Anaheim Angels games                  | • Boating                   | • Creek Day                 |
| • Annual community celebration          | • Botanical Garden          | • Disneyland                |
| • Assistance League of Fullerton events | • Business mixers           | • Earth Day events          |
| • Basketball                            | • Chamber mixers            | • Educational programs      |
| • Big Moon Festival                     | • Chili Cook-Off            | • Faith-based activities    |
| • Biking/hiking                         | • Chinese New Year Festival | • Family-based activities   |
| • Black Business Expo                   | • Christmas Parade          | • Farmers' markets          |
| • Black radio industry event            | • Church                    | • Festivals                 |
|   | • Cinco de Mayo             | • Filipino dancing groups   |
|   | • Clean Up Day              | • Folklorico dancing groups |
|   | • Community events          | • Gardening                 |
|   |                             | • Garlic Festival           |

- Gay Pride Parade
- Golfing
- Good Neighbor Festival
- Grand Prix
- High school sports
- Homecoming Week
- Jewish holidays
- Knott's Berry Farm
- Little League
- Little Tokyo and Buddhist Temple Festival
- Neighborhood social gatherings
- Old House Fair
- Outdoor activities
- PTA meeting
- Queen Mary cruise to Catalina
- Renaissance Fair
- Rod Runs
- Rodeo
- Route 66 Festival
- Sailing
- Soccer
- Somali Independence Day
- Taste of Morgan Hill
- Tennis
- The Cotton Festival
- The Jazz festival
- The Juneteeth Festival
- Thursday Night Market
- Titan baseball games
- Vietnamese Festival
- Volunteerism
- Walkabouts
- Water Festival
- Watershed Fair
- Youth-targeted events

### 2.2.6 Information and Communication

Community members reported receive information through various channels including:

- Bill inserts
- CDC
- Children's schools
- City Hall
- Civic groups
- Community Association Institute bi-monthly magazine
- Community centers
- Community events and meetings
- Community organizations
- Cultural groups
- Direct mail
- E-mail (CAI-California Legislative Action Committee cal-trac e-mail blast)
- Elected officials
- Employer
- Faith-based organizations
- Government agencies
- Government community channels
- Internet
- Newsletters (Farmer's Bureau newsletter)
- Newspapers (Fresno Bee, Orange County Register, Grunion, Hanford Sentinel, The Press Telegram, Avenue Chimes, Corcoran Journal, LA Times)
- Non-profit organizations
- Radio
- Sorority and fraternity clubs
- Spanish newspapers
- State employment offices
- The County's hotline (211)
- TV
- Word of mouth

When asked where people who may be considered low-income receive services, such government assistance and/or healthcare, many identified Churches, city halls, community-based organization, community clinics, county services, homeless shelters, Medicaid and medical offices, non-profits and social service agencies, some examples of specific agencies include:

- Academic Uprise
- Barrio Station
- CAL Optima
- Centra Cha
- Centro Salom
- Continuing education centers
- County Office of Human Services
- Family Health Centers of San Diego
- Health Foundation
- Kings County Community Action
- Little Tokyo Service Center
- Long Beach BLAST
- Long Beach Immigration Center
- Long Beach Memorial
- Molina Health Care Clinic
- Rancho Dominguez General Lee Building
- St. Mary's Hospital
- The Assistance League of Fullerton
- University of California, Irvine
- Union of Pan Asian Communities
- Welfare Department

The majority of the respondents said Latinos make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in their communities.

While the interview findings would seem to indicate that many/most respondents are familiar with the Delta, many also lacked a strong understanding about their own water supplies as they relate to the Delta. It was also difficult for many respondents to determine fact versus fiction in information they obtain from other sources. Some of the respondents who lacked a strong knowledge of Delta-related issues indicated that it is because there is not enough reliable information, education, and awareness currently available about Delta issues. Others, specifically those outside of the Delta region, stated that the primary reason for lack of knowledge and awareness is simply geography – they are too far from the Delta to have immediate or intimate awareness of it.

## 3.0 IN/NEAR THE DELTA

<b>Data Summary</b>		
<b>City/County</b>	<b>Interviews Conducted (79 total)</b>	<b>Respondent Type/Organization</b>
Antioch	1	Elected/City of Antioch
Citrus Heights	1	Elected/City of Citrus Heights
Clarksburg	3	Agriculture/Sacramento Farm Bureau; Community/Delta Elementary Charter School; Community/Landowner
Clayton	1	Elected/City of Clayton
Contra Costa County	3	Elected/Contra Costa County (2); Interested/Muir Heritage Land Trust
Davis	2	Elected/City of Davis; Ethnic/Davis Chinese Christian Church
Fairfield	2	Business/Fairfield Chamber of Commerce; Business/Ray Morgan Company
Galt	1	Elected/City of Galt
Lodi	2	Community/Lodi House; Elected/City of Lodi
Manteca	1	Elected/City of Manteca Water Department
Martinez	2	Elected/City of Martinez (2)
Oakley	2	Business/Oakley Chamber of Commerce; Community/Delta Family YMCA
Pittsburg	2	Business/Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce; Ethnic/East Bay National Society of Black Engineers
Rancho Cordova	1	Elected/City of Rancho Cordova
Rio Vista	1	Community/River Delta Unified School District
Sacramento	19	Community/Sacramento Area YMCA; Elected/City of Sacramento (4); Elected/Sacramento County (2); Ethnic/California Association of Black Social Workers; Ethnic/California Hispanic Resource Council; Ethnic/Chinese Grace Bible Church; Ethnic/Hmong Women Heritage Association; Ethnic/Latino Coalition for a Healthy Family; Ethnic/My Sister's House; Ethnic/Sacramento Asian Community Center; Ethnic/Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce; Ethnic/Sacramento Chinese Community Services/ Ethnic/Sacramento Japanese Methodist Church; Ethnic/Slavic Assistance Center; Ethnic/Southeast Asian Assistance Center
San Joaquin County	2	Business/Business Council of San Joaquin County; Agriculture/San Joaquin Farm Bureau
Santa Rosa	1	Business/Wiseman Company
Solano	2	Elected/Solano County (2)
Stockton	5	Business/Downtown Stockton Alliance; Community/Gospel Center Rescue Mission; Community/University of the Pacific; Ethnic/Central Valley Asian American Chamber of Commerce; Ethnic/Tax Express
Suisun City	4	Elected/City of Suisun City (4)
Tracy	3	Business/Tracy Chamber of Commerce; Elected/City of Tracy (2)
Vacaville	3	Elected/City of Vacaville (3)
West Sacramento	5	Business/NorCal Beverages; Business/Wallace and Kuhl; Business/West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce; Elected/City of West Sacramento (2)
Wilton	1	Business/Pipe Down Underground Construction
Winters	3	Elected/City of Winters (3)
Woodland	2	Community/Woodland Unified School District; Elected/City of Woodland
Yolo County	4	Elected/Yolo County (4)

### 3.1 Agriculture Responses

Two interviews were categorized as “agricultural” in the “In/Near Delta” region. Below is the summary of findings for those interviews.

#### 3.1.1 General Delta-Related

##### **How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?**

Both respondents believe the Delta faces challenges due to the amount of water that is “exported” or delivered to other parts of the state. One respondent indicated that the only problem with the Delta is “the way water is moved,” and historically the Delta has been “sustainable – both economically and socially.” The second respondent on the other hand is “not very happy about the state of the Delta.”

##### **What do you think are its best attributes and why?**

Both respondents provided a response to this question and offered the following attributes (each response was provided once):

- Largest estuary on the West Coast
- Thousands of miles of waterways
- Recreational opportunities
- Water delivery
- Wildlife habitat
- Productive agricultural base
- Fertile farmland
- Beautiful riparian areas/scenery

##### **What do you think it needs to be done to “fix” it?**

Both respondents provided a response to this question.

Respondents provided suggestions on ways to “fix” the Delta, including (each response was provided once):

- Improve water delivery system
- Do not construct any kind of canal
- Long-term commitment to the land mass in the Delta
- Cease removal of fresh water from the Delta
- Create a system that that separates water from fish

##### **Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

- **Flood hazards associated with levee failures?**

Both respondents who answered this question are familiar with flood hazards associated with levee failures.

- **Condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon?**

Both respondents who answered this question are familiar with the condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon.

- **Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt?**

Both respondents who answered this question are familiar with the status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt.

- **Water quality?**

Both respondents who answered this question are familiar with current water quality conditions.

- **Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?**

Other issues offered include:

- Invasive species
- Water rights
- Agricultural viability
- Economic viability

**Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?**

Both respondents live and work in the Delta.

### 3.1.2 Understanding Community Character

**Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?**

Both respondents indicated that they grew up in the Delta. One respondents father bought his farm in the 1940s and it has been in the family ever since. The other respondent indicated that he chooses to live/work in the delta for economic and recreational purposes.

**Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

One of the two respondents indicted his community is unique.

**What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

When asked for specific reasons of why their communities are unique, the following was provided by the one respondent who believes that his community is unique:

- Slow growth
- Size
- Personality
- Type of people
- Community culture
- Location
- Geography

**Do you see your family remaining in for generations to come? Why or why not?**

One respondent indicated that his family would remain in the Delta because “they already have the 5th generation involved in the business.” The second respondent was unsure because he is uncertain if farming interested other members of his family.

**What activities are important to your community (i.e. what cultural events, community group meetings, annual festivals, etc. are important to your community)?**

One respondent provided both specific and general types of events that are important to his community, including:

**General Types of Events**

- Agricultural activities

**Specific Events**

- Clarksburg Fourth of July Parade
- Pear Fair
- Catfish Jubilee
- Crawfish Festival

The second respondent indicated that members of his community do not socialize; they only interact for business reasons.

**What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

When asked to try and identify the primary ethnic makeup both respondents provided multiple ethnicities as the primary ethnicity, including (the number of respondents who provided the response is indicated in parenthesis):

- Latino (2)
- Caucasian (1)
- Portuguese (1)
- Dutch (1)

**What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

Both respondents indicated English is a primary language. One indicated Portuguese is also a primary language, and the other respondent indicated Spanish.

**Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

Both respondents indicated farming is considered a primary form of employment and know the major crops or goods produced, including (the number of respondents who provided the response is indicated in parenthesis):

- Tomatoes (2)
- Alfalfa (2)
- Dairy (1)
- Silage (1)
- Pumpkins (1)
- Squash (1)
- Beans (1)
- Pear (1)
- Grape (1)
- Grains (1)
- Corn (1)
- Wheat (1)
- Safflower (1)

When asked about the size of the farms, both respondents indicated the farms are smaller (less than 50 employees). Although one respondent indicates that during the pear harvest some farms may have more than 100 employees.

Both respondents indicated that Latino is the primary ethnicity in the farming industry.

### 3.1.3 Delta Uses By The Community

**Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by the ethnic groups you've identified in your community? In general, are there specific businesses in your community that are frequented more than others?**

Businesses	Ethnic Population	Owned/Frequented
Coffee Shops	None identified	Frequented
Supply stores	None identified	Frequented
Sugar Mill	None identified	Frequented
Trucking Company	None identified	Frequented
Home Depot	None identified	Frequented
Small grocery stores	None identified	Frequented
Dinky Diner	None identified	Frequented

**Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?**

One respondent provided a response to this question and does not believe certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others.

**Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?**

One respondent indicated that certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only that group.

That one respondent indicated that St. Joseph's Church or St. Anthony's Church in Walnut Grove have festivals and a Buddhist Bazaar is held every year in Walnut Grove.

The second respondent indicated “there isn’t much of that” in the community and is unsure of the reason.

### 3.1.4 Information and Communication

#### **In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects?**

Both respondents provided the following as sources of information for the community (the number of respondents who provided the response is indicated in parenthesis):

- Newspapers (2)
  - County Farm Bureau Newspaper
- Television (1)
- Community organizations (1)
- E-mail distribution lists (1)
- Internet (1)
- Word of mouth (1)

#### **For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four), where do these individuals receive government and/or healthcare services?**

Both respondents are aware of services providing government services and/or health care for those who may be considered low income. However only one respondent provided specific locations, including:

- Farm Bureau Annual Health Fair
- Doctors’ offices

Both respondents specified Latinos as the ethnic groups that they think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in their communities.

## 3.2 Business Responses

Twelve interviews were categorized as “business” in the “In/Near Delta” region. Below is the summary of findings for those interviews. The number of respondents for any given response to a question is indicated in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

### 3.2.1 General Delta-Related

#### **How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?**

Ten of the 12 respondents provided a response to this question. Generally, respondents acknowledged that the Delta is “in trouble,” “in need of help” and “broken.” Specific reasons for this general feeling of concern for the Delta include:

- Saltwater intrusion (2)
- Water quality (2)
- Depleting the Delta’s resources to support southern California’s water needs or growth (2)

#### **What do you think are its best attributes and why?**

Seven of the 12 respondents offered a wide range of attributes including:

- Recreation (5)
- Water supply (4)
- Ecology/habitat (3)
- Natural Resource (3)
- Tourist Attraction (2)
- Beauty (1)
- Economic engine (1)
- Agricultural (1)

#### **What, if anything, do you think needs to be done to fix it?**

Seven of the 12 respondents provided suggestions on how to “fix” the Delta, including:

- Limit the amount of water taken from the Delta (3)
- Increase conservation efforts throughout the state (2)
- Repair the levees (1)
- Increase water storage (1)

#### **Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

- **Flood hazards associated with levee failures?**

Eleven of the 12 respondents are familiar with flood hazards associated with levee failures.

- **Condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon?**

Ten of the 11 respondents are familiar with the condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon.

- **Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt?**

Ten of the 12 respondents are familiar with the status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt.

- **Water quality?**

Nine of the 12 respondents are familiar with current water quality conditions.

- **Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?**

Other issues offered include:

- People are using the Delta as a dumping site
- Water flow issues
- Ammonia discharge from desalination
- Increased education and public outreach about the delicacy of the Delta's ecosystem
- The need for both saltwater and fresh water in the Delta region
- Consequences of diverting water to other areas
- Consequences of a peripheral canal

### **Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?**

Eleven of the 12 respondents answered this question. Eight respondents both work and live in the Delta, two only work in the Delta, and one only lives in the Delta.

### **3.2.2 Understanding Community Character**

#### **Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?**

Eleven of the 12 respondents provided reasons why they live and/or work in the Delta, including:

- The Delta is where they were born/raised (4)
- Recreational opportunities (3)
- Proximity to other attractions/areas (3)
- Business/job location (3)
- Natural resources (2)
- Weather (1)
- Community/character (1)

**If living outside of the Delta: Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?**

The one respondent who answered this question visits the Delta for recreational purposes.

**Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

Eleven of the 12 respondents answered this question. Nine believe that their communities are unique to other communities; two did not.

**What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

When asked for specific reasons of why their community is unique, the following responses were provided:

- Location (5)
- "Small-town" feeling (3)
- Recreational opportunities (1)
- Surroundings (1)
- Diversity (1)
- Mixed uses (1)

**Do you see your family remaining in your community for generations to come? Why or why not?**

Ten of the 12 respondents answered this question.

Two of the 10 indicated they do not see their families remaining in their community. One indicated that his/her family has already moved from the Delta to larger cities, away from the small town. Another feels the cost of living is too high for his/her family to remain in the Delta area.

The remaining eight respondents believe their families will stay in the Delta region for the following reasons:

- Family business is in the Delta (2)
- Strong ties to family living in the Delta (1)
- Low population compared to other parts of the state (1)

**What activities are important to your community (i.e., what cultural events, community group meetings, annual festivals, etc., are important to your community)?**

All 12 respondents provided both specific and general types of events they consider important, including:

**General Types of Events**

- Fourth of July celebrations (4)
- Recreational activities (3)
- Cultural events (2)
- Community events (2)
- Sporting events (2)
- Religious events (1)
- Concerts (1)
- Farmers' Markets (1)
- Free fishing days (1)
- Rotary events (1)

**Specific Events**

- West Sacramento on the Go (2)
- Oktoberfest (2)
- Isleton Crawdad Festival (1)
- Neighbor's Faire (1)
- Friday Nights in the Fall (1)
- Clarksburg County Run (1)
- Christmas Parade (1)
- Seafood Festival (1)
- Bean Festival (1)
- Annual Lodi Grape and Wine Festival (1)
- Obon Festival (1)
- Tomato Festival (1)
- Candy Festival (1)
- Art & Wine Festival (1)
- Festival on the Marina (1)
- Oakley Almond Festival (1)
- Brentwood Corn Festival (1)
- Art Walk (1)
- Evening on the Plaza (1)
- Taste of Joaquin (1)
- Asparagus Festival (1)

**Why do you think they are important?**

Ten of the 12 respondents think these activities are important to their communities because they:

- Bring people together (5)
- Help local economy (4)
- Celebrate and showcases the community (3)
- Help maintain community's small-town feel (1)
- Lure people to the community (1)
- Promote healthy living (1)
- Add to the quality of life (1)

### What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Most respondents feel that their community is diverse and does not have a primary ethnic makeup. However, when asked to identify the primary ethnic makeup, 10 of the 12 respondents provided multiple ethnicities as the primary ethnicity, including:

- Latino (8)
- Caucasian (6)
- Black (6)
- Asian (5)
- Portuguese (1)
- German (1)
- Italian (1)
- Swedish (1)
- Filipino (1)
- Afghani (1)
- Indian (1)

Two of the 12 respondents could not identify a primary ethnic makeup for their communities.

### What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

All 12 respondents provided the primary language spoken in their community. Some identified more than one language. According to these respondents, the primary languages spoken in their community are:

- English (12)
- Spanish (5)
- Portuguese (1)

### Is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Two of the 12 respondents identified industrial plants as the primary form of employment in their communities. The 10 remaining respondents indicated that farming is a primary form of employment in their community. Of those 10 respondents, nine know the major crops or goods produced, including:

- Wine grapes (7)
- Corn (6)
- Tomatoes (4)
- Grasses/Hay (3)
- Wheat (3)
- Walnuts (3)
- Cherries (3)
- Alfalfa (2)
- Almonds (2)
- Asparagus (2)
- Soybeans (1)
- Pears (1)
- Rice (1)
- Sunflowers (1)
- Citrus fruits (1)
- Squash (1)
- Apples (1)
- Peaches (1)
- Apricots (1)
- Strawberries (1)

When asked about farm size, two of those 10 respondents indicated the farms are large (50 employees or more), one indicated the farms were smaller (fewer than 50 employees), three said there is a mix of both small and larger farms, while four were unsure of farm size.

Seven of the 10 who said farming is a primary form of employment provided an ethnicity of those involved in the farming industry. Five of those seven said the primary ethnicity in the industry is Latino, while one respondent said German and another said Portuguese.

### 3.2.3 Delta Uses By The Community

**Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by the ethnic groups you've identified in your community? In general, are there specific businesses in your community that are frequented more than others?**

Businesses	Ethnic Population	Owned/Frequented
Dave Wong's	Asian	Frequented
Asian grocery stores	Asian	Frequented
Papa Pablos	Greek	Frequented
Italian restaurants	Italians	Both
Latino grocery stores	Latino	Frequented
Mexican restaurants	Latino	Frequented
Las Superior	Latino	Frequented
Mi Pueblo	Latino	Frequented
La Cabana	Latino	Both
El Cancun	Latino	Both
Bogle Winery	Mix	Frequented
Husicks	Mix	Frequented
Bink's	Mix	Frequented
The Sugarmill Winery	Mix	Frequented
Shorties	Mix	Frequented
Thai restaurants	Thai	Frequented
Vietnamese restaurants	Vietnamese	Frequented

**Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish more than others?**

Seven of the 12 respondents indicated that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish.

Five of those seven identified the following specific groups:

- Asian (4)
- Caucasian (1)
- Latino (1)
- Black (1)

Reasons given for using the area are:

- Recreation and food (5)
- Recreation only (1)
- Food only (1)

When food was given as the reason for the use of the surrounding area, four respondents indicated it is for cultural or economic reasons, and one indicated it is based on preference.

When recreation was given as the reason for the use of the surrounding areas, one respondent said it is due to the area's familiarity, another indicated it is because of location, and another said because of the type of fish in the area.

Four respondents think there are popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups gather for other water-related activities. These four respondents identified the ethnic or cultural groups as Asian, retired community, Latinos, Caucasians, residents, and farmers.

The popular areas identified as places where these groups go for water-related activities include (each of the following responses was provided once):

- The Marshlands
- The American River
- Garcia Bend
- Clarksburg Slough
- Isleton Slough
- Twin Cities Slough
- Paradise Point
- Banks of the river by Lads
- Mount Diablo

Three of the 12 respondents did not believe or are unfamiliar with certain ethnic or cultural group's use of the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish. Two of the 12 respondents did not answer this question.

**Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only the ethnic groups you've identified in your community?**

Seven of the 12 respondents believed certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only their group. Examples of these activities provided by the respondents include (each of the following responses was provided once):

- Annual Wine Festival – Portuguese
- Tribal celebrations – Maidu & Miwok Indians
- Church events – Black
- New Year's Celebrations – Various Asian cultures
- Cinco de Mayo – Latino
- Latino parades – Latino
- Juneteenth Celebration – Black

- Martin Luther King events – Black
- Filipino March of Batan – Filipino
- Mariachi Festival – Latino
- Hot Summer Nights – Mix
- Farmers’ Markets – Mix
- Thursday Car Shows – Mix
- Celtic Nations Festival – Caucasian

Three of the 12 respondents do not believe certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only those groups, citing the following reasons (each of the following responses was provided once):

- Not enough interest
- Lack of organization in the community
- Not enough money
- No leadership

### 3.2.4 Information and Communication

#### **In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects?**

The 12 respondents provided the following as sources of information for the community:

- Newspapers (7)
  - Tracy Press (1)
  - Contra Costa Times (1)
  - Stockton Record (1)
- Internet (4)
  - City of Tracy Web site (1)
- Television (3)
- City government (2)
  - San Joaquin Council of Governments (2)
  - City of West Sacramento (1)
  - State of California (1)
  - County supervisors (1)
  - Local elected officials (1)
- Chamber of Commerce (2)
- Libraries (1)
- Service board announcements at local grocery stores/post office (1)
- Radio (1)
- Community events (1)
- E-mail (1)
  - City of Pittsburg e-mail subscription (1)

#### **Where do people who may be considered low-income in your community receive government, health care, or other services?**

Eight of the 12 respondents are aware of services providing government services and/or health care for those who may be considered low-income, including:

- City (3)
  - Oakley (1)
  - Brentwood (1)
- Free clinics (2)
- Hospitals (2)
  - County hospital (Leeland & Loveridge) (1)
  - Martinez County Hospital (1)
- County (2)
  - Sacramento County (1)
  - San Joaquin County (1)
- Tracy Sutter (1)
- Tracy Urgent Care (1)
- Tracy Planned Parenthood (1)
- Tracy Shelter for women (1)
- Nonprofit agencies (1)
- Human Services Agency (1)
- Community Partnership for Families (1)

Eight of the 12 respondents identified Latinos as the ethnic group with the largest percentage of low-income residents in their communities. The remaining four respondents did not know or did not speculate.

### 3.3 Community/Faith Based Responses

Twelve interviews were categorized as “community” in the “In/Near Delta” region. Respondents classified as “community” are individuals who have experience working in or with community-based organizations, or who work directly with low-income or minority groups within their communities. It also includes faith based organizations. Below is the summary of findings for those interviews. The number of respondents for any given response to a question is indicated in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

#### 3.3.1 General Delta-Related

##### How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

All 12 respondents provided a response to this question. Generally, respondents are “concerned with the state of the Delta,” and “worried about its future.” Some acknowledge that it “needs help,” and is “falling apart.” Specific reasons for this general feeling of concern for the Delta include:

- Flood risks from failing levee system (2)
- Diversion of water supply (1)
- Water quality (1)
- Intrusion of non-natives species (1)

##### What do you think are its best attributes and why?

Ten of the 12 respondents offered a wide range of attributes including:

- Quiet, peaceful nature and beautiful scenery (6)
- Great recreational resource (3)
- Water resource (3)
- Few remaining interior Deltas in the world (1)
- Filter from the bay (1)
- Economic engine (1)
- Fertile farmland (1)
- Riparian areas (1)
- Small communities (1)
- Agricultural center (1)
- Contribution to transportation of goods (1)
- Tourism (1)

##### What, if anything, do you think needs to be done to fix it?

Ten of the 12 respondents provided suggestions on how to “fix” the Delta, including:

- Discontinuing the shipment of water to southern California and other parts of the state (2)
- Dredging the Delta (1)

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- Cleaning up the Delta (1)
- Bringing in experts and specialists with research-based information for a solution (1)
- Increasing conservation measures (1)
- Establishing one body to govern the Delta (1)
- Increasing the fresh water in the Delta (1)
- Eliminating non-natives species (1)
- Repairing the ecosystem (1)
- Ensuring farmers have water (1)

**Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

- **Flood hazards associated with levee failures?**  
Eleven of the 12 respondents are familiar with flood hazards associated with levee failures.
- **Condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon?**  
Ten of the 12 respondents are familiar with the condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon.
- **Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt?**  
Eight of the 12 respondents are familiar with the status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt.
- **Water quality?**  
Nine of the 12 respondents are familiar with current water quality conditions.
- **Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?**  
Other issues offered include:
  - High-risk plants (1)
  - Invasive/non-native species (2)
  - Infrastructure and land development affecting the ecological health (1)
  - Pollution (1)
  - Additional upstream storage (1)

**Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?**

Ten of the 12 respondents both work and live in the Delta, one only works in the Delta, and one did not provide a response.

**3.3.2 Understanding Community Character**

**Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?**

Eleven of the 12 respondents provided reasons why they live and/or work in the Delta, including:

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- Business/job location (6)
- The Delta is where they were born/raised (3)
- Recreational opportunities (2)
- Weather (2)
- Proximity to other attractions/areas (1)
- Community/character (2)

**If living outside of the Delta: Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?**

There were no responses to this question.

**Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

Eleven of the 12 respondents believe that their communities are unique to other communities, while one did not.

**What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

When asked for specific reasons why their community is unique, the following responses were provided:

- Community character (4)
- Size (3)
- Diversity (2)
- Location (2)
- Recreational opportunities (2)
- Surrounding water ways (1)
- Type of industry (1)
- Smaller tax base (1)
- History (1)

**Do you see your family remaining in your community for generations to come? Why or why not?**

Nine of the 12 respondents answered this question. Four of the nine indicated they do not see their families remaining in their community. Two respondents indicated they plan on retiring in a different community, while another respondent feels his job may take him elsewhere. The fourth respondent indicated he plans to move away and would like to see other places as he grows older.

The remaining five respondents offered these reasons for keeping their families in the Delta (each response was provided once):

- Connected to the land, people and environment
- Big city feel in a small town

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- Location
- Close to family
- Family business

**What activities are important to your community (i.e., what cultural events, community group meetings, annual festivals, etc., are important to your community)?**

All 12 respondents answered this question. Two respondents believe that there were no activities important to the community. The remaining 10 respondents provided both specific and general types of events they consider important, including:

**General Types of Events**

- Wine tasting events (2)
- Recreational activities (2)
- Street fairs (1)
- Farmers’ markets (1)
- Fourth of July events (1)
- Library fundraisers (1)
- Chinese New Year celebrations (1)
- Vietnamese New Year celebrations (1)
- Health fairs (1)
- Cultural events (1)
- School activities/sports (1)
- Volunteering (1)

**Specific Events**

- Clarksburg Fun Run (3)
- Courtland Pear Fair (2)
- Rio Vista Bass Festival (1)
- Isleton Crawdad Festival (1)
- Clarksburg 100-mile bicycle ride (1)
- Grape Festival (1)
- Cordelia Rotary Club events (1)
- Annual Pumpkin Patch (1)
- Child Haven’s functions (1)
- Waterfront Festival (1)
- Tomato Festival (1)
- Creek Walks (1)
- Mexican Independence Celebration (1)
- Barrio Festival (1)
- Annual Pow Wow (1)
- County Fair (1)
- Ag Venture Days (1)
- Mayor’s Hike & Bike (1)
- Yolo County Fair (1)

**Why do you think they are important?**

Five of the 12 respondents think these activities are important to their communities because they:

- Build a sense of community (4)
- Raise money/drive the economic engine (2)
- Attract people to the community (1)

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**What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

All 12 respondents provided one or more ethnicities, including:

- Latino (9)
- Caucasian (6)
- Asian (3)
- Middle Eastern (1)
- Filipino (1)
- Indian (1)

**What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

All 12 respondents provided the primary language spoken in their community. Some identified more than one language. According to these respondents, the primary languages spoken in their community are:

- English (10)
- Spanish (7)
- Portuguese (1)
- Vietnamese (1)

**Is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

Nine of the 12 respondents identified farming as a primary form of employment in their community. Of those nine respondents, eight identified the major crops or goods produced, including:

- Grapes (7)
- Tomatoes (6)
- Asparagus (3)
- Nuts (3)
- Corn (2)
- Pears (2)
- Sugar beets (1)
- Cherries (2)
- Olives (1)
- Grains (1)
- Rice (1)
- Pumpkins (1)
- Squash (1)
- Plums (1)
- Hay (1)
- Beans (1)
- Alfalfa (1)
- Potatoes (1)
- Apples (1)

When asked about farm size, one of the nine respondents indicated the farms are large (50 employees or more), three indicated the farms are smaller (fewer than 50 employees), one said there is a mix of both small and large farms, while four were unsure of farm size.

Six of the nine who identify farming as a primary form of employment provided one or more ethnicities of those involved in the farming industry. Five of those six identify the primary ethnicity in the industry as Latino. Two others identify the primary ethnicity as Asian. Caucasian, Italian, and Portuguese were each provided once as a reply.

The 3 respondents out of the overall 11 who did not identify farming as a primary form of employment said that government, health care, the school district, or the retail industry employs most residents in their communities.

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**3.3.3 Delta Uses By Community**

**Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by the ethnic groups you've identified in your community? In general, are there specific businesses in your community that are frequented more than others?**

Seven of the 12 respondents could identify a specific business owned or frequented by certain ethnic groups; these businesses include:

<b>Businesses</b>	<b>Ethnic Population</b>	<b>Owned/Frequented</b>
Latino grocery stores	Latino	Frequented
Red Brick Pizza	Minority-owned	Owned
Nail salons (general comment)	Vietnamese	Owned
Rancho San Miguel	Latino	Frequented
Mexican restaurants (general comment)	Latino	Unknown
Boys and Girls Club	Middle Eastern	Frequented
Family Partnership	Latino	Frequented
Women's Center	Mix	Frequented
Holy Rosary Church	Latino	Frequented
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Latino	Frequented
Latino Community Council	Latino	Frequented

**Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish more than others?**

Five of the 12 respondents indicated that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish.

Four of those five who indicated certain groups used the surrounding areas identified specific groups, which include:

- Asian (3)
- Caucasian (1)
- Latino (1)

The reasons given for using the area are:

- Recreation and food (3)
- Recreation only (2)

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When food was given as the reason for the use of the surrounding area, one respondent indicated it is for cultural reasons, and one indicated it is based on preference.

When recreation was given as the use of the surrounding areas, three respondents offered the following reasons:

- Close to home (3)
- Inexpensive (1)
- Familiarity (1)

Three respondents think there are certain areas frequently used for water-related activities by certain ethnic or cultural groups. The ethnic groups were identified as Caucasian, Latino, and Black (with each group provided by one respondent).

The popular areas include (each of the following responses was provided once):

- Woodland Reservoir
- Lake Berryessa
- Pacific Ocean
- Along Highway 37
- Marinas
- Along the main channels of the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers
- Sloughs

Six of the 12 respondents did not believe or are unfamiliar with a certain ethnic or cultural group's use of the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish.

**Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only the ethnic groups you've identified in your community?**

Eight of the 12 respondents believed certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only their group. Examples of these activities provided by the respondents, include (each of the following responses was provided once):

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| • Asian Pacific Festival – Asian          | • Polynesian dance group – Polynesian          |
| • Obon Festival – Buddhists               | • Latino ballet dance group – Latino           |
| • Cinco de Mayo – Latino                  | • Hmong New Year celebrations – Hmong          |
| • Pow Wow – Native American               | • Cambodian New Year celebrations – Cambodians |
| • Festival de la Familia – Latino         |  |
| • Portuguese Club activities – Portuguese |  |

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One respondent does not believe certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only those groups. Two respondents did not answer the question.

**3.3.4 Information and Communication**

**In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects?**

The 11 respondents identified sources of information for the community, including:

- Newspapers (10)
  - Lodi News Sentinel (2)
  - Daily Democrat (1)
  - Sacramento Bee (1)
  - Davis Enterprise (1)
  - River News Herald (1)
  - Bilingual Weekly (1)
  - El Concealio (1)
  - Stockton Record (1)
  - Fairfield Daily Republic (1)
- Internet (3)
  - Blogs (1)
  - County Web site (1)
- Community organizations (2)
- Government (3)
- Chamber of Commerce (1)
- Word of mouth (1)
- Local advisory committees (1)
- Nonprofit agencies (1)
  - Cambodian Center for Families (1)
- Television (3)
- Radio (3)

**Where do people who may be considered low-income in your community receive government, health care, or other services?**

All 12 respondents are aware of services that provided government services and/or health care for those who may be considered low-income, including:

- Local hospitals, emergency rooms (4)
- Homeless housing and assistance (2)
- Salvation Army (1)
- Government programs (1)
- CommuniCare Health Care Clinic (1)
- Unemployment office (1)
- First 5 Yolo (1)
- Children’s Healthcare Program (1)
- Yolo Family Resource Center (1)
- The Food Closet (1)
- Yolo Way Farer (1)
- Mobile dental services (1)
- Kinder Camp (1)
- Rio Vista CARE (1)
- Human Services Agency (1)
- Health San Joaquin (1)
- Community Medical Center (1)
- Solano Health Partnership (1)
- Delta YMCA (1)
- Delta Food Bank (1)
- Local churches (1)

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Eight of the 12 respondents specified one or more ethnic groups they believe to be the largest percentage of low-income residents in their communities. Eight believe that ethnic group is Latino, one believes it to be Caucasian, and another thinks it is Asian. Two respondents did not know or did not want to speculate.

### 3.4 Elected/Government Responses

Thirty-eight interviews were categorized as “elected” in the “In/Near Delta” region. Below is the summary of findings for those interviews. The number of respondents for any given response to a question is indicated in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

#### 3.4.1 General Delta-Related

##### How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Thirty-six of the 38 respondents provided a response to this question. Generally, respondents believe the Delta “is a mess,” “needs to be preserved,” “is threatened,” “in disrepair,” and “is facing challenges.” Specific reasons for this general feeling of concern for the Delta include:

- Water diversion/water supply issues/water transferred to other parts of the state (10)
- Levee issues/flooding risks (9)
- Ecological health (3)
- Saltwater intrusion (2)
- Agriculture concerns (2)
- Environmental needs (2)
- Water quality (2)
- Habitat restoration (2)
- Global warming/climate change (2)
- Lack of funding (1)
- Non-native species (2)
- Putting the needs of fish before people (1)
- Protection of recreational uses (1)

##### What do you think are its best attributes and why?

Thirty-one of the 38 respondents offered a wide range of attributes including:

- Natural resource/wildlife habitat (22)
- Recreational opportunities (20)
- Agricultural resource (12)
- Source of water (10)
- Economic engine (3)
- Water supply for agricultural needs (2)
- Historical background (2)
- Environmental resource (2)
- Cultural resources (1)
- Shipping waterways (1)
- Geological benefits (1)
- Tourism (1)
- Size (1)
- Community (1)

### What, if anything, do you think needs to be done to fix it?

Thirty-three of the 38 respondents provided suggestions on how to “fix” the Delta, including:

- Repair the levee system (10)
- Examine affects of salt in the water/reduce saltwater intrusion (8)
- Stop sending water to southern California/other parts of the state (5)
- Balance water and environmental and agricultural needs (3)
- Build more reservoirs and dams/storage (3)
- Protect the natural habitat (2)
- Work with the community regarding agricultural and environmental issues (2)
- Develop a comprehensive plan (2)
- Restore water levels (1)
- Stop urban runoff (1)
- Protect aquatic species (1)
- Begin testing for pharmaceutical runoff in the water (1)
- Address wastewater issues (1)
- Do not build the peripheral canal (1)
- Dredging (1)

### Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- **Flood hazards associated with levee failures?**

Thirty-five of the 38 respondents are familiar with flood hazards associated with levee failures.

- **Condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon?**

Thirty-one of the 38 respondents are familiar with the condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon.

- **Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt?**

Thirty-five of the 38 respondents are familiar with the status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt.

- **Water quality?**

Thirty-three of the 38 respondents are familiar with current water quality conditions.

- **Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?**

Other issues offered include:

- Reduction in water supplies will have a negative economic impact on northern California (3)
- Regulatory restrictions (3)
- Saltwater intrusion (2)
- Protect both fish and humans (2)
- Protection of water rights (2)
- Wastewater outflows/regulations (2)
- Upgrade the levees to today’s standards/stability of the levees (1)
- Islands are sinking behind the levees (1)

- Delta legislators are worried they don't have a voice (1)
- Impact of DWR plans on individuals and the community (1)
- Increased water storage (1)
- Habitat easements (1)
- Flood easements (1)
- Mercury in the Delta (1)
- Non-native species/vegetation (1)
- Impacts a potential project may have on the Port of Sacramento (1)
- Alternative water conservation measures (1)
- Southern Californians should pay for new projects, not northern Californians (1)
- Lack of singular oversight (1)
- Protection of endangered species (1)

### **Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?**

Eighteen of the 38 respondents answered this question. Sixteen of the 18 respondents both work and live in the Delta, one only works in the Delta, and one only lives in the Delta.

#### **3.4.2 Understanding Community Character**

##### **Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?**

Eighteen respondents provided reasons why they live and/or work in the Delta, including:

- Lifestyle (7)
- Natural resources (6)
- Recreational opportunities (5)
- Location (5)
- Career/job location (5)
- Location of family (2)
- Agricultural strength (2)
- Longevity (2)
- Weather (2)
- Education (2)
- Affordable (1)
- Community character (1)

##### **If living outside of the Delta: Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?**

Thirteen of the 38 respondents who do not live or work in the Delta visit the Delta for the following reasons:

- Recreational (11)
- Business (3)
- To visit family and friends (2)

**Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

Thirty-five of the 38 respondents believe that their communities are unique to other communities.

**What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

When asked for specific reasons of why their community is unique, the following responses were provided:

- Community character (12)
- Diversity (7)
- Location (7)
- Size (6)
- Agricultural resources (5)
- Type of work (4)
- New development (3)
- Good educational system (3)
- Long history (3)
- Type of people (3)
- Type of goods produced (2)
- Low crime rate (1)
- Open space (1)
- Flooding issues (1)
- Strong water rights (1)
- Habitat protection (1)
- Community attractions (1)
- Natural resources (1)
- Architecture (1)

**Do you see your family remaining in your community for generations to come? Why or why not?**

Seventeen of the 38 respondents answered this question.

Three of the 17 indicated they do not see their families remaining in their community. One person indicated he plans on retiring in a different community. The two other respondents would like to move to another area.

Fourteen respondents believed their families would stay in the Delta for the following reasons:

- Strong ties to the area (3)
- Enjoys the area (3)
- Recreational opportunities (1)
- Weather (1)
- Homeowner (1)
- Born/raised in the area (1)

**What activities are important to your community (i.e., what cultural events, community group meetings, annual festivals, etc., are important to your community)?**

Thirty-five of the 38 respondents answered this question, and provided both specific and general types of events they consider important, including:

**General Types of Events**

- Recreational activities (7)
- Fourth of July celebrations (5)
- Farmers’ markets (4)
- Christmas parades/events (4)
- County fairs (4)
- Sporting events (3)
- Free concerts (3)
- Cinco de Mayo celebrations (2)
- Chamber events (2)
- Street fairs (2)
- Jazz festivals (1)
- Boat excursions (1)
- Bike races (1)
- Historical Society events (1)
- Chinese New Year celebrations (1)
- Town hall meetings (1)
- Black History Month events (1)
- Family activities (1)
- Religious events (1)

**Specific Events**

- Movies on the Plaza (2)
- Creek Walk (2)
- The Earthquake Festival (2)
- Bean Festival (2)
- Harvest Dinner (1)
- Train Museum Pumpkin Patch (1)
- Picnic Day (1)
- Duck Days (1)
- Natomas Festival (1)
- Pacific Rim Festival (1)
- Crowdad Festival (1)
- Rio Vista Bass Festival (1)
- Portuguese Festival (1)
- UC Davis festivals (1)
- Yolo County Fair (1)
- Slogova Festival (1)
- Sunday Fun Day (1)
- Red White and Blue Parade (1)
- The Rainbow Festival (1)
- The North Highlands Jubilee (1)
- Celebrate Natomas (1)
- Festival de la Familia (1)
- Italian Street Painting Festival (1)
- King of the County Food Event (1)
- Youth Day (1)
- Almond Festival (1)
- Dia de Los Ninos (1)
- Tomato Fair (1)
- Annual Neighborhood Fair (1)
- Eppie’s Great Race (1)
- International Festival (1)
- Oktoberfest (1)
- Annual Wine Festival (1)
- Harvest Festival (1)
- Senior Days (1)
- Fiesta Days (1)
- Pumpkin Festival (1)
- Earth Day Celebration (1)

**Why do you think they are important?**

Thirty-four of the 35 respondents who provide activities think these activities are important to their communities because they:

- Bring people together/build a sense of community (17)
- Keep community healthy and happy (10)
- Raise money/economic engine (6)
- Provide educational/outreach opportunities (5)
- Celebrate and promote traditions (2)
- Celebrate diversity (2)

**What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

Three respondents could not identify a primary ethnic group. Thirty-five of the 38 respondents provided one or more ethnicities, including:

- Caucasian (29)
- Black (6)
- Russian (3)
- Latino (20)
- Filipino (5)
- Ukrainian (1)
- Asian (10)
- Indian (4)
- Middle Eastern (1)

**What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

Thirty-seven of the 38 respondents provided the primary language spoken in their community. Some identified more than one language. According to these respondents, the primary languages spoken in their community are:

- English (37)
- Tagalog (3)
- Chinese (1)
- Spanish (28)
- Hmong (3)
- Russian (5)
- Hindi (2)

**Is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

Twelve of the 38 respondents indicated that farming is a primary form of employment in their community. Of those 12 respondents, 10 know the major crops or goods produced, including:

- Tomatoes (6)
- Wheat (3)
- Beans (1)
- Grapes (5)
- Rice (1)
- Asparagus (1)
- Hay/Alfalfa (4)
- Corn (1)
- Pears (1)
- Nuts (4)
- Sunflowers (1)
- Peaches (1)

When asked about farm, 7 of those 12 respondents indicated the farms are smaller (fewer than 50 employees) and five were unsure of farm size.

Ten of the 12 who said farming is a primary form of employment provided one or more ethnicities of those involved in the farming industry. All 10 respondents said the primary ethnicity in the industry is Latino, 7 said Caucasian, and 2 said Asian.

The 26 respondents, out of the overall 38, who did not identify farming as a primary form of employment, offered the following primary forms of employment:

- Government (10)
- Industrial (8)
- Service industry/retail (4)
- Education (4)
- Military (3)
- Professional services (2)
- Technology (2)
- Law enforcement/corrections (2)
- Healthcare (1)
- Casino (1)
- Business owners (1)

### 3.4.3 Delta Uses By The Community

**Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by the ethnic groups you've identified in your community? In general, are there specific businesses in your community that are frequented more than others?**

Twenty-seven of the 38 respondents could identify a specific business owned or frequented by certain ethnic groups; these businesses include:

Businesses	Ethnic Population	Owned/ Frequented
Local libraries	Mix	Frequented
Contra Costa Interfaith Council	Latino	Frequented
Contra Costa Chamber of Commerce	Latino	Frequented
Ethnic Chambers of Commerce		Frequented
Ethnic grocery stores		Frequented
Ty Market	Hmong	Frequented
Viva Market	Latino	Frequented
Churches	Mix	Frequented
Ethnic restaurants		Frequented
Walmart	Latino	Frequented
Student groups at UC Davis		Frequented
International House	Mix	Frequented
Sunrise Mall	Mix	Frequented
Costco	Mix	Frequented

Businesses	Ethnic Population	Owned/Frequented
Marinani Nut Company	Latino	Owned
El Peplo	Latino	Frequented
La Doda	Latino	Frequented
La Tendondelious	Latino	Frequented

**Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish more than others?**

Twelve of the 38 respondents indicated that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish.

All 12 of identified specific groups, including:

- Asian (8)
- Latino (6)
- Hmong (2)
- Russian (1)
- Caucasian (1)
- Vietnamese (1)

The reasons given for using the area were:

- Recreation and food (8)
- Food only (2)
- Tradition (1)

When food was given as the reason for the use of the surrounding area, six respondents indicated it is for cultural reasons and six indicated it is for economic reasons.

When recreation was given as the use of the surrounding areas, four respondents offered the following reasons:

- Location (2)
- No boat necessary (1)
- Fish quantity (1)
- Easy access (1)
- Inexpensive (1)

Five respondents think there are popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups gather for other water-related activities. The ethnic groups identified are Asian by three respondents, Latinos by one respondent, and Hmong by one respondent.

These popular areas include (each of the following responses was provided once):

- Carquinez Strait
- Canal near Jefferson Boulevard in West Sacramento
- Knights Landing
- Sacramento River
- Putah Creek
- Fishing pier at Martinez Marina

Seven of the 12 respondents do not believe or are unfamiliar with a certain ethnic or cultural group's use of the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish.

**Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only the ethnic groups you've identified in your community?**

Eleven of the 38 respondents believed certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only their group. Examples of these activities provided by the respondents include (each of the following responses was provided once):

- Quinceaneras – Latino
- Kwanzaa celebrations – Black
- Yom Kippur – Jewish
- Ramadan – Muslims
- Chinese New Year – Chinese
- Pacific Rim Festival – Asians
- Pakistani Festival – Pakistanis
- Hmong Festival – Hmong
- Indian Festival – Indian
- Familia de la Festival – Latino
- Hispanic Chamber of Commerce meetings – Latino
- Juneteenth Celebration – Black
- Black Family Days – Black
- Davis Indian Association events – Indian

Twenty respondents do not believe certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only those groups. Seven respondents did not answer this question.

### 3.4.4 Information and Communication

**In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects?**

Thirty-five of the 38 respondents provided sources of information for the community, including:

- Newspapers (24)
  - Daily Republic (2)
  - Winters Express (2)
  - Woodland Daily Democrat (1)
  - Regional/ethnic (1)
  - Clayton Pioneer (1)
  - Grapevine Independent (1)
  - Spanish newspaper (1)
  - Valley Voice (1)
  - Sacramento Bee (1)
  - Aggie Newspaper (1)
- Television (18)
  - Community television/news (4)
  - Telemundo (1)
  - Davis community television (1)
- Radio (17)
  - Spanish radio (1)
- Community organizations (13)

- Community events (13)
- Internet (12)
  - Blogs (1)
  - City’s Web site (9)
  - School district Web site (1)
  - Social media (1)
- Chamber of Commerce (4)
- Libraries (3)
- Schools (2)
- Grassroots outreach (2)
- Utility bill inserts (2)
- Elected officials (1)
- City outreach efforts (1)
  - Newsletter (2)
- Community centers (1)
- Word of mouth (1)
- Churches (1)
- Associations (1)
- Direct mail (1)
- Post office (1)
- Town Hall meetings (1)
- Grocery store (1)
- Vacaville Magazine (1)
- Partnership for Families (1)
- Homeowners Associations (1)
  - Meetings (1)
  - Newsletters (1)

**Where do people who may be considered low-income in your community receive government, health care, or other services?**

Thirty-one of the 38 respondents are aware of government, health care, and/or other services provided to those who may be considered low-income, including:

- County services (17)
- Local nonprofits (9)
- Emergency rooms (5)
- Health care clinics (4)
- Churches (4)
- Sutter Hospital/Foundation (3)
- Winters Health Foundation (3)
- State welfare programs (3)
- Community centers (2)
- Partnership for Families (1)
- Yolo County Continuum of Care (1)
- Woodland Memorial Hospital (1)
- Health and Human Services (1)
- Private hospitals (1)
- Schools (1)
- Childcare Network (1)
- Childcare Referral System (1)
- Davis Senior Center (1)
- Davis Community Clinic (1)
- Neighbors (1)
- Family Resource Center (1)

Twenty-six of the 38 respondents specified one or more ethnic groups they think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in their communities:

- Latino (22)
- Caucasians (6)
- Black (5)
- Asian (2)
- Russian (1)
- Filipino (1)
- Indian (1)
- Hmong (1)

### 3.5 Ethnic Responses

Sixteen interviews were categorized as “ethnic” in the “In/Near Delta” region. Ethnic respondents are classified as such because they serve specific ethnic groups (i.e. Latino organizations, etc). Below is the summary of findings for those interviews. The number of respondents for any given response to a question is indicated in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

#### 3.5.1 General Delta-Related

##### **How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?**

Twelve of the 16 respondents provided a response to this question. Generally, respondents feel “concerned” about the “many issues” of the Delta and believe its current “poor state...could be improved.” Specific reasons for this general feeling of concern for the Delta include:

- Health of fish (3)
- Water rights (2)
- Lack of water (1)
- Pollution (1)

##### **What do you think are its best attributes and why?**

Five of the 12 respondents offered a wide range of attributes including:

- Agricultural resources (2)
- Beauty (1)
- Importance to fisheries (1)
- Location (1)
- Size (1)
- Recreational opportunities (1)

##### **What, if anything, do you think needs to be done to fix it?**

Nine of the 16 respondents provided suggestions on how to “fix” the Delta, including (each response was provided once):

- Reinforce levees
- Increased access
- Limit urbanization
- Preserve natural species, not manmade objects
- Do not divert any more water away from the area with a peripheral canal
- Monitor pesticides, pollutants, and dumping
- Protect against increased salinity
- Protect from additional deterioration
- Move beyond politics
- Resolve conflict between the farmers and users

**Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

- **Flood hazards associated with levee failures?**

Thirteen of the 16 respondents are familiar with flood hazards associated with levee failures.
- **Condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon?**

Nine of the 16 respondents are familiar with the condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon.
- **Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt?**

Seven of the 16 respondents are familiar with the status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt.
- **Water quality?**

Nine of the 16 respondents are familiar with current water quality conditions.
- **Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?**

Other issues identified include:

  - Stability of the levees (3)
  - Too much urbanization is occurring (1)
  - Contaminated fish, which jeopardizes people’s health (1)
  - Actions in the Delta negatively impacting downstream agriculture (1)
  - Lack of water conservation (1)
  - Farming (1)
  - Farmers should decide how to fix it (1)
  - Irrigation issues (1)
  - Need for increased public outreach (1)

**Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?**

Thirteen of the 16 respondents answered this question. Eleven of the 13 respondents work and live in the Delta, while two respondents only work in the Delta.

**3.5.2 Understanding Community Character****Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?**

Eleven of the 13 respondents provided reasons why they live and/or work in the Delta, including:

- Lifestyle (4)
- Career/job location (3)
- Born/raised (2)
- Close to family (2)
- Weather (2)
- Longevity (2)
- Diversity (1)
- Location (1)
- Type of people (1)
- Recreational opportunities (1)

**If living outside of the Delta: Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?**

None of the respondents living or working outside of the Delta answered this question.

**Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

Thirteen of the 16 respondents believe that their communities are unique to other communities.

**What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

When asked for specific reasons for why their community is unique, the following responses were provided:

- Culturally (3)
- Lack of employment (2)
- Strong history (2)
- Size (2)
- Geography (2)
- Type of people (2)
- Diversity (1)
- Ecosystem (1)
- Agriculture (1)
- Recreation (1)

**Do you see your family remaining in your community for generations to come? Why or why not?**

Thirteen of the 16 respondents believed their families would stay in the Delta for the following reasons:

- Strong ties to the area (4)
- Career/job location (3)
- Family near by (2)
- Affordable housing (1)
- Low crime rate (1)
- Born/raised (1)
- Longevity (1)

**What activities are important to your community (i.e., what cultural events, community group meetings, annual festivals, etc., are important to your community)?**

All 16 respondents answered this question and provided both specific and general types of events they consider important, including:

**General Types of Events**

- Tourist attractions (1)
- Recreational activities (5)
- Religious events (2)
- Social programs (1)
- Fundraisers (2)
- Agricultural activities (1)
- Parenting resources (1)
- Educational activities (2)
- Job fairs (2)
- Family events (2)
- Health fairs (1)
- Sporting events (1)

**Specific Events**

- Asparagus Festival (1)
- Pittsburg Annual Seafood Festival (1)
- East Bay Black Engineers Robotic Program (1)
- California Association of Black Social Workers Annual Conference (1)
- Safety and Health Job Fair (1)
- Ukraine Thanksgiving Celebration (1)
- Asian Pacific Rim Festival (2)
- Run for Safe Haven (1)
- Filipino Fiesta (1)
- Juneteenth Celebration (1)
- Jazz Festival (1)
- Dia de Guadalupe (1)
- 16 de September (1)
- Asian Community Center events (2)
- Chinese Cultural Faire (1)

**Why do you think they are important?**

Fifteen of the 16 respondents who identified activities think these activities are important to their communities because they:

- Bring people together/build a sense of community (9)
- Create/continue traditions (5)
- Provide educational opportunities and resources (2)
- Raise money (1)
- Promote a healthy community (1)

**What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

Four respondents could not identify a primary ethnic group, and one did not understand the question. Eleven of the 16 respondents provided one or more ethnicities, including:

- Latino (7)
- Caucasian (6)
- Asian (4)
- Black (3)
- Russian (1)

### **What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

All 16 respondents provided the primary language spoken in their community. Some identified more than one language. According to these respondents, the primary languages spoken in their community are:

- English (8)
- Cantonese (7)
- Hmong (6)
- Spanish (5)
- Japanese (4)
- Vietnamese (3)
- Mandarin (3)
- Tagalog (2)
- Russian (2)
- Mixteco (1)
- Triqui (1)
- Ukrainian (1)
- Moldavian (1)
- Cambodian (1)

### **Is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

Three of the 16 respondents indicated that farming is a primary form of employment in their community. Both respondents knew the major crops or goods produced, including:

- Asparagus (2)
- Tomatoes (2)
- Wine grapes (1)
- Cherries (1)
- Cucumbers (1)
- Cotton (1)
- Corn (1)
- Sunflowers (1)

When asked about farm size, only one of the two respondents knew the size of the farm. That respondent indicates the farms are larger (50 employees or more).

Both respondents who said farming is a primary form of employment indicated the primary ethnicity in the industry is Latino.

The 13 respondents, out of the overall 16, who did not identify farming as a primary form of employment, offered the following as the primary form of employment:

- Government agencies (7)
- Private sector (3)
- Healthcare (2)
- Retail (2)
- Business owners (2)
- Manufacturing (1)
- Education (1)
- Industrial/construction (1)

One respondent identified unemployment as an issue within their community.

### 3.5.3 Delta Uses By The Community

**Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by the ethnic groups you've identified in your community? In general, are there specific businesses in your community that are frequented more than others?**

Twelve of the 16 respondents could identify a specific business owned or frequented by certain ethnic groups; these businesses include:

<b>Businesses</b>	<b>Ethnic Population</b>	<b>Owned/Frequented</b>
Businesses along Charter Way on Martin Luther King Boulevard	Latino	Frequented
Businesses along Wilson Way	Latino	Frequented
El Dorado Market	Latino	Frequented
Solarios Market	Latino	Frequented
Various stores on Stockton Boulevard	Asian	Frequented
Mi Pueblo Super Mercado	Latino	Frequented
Municipal Assistance Network		Frequented
The Urban League		Frequented
The Robinson Community Center		Frequented
The Family Resource Center		Frequented
Filipino restaurants	Filipino	Frequented
Asian restaurants	Asian	Frequented
Asian nail salons	Asian	Frequented
Asian grocery stores	Asian	Frequented
SF Market	Asian	Frequented
Asian Community Center	Asian	Frequented
Oto's Grocery Store	Japanese	Frequented
Walmart		Frequented
Target		Frequented
Fast food		Frequented
Hmong grocery stores	Hmong	Frequented

**Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish more than others?**

Seven of the 16 respondents indicated that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish.

Of those seven who indicated certain groups use the surrounding areas, the following groups were identified:

- Asian (3)
- Latino (2)
- Black (2)
- Hmong (2)
- Slavic (1)
- Asian (1)
- Filipino (1)
- Vietnamese (1)

The reasons why these specific groups use the area were:

- Recreation and food (6)
- Recreation only (1)

When food was given as a reason for the use of the surrounding area, four respondents indicated it is for cultural reasons, six indicated it is based on preference, and two indicated it is for economic reasons.

When recreation was given as the use of the surrounding areas, five respondents offered the following reasons:

- Type of fish (3)
- Location (2)
- Size (1)
- Accessibility (1)

None of the respondents think there are popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups gather for other water-related activities.

**Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only the ethnic groups you've identified in your community?**

Eleven of the 16 respondents believed certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only their group. Examples of these activities provided by the respondents include (each of the following responses was provided once):

- Cinco de Mayo – Latino
- Asian church festivals – Asian
- Asian Community Center Fundraiser – Asian
- Asian Sports Foundation – Asian
- Juneteenth Celebration – Black
- Jazz Fest – Mix
- The Black Expo – Black
- Thai Chi – Chinese
- Hmong New Year – Hmong
- Water Festival – Cambodian
- Chinese New Year Celebration – Chinese

Three respondents did not believe certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only those groups. Two respondents did not answer the question.

### 3.5.4 Information and Communication

#### **In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects?**

Fourteen of the 16 respondents provided sources of information for the community, including:

- Radio (10)
  - 1430 AM KJAA (1)
- Newspapers (7)
- Sacramento Bee (2)
- Television (7)
  - Community access television (2)
- Community organizations (2)
  - Asian Community Center (1)
  - Hmong Women Heritage (1)
- Community events (2)
- Internet (1)
- Word of mouth (6)
- Church (2)
- School (1)
- Grocery stores (1)
  - Latino Supermercados (1)
- County services (1)
- Community outreach efforts (1)
- Community newsletters (1)
  - Asian Community Center newsletter (1)

#### **Where do people who may be considered low-income in your community receive government, health care, or other services?**

Fourteen of the 16 respondents are aware of government, health care, or other services provided for those who may be considered low-income, including:

- Local clinics (8)
- Community organizations (3)
- Asian Community Center (1)
- UC Davis (2)
- Government assistance (2)
- County services (2)
- Family and friends (1)
- Grace in Action (1)
- Yolo Way Farer (1)

Fourteen of the 16 respondents specified one or more ethnic groups they think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in their communities:

- Latino (9)
- Black (5)
- Hmong (5)
- Asian (3)
- Caucasian (1)
- Korean (1)
- Filipino (1)
- Vietnamese (1)
- Cantonese (1)
- Mien (1)
- Moldavian (1)

**3.6 Public Interest/Environmental Organization Responses**

Because only one interview was categorized as “interested party” in the “In/Near Delta” region, the actual responses from this respondent can be found by reviewing the interview record located in Appendix A so as not to generalized information that can be compiled only from having multiple respondents.

**CENTRAL VALLEY –PUBLIC INTEREST/ENVIRONMENTAL  
ORGANIZATION RESPONSES**

**SECTION 4.0**

**4.0 CENTRAL VALLEY**

<b>Data Summary</b>		
<b>City/County</b>	<b>Interviews Conducted (67 total)</b>	<b>Respondent Type/Organization</b>
Bakersfield	1	Elected/City of Bakersfield
Clovis	1	Elected/City of Clovis
Corcoran	7	Elected/City of Corcoran (2); Community/Corcoran Community Foundation; Community/Corcoran Journal; Elected/Corcoran Planning Commission; Interested Party/Corcoran Irrigation District; Business/Corcoran Chamber of Commerce
Delano	3	Community/Former Mayor; Elected/City of Delano (2)
Fresno	7	Elected/City of Fresno (3); Elected/Fresno County; Ethnic/Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Ethnic/Fresno Center New Americans; Ethnic/Nisei Farmers League
Hanford	8	Community/Hanford Soup Kitchen; Community/St. Vincent De Paul Society; City of Hanford (5); Ethnic/Iglesia La Gran Comison
Kern County	1	Elected/Kern County
Kings County	6	Agriculture/Kings County Farm Bureau; Business/Kings County Economic Development (2); Community/Kings County Community Action; Community/Kings County First 5; Interested Parties/Kings County Water District
Livingston	1	Elected/City of Livingston
Mendota	2	Elected/City of Mendota (2)
Merced	2	Elected/Merced County (2)
Parlier	2	Elected/City of Parlier (2)
Porterville	6	Elected/City of Porterville (4); Business/Porterville Chamber of Commerce; Business/Research for Hire
Reedley	2	Community/Women, Infants and Children (WIC); Elected/City of Reedley
San Benito	1	Business/San Benito Chamber of Commerce
Sanger	3	Business/Sanger Chamber of Commerce; Elected/City of Sanger; Agriculture/Sanger Kern County Farm Bureau
Selma	3	Elected/City of Selma (2); Elected/Selma Unified School District
Tulare	9	Agriculture/Tulare County Farm Bureau; Business/Tulare Economic Development Corporation; Business/Tulare Workforce Investment Board; Elected/Tulare County (4); Interested Parties/Tulare County Irrigation District; Interested Parties/Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District
Visalia	2	Elected/City of Visalia; Interested Parties/Community Water Center

## 4.1 Agriculture Responses

Three interviews were categorized as “agriculture” in the “Central Valley” region. Below is the summary of findings for those interviews. The number of respondents for any given response to a question is indicated in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

### 4.1.1 General Delta-Related

#### **How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?**

Two of the three respondents provided a response to this question. Generally, respondents feel the Delta is “fragile” and “major solutions are needed.” One respondent did not answer this question.

#### **What do you think are its best attributes and why?**

None of the respondents provided a response.

#### **What, if anything, do you think needs to be done to fix it?**

Two of the three respondents provided suggestions on how to “fix” the Delta, including:

- Development of a conveyance system (2)
- Channel water downstream (1)
- Develop a comprehensive solution (1)

The third respondent did not provide a response.

#### **Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

- **Flood hazards associated with levee failures?**  
All three respondents are familiar with flood hazards associated with levee failures.
- **Condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon?**  
All three respondents are familiar with the condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon.
- **Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt?**  
All three respondents are familiar with the status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt.
- **Water quality?**  
All three respondents are familiar with current water quality conditions.
- **Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?**  
Other issues offered include:

- Environmental opinions/rulings that impact those who receive water south of the Delta
- Changing water allocations affect farmers' crops
- Increased water conservation efforts are needed
- Additional above- or below-ground storage is necessary

### **Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?**

None of the respondents worked or lived in the Delta.

#### **4.1.2 Understanding Community Character**

### **If living outside of the Delta: Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?**

One respondent goes to the Delta for business purposes and to visit friends and family.

### **Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

All three respondents believe that their communities are unique to other communities.

### **What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

When asked for specific reasons why their community is unique, the following responses were provided (each response was provided once):

- Location
- Limited water supply
- Geographically

### **Do you see your family remaining in your community for generations to come? Why or why not?**

No respondents answered this question.

### **What activities are important to your community (i.e., what cultural events, community group meetings, annual festivals, etc., are important to your community)?**

All three respondents answered this question, and provided both specific and general types of events they consider important, including:

**General Types of Events**

- Recreational activities (1)
- Agricultural activities (1)
- Church events (1)
- Quinceneras (1)
- Youth sports (1)
- Sporting events (1)
- Education (1)
- Festivals (1)
- Markets (1)

**Specific Events**

- None

**Why do you think they are important?**

All three respondents think these activities are important to their communities because they:

- Bring people together/build a sense of community (2)
- Drive the economy (1)
- Recognize cultural importance (1)

**What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

All three respondents provided one or more ethnicities, including:

- Latino (3)
- Caucasian (1)

**What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

All three respondents identified English as the primary language spoken in their community.

**Is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

All three respondents identified farming as the primary form of employment in their communities, and knew the major crops or goods produced, including:

- Dairy (3)
- Cattle (2)
- Almonds (2)
- Citrus (1)
- Cotton (1)
- Pistachios (1)
- Corn (1)
- Feed (1)

Two of the three respondents indicated the farms are larger (50 employees or more), and one respondent said the farms are a mix of large and small. Two of the respondents identified Latino as the primary ethnicity of those involved in the industry, while the other identified Caucasian.

#### 4.1.3 Delta Uses By The Community

**Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by the ethnic groups you have identified in your community? In general, are there specific businesses in your community that are frequented more than others?**

One of the three respondents identified specific businesses owned or frequented by certain ethnic groups; these businesses include:

Businesses	Ethnic Population	Owned/Frequented
TDES [actual answer]	Portuguese	Frequented
Roma Lodge	Italian	Frequented
Catholic churches	Portuguese/Latino	Frequented
Christian Reform churches	Dutch	Frequented

**Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish more than others?**

One of the three respondents indicated that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish, and identified the following group as users:

- Latino (1)

The reason identified for why this specific group uses the area is:

- Recreation (1)

When recreation was given as a reason for the use of the surrounding areas, one respondent said it is because of the type of fish in the Delta.

Two of the three respondents think there are popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups gather for other water-related activities, including (each response was provided once):

- Lake Kaweah
- Lake Success
- Keweah River
- Kern River
- Kings River
- Lake Isabella
- Buena Vista Lake

According to one respondent, the primary users of these areas are Caucasians.

**Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only the ethnic groups you have identified in your community?**

Two of the three respondents believed certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only their group. Examples of these activities provided by the respondents include (each of the following responses was provided once):

- Siestas – Portuguese
- Mexican Rodeos – Latino
- Quinceneras – Latino

**4.1.4 Information and Communication****In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects?**

All three respondents provided sources of information for the community, including:

- Internet (2)
- Television (2)
- Newspaper (1)
- Hanford Sentinel (1)
- Community organizations (1)
- Farm Bureau (1)

**Where do people who may be considered low-income in your community receive government, health care, or other services?**

All three respondents are aware of government, health care, or other services provided for those who may be considered low-income,; however, only one provided specific examples including (each response was provided once):

- County services
- CalWorks
- Kings County Government Center
- County clinic/emergency room

Two of the three respondents think Latinos make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in his community. The third respondent did not know.

## 4.2 Business Responses

Nine interviews were categorized as “business” in the “Central Valley” region. Below is the summary of findings for those interviews. The number of respondents for any given response to a question is indicated in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

### 4.2.1 General Delta-Related

#### **How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?**

Three of the nine respondents provided a response to this question. The responses from these three people ranged from concerns about protecting human health over environmental concerns to the limited accessibility of water to the state’s population to a feeling that there is an overreaction by environmental groups and the government about the current water situation.

#### **What do you think are its best attributes and why?**

Two of the nine respondents answered this question and provided attributes, including:

- Water supply (2)
- Recreational outlet (1)
- Wildlife habitat (1)

#### **What, if anything, do you think needs to be done to fix it?**

Two of the nine respondents provided suggestions on how to “fix” the Delta, including (each response was provided once):

- Make water available where it is most needed
- Improve levees
- Examine an eastside peripheral canal
- Send more water downstream
- Mitigate environmental issues

#### **Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

- **Flood hazards associated with levee failures?**

Eight of the nine respondents are familiar with flood hazards associated with levee failures.

- **Condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon?**

Seven of the nine respondents are familiar with the condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon.

- **Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt?**  
Eight of the nine respondents are familiar with the status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt.
- **Water quality?**  
Six of the nine respondents are familiar with the current water quality conditions.
- **Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?**  
Other issues identified include:
  - Conditions of the levee
  - Impact the Delta water has on agriculture and the loss of jobs
  - Water needs to be available for agriculture
  - Affects of water restrictions

#### **Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?**

None of the respondents work or live in the Delta.

#### **4.2.2 Understanding Community Character**

##### **If living outside of the Delta: Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?**

Two of the nine respondents only visit the Delta when they are driving through to another destination.

##### **Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

Eight of the nine respondents think their communities are unique to other communities, while two did not.

##### **What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

When asked for specific reasons why their community is unique, the following responses were provided:

- Location (4)
- High production of agricultural goods (1)
- Large low-income population (1)
- Low education rate (1)
- High-quality groundwater supply (1)
- Traffic (1)
- Good quality of life (1)
- Government presence (1)
- Not dependent on agriculture (1)
- Dependent on groundwater (1)
- No major freeways (1)

**What activities are important to your community (i.e., what cultural events, community group meetings, annual festivals, etc., are important to your community)?**

All nine respondents provided both specific and general types of events they consider important, including:

**General Types of Events**

- Recreational activities (3)
- Farmers' markets (2)
- Parades (2)
- Agricultural activities (2)
- Jobs (1)
- Youth sports (1)
- Sporting events (1)
- High school sports (1)
- Rodeos (1)

**Specific Events**

- County Fair (2)
- Cotton Festival (2)
- Sanger Farmers' Market (1)
- Blossom Day Festival (1)
- Blossom Trail
- Trek to the Nation's Christmas Tree (1)
- Toyland Parade (1)
- Christmas Tree Lighting (1)
- Thursday Night Market (1)
- Friday Night Event (1)
- Renaissance Fair (1)
- Outdoor movie night (1)

**Why do you think they are important?**

Eight of the nine respondents think these activities are important to their communities because they:

- Celebrate tradition (2)
- Bring the community together (2)
- Provide a recreational outlet (1)
- Add to the quality of life (1)
- Drive the economy (1)

**What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

All nine respondents identified one or more ethnicities, including:

- Latino (9)
- Caucasian (4)
- Black (1)
- Filipino (1)

### What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

All nine respondents identified one more primary language spoken in their community, including:

- English (10)
- Spanish (5)

### Is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Seven of the nine respondents indicated that farming is a primary form of employment in their communities, and identified the major crops or goods produced, including:

- Nuts (7)
- Grapes (4)
- Dairy (3)
- Citrus (3)
- Corn (3)
- Cotton (2)
- Nectarines (1)
- Fruits (1)
- Oranges (1)
- Wheat (1)
- Hay (1)
- Olives (1)
- Tomatoes (1)
- Alfalfa (1)
- Lettuce (1)
- Fruit (1)
- Organic products (1)

When asked about farm size, two respondents indicated the farms are smaller (fewer than 50 employees), two respondents indicated the farms are larger (50 employees or more), and three said there is a mix of both small and larger farms.

Six of the seven respondents who identified farming as a primary form of employment indicated Latino is the primary ethnicity of those involved in the farming industry. The seventh indicated the primary ethnicity as Portuguese.

#### 4.2.3 Delta Uses By The Community

### Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by the ethnic groups you've identified in your community? In general, are there specific businesses in your community that are frequented more than others?

Four of the nine respondents identified a specific business owned or frequented by certain ethnic groups; these businesses include:

Businesses	Ethnic Population	Owned/Frequented
Mexican restaurants	Latino	Frequented
Packing houses	Latino	Frequented
Trucking companies	Latino	Owned
El Tapatio	Latino	Frequented
El Progreso Market	Latino	Frequented

<b>Businesses</b>	<b>Ethnic Population</b>	<b>Owned/Frequented</b>
El Futuro Credit Union	Latino	Frequented
Yessennis	Latino	Frequented
Paris Boutique	Latino	Frequented
Businesses in downtown Sanger	Latino	Frequented

**Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish more than others?**

One respondent indicated that Latino and Filipino community members use the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish for recreational and food purposes. The respondent said the use is for cultural and economic purposes, as well as based on preference.

The respondent offered the following as popular areas for these cultural groups to gather for other water-related activities (each of the following responses was provided once):

- Lake Success
- Kaweah Lake
- Tule River
- Canals
- Manmade lakes

Two of the nine respondents did not believe certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish, citing political concerns and economic forces. Six of the nine respondents did not respond to this question.

**Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only the ethnic groups you've identified in your community?**

Four of the nine respondents believed certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only their group. Examples of these activities provided by the respondents include (each of the following responses was provided once):

- Commission Honorifica Mexicana America Cinco de Mayo events – Latino
- Mexican Independence Day (September 16) – Latino
- Information and Communication

**In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects?**

The nine respondents provided the following as sources of information for the community:

- Newspapers (5)
  - Visalia Times Delta (1)
  - Valley Voice (1)
  - Hanford Sentinel (2)
  - Fresno Bee (1)
  - Corcoran Journal (1)
  - Avenue Chimes (1)
- Radio (4)
- Internet (3)
- Television (2)
- Community organizations (2)
- Government agencies (1)
  - City of Sanger (1)
  - County Board of Supervisors (1)
- Community events (1)
- Chamber of Commerce (1)

**Where do people who may be considered low-income in your community receive government, health care, or other services?**

Eight of the nine respondents are aware of government, health care, or other services for those who may be considered low-income, including:

- County services (5)
- Local clinics (3)
- Family Health Care Network (2)
- Nonprofits (1)
- Welfare Department (1)
- Health Foundation (1)
- Hospitals (1)

Eight of the nine respondents specified Latinos as the ethnic groups they think makes up the largest percentage of low-income residents in their communities. The ninth respondent did not know.

### 4.3 Community/Faith Based Responses

Eight interviews were categorized as “community” in the “Central Valley” region. Below is the summary of findings for those interviews. The number of respondents for any given response to a question is indicated in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

#### 4.3.1 General Delta-Related

##### **How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?**

Two of the eight respondents provided a response to this question. Both respondents believe that the Delta needs to be “fixed” and “more of a balance is needed.”

##### **What do you think are its best attributes and why?**

None of the respondents provided a response.

##### **What, if anything, do you think needs to be done to fix it?**

Two of the eight respondents provided suggestions on how to “fix” the Delta, including:

- Allow water for farming
- Protect fish, but only to a certain degree
- Water should not be sent far away
- Southern California needs to develop its own water source

##### **Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

- **Flood hazards associated with levee failures?**

Five of the eight respondents are familiar with flood hazards associated with levee failures.

- **Condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon?**

Six of the eight respondents are familiar with the condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon.

- **Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt?**

All eight respondents are familiar with the status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt.

- **Water quality?**

Five of the eight respondents are familiar with current water quality conditions.

- **Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?**

Other issues offered include:

- Community impacts and job loss due to lack of water

**Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?**

None of the respondents worked or lived in the Delta.

**4.3.2 Understanding Community Character****Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?**

N/A

**If living outside of the Delta: Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?**

None of the respondents go to the Delta.

**Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

Five of the eight respondents believe that their communities are unique to other communities.

**What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

When asked for specific reasons of why their community is unique, the following responses were provided:

- Agricultural community (2)
- Access to water source (1)
- Balanced job base (1)
- Conservative population (1)
- Diverse employment opportunities because of a two-year college

**What activities are important to your community (i.e., what cultural events, community group meetings, annual festivals, etc., are important to your community)?**

All eight respondents answered this question, and provided both specific and general types of events they consider important, including (each response was provided once):

**General Types of Events**

- Farmers' markets
- Business community events
- Family friendly events
- Farmers' markets
- Historical events
- Homecomings
- Filipino dancing groups
- Folkloric dancing groups

**Specific Events**

- City Theater performances
- The Harvest Festival
- Cultural Cinco de Mayo Celebration
- Mud Run
- Cotton Festival
- County Fair
- Chili Cook-Off

**Why do you think they are important?**

All eight respondents think these activities are important to their communities because they:

- Bring people together/build a sense of community (7)
- Celebrate prosperity (1)
- Recognize cultural importance (1)
- Drive the economy(1)
- Promote a healthy community (1)

**What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

All eight respondents identified one or more ethnicities within their community, including:

- Latino (8)
- Caucasian (2)
- Filipino (1)

**What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

All eight respondents provided the primary language spoken in their community, including:

- Spanish (8)
- English (7)
- Tagalog (1)

### Is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

All eight respondents indicated that farming is a primary form of employment in their communities, and knew the major crops or goods produced, including:

- Cotton (5)
- Alfalfa (3)
- Grapes (3)
- Oranges (2)
- Peaches (2)
- Nectarines (2)
- Almonds (2)
- Beef (2)
- Tomatoes (2)
- Cantaloupe (2)
- Wheat (2)
- Cattle (1)
- Walnuts (1)
- Dairy (1)
- Fruit trees (1)
- Nuts (1)
- Hay (1)
- Kiwis (1)
- Pork (1)

Two respondents indicated the farms are smaller (employing fewer than 50 people), one respondent indicated the farms are a mix of large (employing more than 50 people) and small, and four indicated the farms are larger. One did not respond.

Six of the respondents identified Latino as the primary ethnicity of those involved in the industry, one indicated Filipino and Latino, and another indicated the farms are much more diverse, employing Latino, Black, Southeast Asian, and Caucasian.

#### 4.3.3 Delta Uses By The Community

### Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by the ethnic groups you've identified in your community? In general, are there specific businesses in your community that are frequented more than others?

One of the eight respondents identified a specific business owned or frequented by certain ethnic groups; these businesses include:

Businesses	Ethnic Population	Owned/Frequented
Savemart	Latino	Frequent
Town and Country	Latino	Frequent
Post office	Latino	Frequent
Women Infant & Children (WIC)	Latino	Frequent
Community college	Latino	Frequent

### Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish more than others?

The respondents did not answer this question.

**Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only the ethnic groups you've identified in your community?**

None of the respondents think certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or got to events that have specific meaning to only that group due to economic reasons or because all ethnic groups are involved in all activities.

#### **4.3.4 Information and Communication**

**In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects?**

All eight respondents provided sources of information for the community, including:

- Newspapers (4)
- Radio (3)
- Television (3)
- Word of mouth (3)
- Community events (2)
- Community organizations (2)
- Employer (1)
- Nonprofits (1)
- Government agencies (1)

**Where do people who may be considered low-income in your community receive government, health care, or other services?**

All eight respondents are aware of services that provided government services and/or health care for those who may be considered low-income, and provided specific examples including:

- County services (5)
- Human Services Department (2)
- Workforce Connection (1)
- Hospitals/emergency rooms (1)
- Family resource centers (1)
- Kings County Community Action (1)

All eight respondents indicated the largest percentage of low-income residents in their communities, including:

- Latino (6)
- Caucasian (2)
- Filipino (1)

## 4.4 Elected/Government Responses

Thirty-nine interviews were categorized as “elected” in the “Central Valley” region. Below is the summary of findings for those interviews. The number of respondents for any given response to a question is indicated in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

### 4.4.1 General Delta-Related

#### How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Twenty-five of the 39 respondents provided a response to this question. Generally, respondents feel the Delta “needs improvement” and “it has many issues that need to be fixed.” Specific reasons for this general feeling of concern include:

- Water diversion/water supply issues/water transferred to other parts of the state (2)
- Putting the needs of fish before people (3)
- Levee issues/flooding risks (2)
- Agriculture concerns (2)
- Environmental needs (2)
- Water quality (2)
- Saltwater intrusion (1)

#### What do you think are its best attributes and why?

Twenty-three of the 39 respondents offered a wide range of attributes, including:

- Source of water (14)
- Recreational resources (6)
- Natural resources (4)
- Transportation of goods (3)
- Agricultural resource (3)
- Economic engine (2)

#### What, if anything, do you think needs to be done to fix it?

Twenty-four of the 39 respondents provided a response to this question. Respondents provided suggestions on how to “fix” the Delta, including:

- Better balance between environment and water needs (6)
- Better balance of water distribution (4)
- Develop a comprehensive plan (3)
- Increases storage capacity (3)
- Repair the levees (3)
- Address wildlife/habitat issues (2)
- Address water quality issues (2)
- Ensure no dumping (1)
- Deal with water rights issues (1)
- Better management of the Delta (1)
- Determine funding for new projects (1)
- Relocate pumps (1)
- Address the Delta smelt issue (1)
- Address non-native intrusion (1)

**Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:****• Flood hazards associated with levee failures?**

Thirty of the 39 respondents are familiar with flood hazards associated with levee failures.

**• Condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon?**

Twenty-four of the 39 respondents are familiar with the condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon.

**• Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt?**

Thirty-three of the 39 respondents are familiar with the status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt.

**• Water quality?**

Twenty-four of the 39 respondents are familiar with current water quality conditions.

**• Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?**

Other issues offered include:

- Central Valley needs more water (9)
- Saltwater intrusion (2)
- The bass are eating the Delta smelt (1)
- Federal law should supersede state law (1)
- The Delta smelt is a non-native fish (1)
- Begin implementing ideas and solutions (1)
- Need for increased water storage (1)
- Algae from boats visiting from other areas is polluting the Delta (1)
- Funding for Delta related projects needs to be determined (1)
- People are more important than fish (1)
- Impacts of global climate change (1)
- Lack of water results in death of crops (1)

**Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?**

Eighteen of the 38 respondents answered this question. Sixteen of the 18 respondents both work and live in the Delta, one only works in the Delta, and one only lives in the Delta.

**4.4.2 Understanding Community Character****Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?**

Only 1 of the 39 respondents works in the Delta, and does so because he was raised in the area.

**If living outside of the Delta: Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?**

Seventeen of the 39 respondents who do not live or work in the Delta, visit the Delta for the following reasons:

- Business (9)
- Recreational (6)
- To visit family and friends (3)
- Passed through (2)
- Political reasons (1)

**Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

Thirty-one of the 39 respondents believe that their communities are unique to other communities.

**What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

When asked for specific reasons why their community is unique, the following responses were provided:

- Strong agricultural industry (12)
- Water source (10)
- Location (9)
- High unemployment rate (7)
- Type of employment (3)
- Size of population (2)
- Type of climate (2)
- Type of community (1)

**What activities are important to your community (i.e., what cultural events, community group meetings, annual festivals, etc., are important to your community)?**

Thirty-eight of the 39 respondents answered this question, and provided both specific and general types of events they consider important, including:

**General Types of Events**

- Holiday parades and celebrations (10)
- Farmers' markets (6)
- Youth sports (5)
- Religious gatherings (2)
- Recreational activities (2)
- Sporting events (1)
- Beautification projects (1)
- Fishing (1)

**Specific Events**

- Cinco de Mayo Festival (5)
- Big Moon Festival (3)
- Annual Raisin Festival (3)
- Irish Festival (3)
- The Cotton Festival (2)
- The Christmas Festival/Parade (2)
- Renaissance Fair (2)
- Thursday Night Markets (2)
- Fourth of July Parade and Festival (2)
- Harvest Festival (2)
- Filipino Festival (2)
- Agricultural Expo (2)
- The Christmas Tree Lighting (1)
- Kings County Fair (1)
- Livingston Community Festival (1)
- Summer Street Fairs (1)
- The Round Up (1)
- Community Day (1)
- Memorial Day Festival (1)
- Woodlake Rodeo (1)
- Filipino Weekend (1)
- Harvest Holidays (1)
- Merced County Fair (1)
- Spring Fair (1)
- Fall Festival (1)
- Street Fair (1)
- Taste of the Town (1)
- The July Carnival (1)
- The Bakersfield County (1) Agricultural Fair (1)
- Kern County Fair (1)
- Pow Wow Festival (1)
- Cruising for Jesus (1)
- Candy Cane Parade (1)
- Big Hat Days (1)
- Clovis Festival (1)
- Reading Festival (1)
- Music on Main Street (1)
- Hmong New Year (1)
- Selma Fan Festival (1)
- Mariachi Festival (1)
- Delano Harvest Festival (1)

**Why do you think they are important?**

Thirty-six of the 38 respondents think these activities are important to their communities because they:

- Bring people together/build a sense of community (25)
- Keep community healthy and happy (1)
- Drive the economic engine (5)
- Provide educational/outreach opportunities (12)
- Celebrate and promote traditions (3)
- Celebrate diversity (1)

**What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

Thirty-eight of the 39 respondents identified one or more ethnicities, including:

- Latino (35)
- Caucasian (12)
- Asian (3)
- Black (3)
- Hmong (2)
- Filipino (1)
- Southeast Asian (1)
- Laotian (1)
- Indian (1)

### **What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

All 39 respondents provided the primary language spoken in their community. Some identified more than one language. According to these respondents, the primary languages spoken in their community are:

- English (36)
- Spanish (32)
- Tagalog (3)
- Hmong (2)
- Hindi (1)
- Portuguese (1)
- Punjabi (1)

### **Is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

Thirty-seven of the 39 respondents identified farming as a primary form of employment in their community. The 37 respondents knew the major crops or goods produced, including:

- Dairy (16)
- Grapes (12)
- Cotton (11)
- Almonds (10)
- Alfalfa (9)
- Citrus (9)
- Nuts (8)
- Tomatoes (8)
- Corn (7)
- Peaches (5)
- Lettuce (4)
- Oranges (4)
- Raisins (4)
- Cattle (3)
- Walnuts (2)
- Wheat (2)
- Pistachios (2)
- Watermelon (2)
- Chickens (2)
- Carrots (2)
- Barely (1)
- Feed (1)
- Cauliflower (1)
- Silage (1)
- Garlic (1)
- Kiwi (1)
- Plums (1)
- Pears (1)
- Sweet potatoes (1)
- Asparagus (1)
- Bell peppers (1)
- Nectarines (1)
- Olives (1)
- Strawberries (1)
- Blueberries (1)
- Cucumbers (1)
- Eggplant (1)

When asked about farm size, 10 respondents indicated the farms are smaller (fewer than 50 employees), 10 respondents indicated the farms are larger (50 employees or more), 7 respondents said there is a mix of small and large farms, and 10 were unsure of farm size.

The following ethnicities were provided by the 37 respondents for those involved in the farming industry:

- Latino (36)
- Caucasian (5)
- Asian (2)
- Portuguese (2)
- Filipino (2)
- Hmong (1)
- Indian (1)
- Pakistani (1)

The two respondents out of the overall 39 who do not identify farming as a primary form of employment, offered the following sources as primary forms of employment (each response was provided once):

- Service industry
- Education
- Government

#### 4.4.3 Delta Uses By The Community

**Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by the ethnic groups you've identified in your community? In general, are there specific businesses in your community that are frequented more than others?**

Twenty-nine of the 39 respondents could identify a specific business owned or frequented by certain ethnic groups; these businesses include:

Businesses	Ethnic Population	Owned/Frequented
Liberty Market	Unknown	Frequented
Sikh Temples	Unknown	Frequented
Chamber of Commerce	Latino	Frequented
Latino grocery stores	Latino	Frequented
Rancho San Miguel	Latino	Frequented
Grimway Farms	Unknown	Frequented
Dryers Ice Cream	Unknown	Frequented
Latino restaurants	Latino	Frequented
Walmart	Latino	Frequented
El Levante	Latino	Frequented
Valardete	Latino	Frequented
Family Health Care Network	Latino	Frequented
Sequoia Medical Center	Latino	Frequented
Univision	Latino	Owned
El Progreso	Latino	Frequented
Sal's Restaurant	Latino	Frequented
Auto Mall	Latino	Frequented
Country County Market	Latino	Frequented

<b>Businesses</b>	<b>Ethnic Population</b>	<b>Owned/Frequented</b>
Community centers	Mix	Frequented
Porteus	Unknown	Frequented
Friday night farmers' market	Unknown	Frequented
Open Market at Ronas-Piererre Park	Unknown	Frequented
Savemart	Unknown	Frequented
The Ranch Market	Asian	Frequented
City Hall	Unknown	Frequented
Senior Centers	Unknown	Frequented
First 5 Fresno	Latino	Frequented
Housing Authority	Latino	Frequented

**Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish more than others?**

Eleven of the 39 respondents indicated that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish.

All 11 of identified specific groups, including:

- Latino (8)
- Asian (4)
- Hmong (2)

The reasons given for using the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams were:

- Recreation and food (4)
- Recreation only (4)
- Food only (2)

When food was given as the reason for the use of the surrounding area, four respondents indicated it is for cultural reasons, three indicated it is for economic reasons, and three indicated it is based on preference.

When recreation was given as the reason for the use of the surrounding areas, four respondents said it is based on location.

Five respondents think there are popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups gather for other water-related activities. The ethnic groups identified are Asian by three respondents, Latinos by one respondent, and Hmong by one respondent.

These popular areas include (each of the following responses was provided once):

- Mendota Wildlife Refuge
- Kaweah Lake
- Scaags Bridge Park
- Love Lake Park
- California Aqueduct
- Shaver Lakes
- Kings River
- Lake Isabella
- Benicia Lake
- Kern River
- San Joaquin River

**Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only the ethnic groups you’ve identified in your community?**

Eighteen of the 39 respondents believed certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only their group. Examples of these activities provided by the respondents include (each of the following responses was provided once):

- Cinco de Mayo – Latino
- Portuguese Festival – Portuguese
- Tulare County Flea Market – Latino
- Harvest Festival – Latino
- Hmong New Year – Hmong
- Mexican Independence Day – Latino
- Mariachi Festival – Latino
- Weekly farmers’ markets – Latino
- Filipino Society events – Filipino
- Martin Luther King Week
- Cesar Chavez Day – Latino
- Asian/Pacific Islander Festival – Asian/Pacific Islander
- Soccer games
- Filipino Weekend – Filipino
- Catholic churches – Latino
- Sikh Parade – Sikh

Eleven respondents do not believe certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only those groups. Ten respondents did not answer the question.

#### 4.4.4 Information and Communication

**In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects?**

All 39 respondents provided sources of information for the community, including:

- Newspapers (28)
  - Fresno Bee (8)
  - Hanford Sentinel (3)
  - Visalia Times Delta (3)
  - Porterville Recorder (2)
  - Valley Voice Newspaper (3)
  - Delano Record (1)
  - Sun Star (1)

- Merced County Times (1)
- Bakersfield Californian
- Parlicer Post
- Sanger Herald
- Selma Enterprise
- Television (22)
  - Univision (2)
- Radio (20)
  - K100
  - KOSY
  - KMJ (2)
  - KTIP
- Community organizations (10)
- Community events (8)
- Utility bill inserts (6)
- Churches (2)
- City Council meetings (2)
- City Hall (2)
- Phone tree (2)
- E-board on Main Street (2)
- Newsletters (2)
  - City of Reedley (1)
  - Water Association (1)
  - Water Coalition (1)
- Word of mouth (1)
- Direct mail (1)
- Senior centers (1)
- Internet (1)
  - City Web site (3)
  - Facebook (1)
  - Twitter (1)
- Community outreach efforts (1)
- Service clubs (1)

**Where do people who may be considered low-income in your community receive government, health care, or other services?**

Thirty-eight of the 39 respondents are aware of government, health care and/or other services provided for those who may be considered low-income, including:

- County services (19)
- Nonprofits (10)
- Kings County Community Action (2)
- CSET (1)
- Prodic (1)
- Prodius (1)
- YMCA (1)
- First 5 (1)
- Hospitals/emergency rooms (7)
- Family Healthcare Network (4)
- Health and Human Services (3)
- Federal health care clinics (3)
- Local clinics (3)
- Community service centers (2)
- Women, Infant and Children (WIC)/food stamps (2)
- Private health care facilities (1)
- The Lions Club (1)
- The Rotary Club (1)
- The Adventist Health Hospital (1)
- Calworks (1)
- Salvation Army (1)
- Food banks (1)
- Sequoia Medical Center (1)
- Golden Valley Health Care (2)
- Heritage Center (1)
- Housing Authority (1)
- Habitat for Humanity (1)

- Kern Medical Center (1)
- Clinica Sierra Vista (1)
- National Health Care (1)
- United Health Care (1)
- Churches (1)

Thirty-six of the 39 respondents specified one or more ethnic groups they think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in their communities:

- Latino (36)
- Caucasians (5)
- Black (2)
- Southeast Asian (1)
- Asian (1)
- Hmong (1)

## 4.5 Ethnic Responses

Four interviews were categorized as “ethnic” in the “Central Valley” region. Below is the summary of findings for those interviews. The number of respondents for any given response to a question is indicated in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

### 4.5.1 General Delta-Related

#### **How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?**

Two of the four respondents provided a response to this question. The respondents feel that the Delta is “impacting” farmers and landowners and it is being “hurt” by “regulatory constraints.”

#### **What do you think are its best attributes and why?**

Two of the four respondents offered attributes including:

- Water source (2)
- Recreational resource (1)
- Wildlife habitat (1)

#### **What, if anything, do you think needs to be done to fix it?**

Two of the four respondents responded to this question; however, the responses did not answer the question. Opinions expressed to answer this question will be incorporated into other, more appropriate areas of this summary. The third respondent did not provide an answer.

#### **Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

- **Flood hazards associated with levee failures?**

Two of the four respondents are familiar with flood hazards associated with levee failures.

- **Condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon?**

Three of the four respondents are familiar with the condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon.

- **Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt?**

Three of the four respondents are familiar with the status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt.

- **Water quality?**

Three of the four respondents are familiar with current water quality conditions.

- **Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?**

Other issues offered include:

- Need to find a balance between farmers and the environment
- Too much reliance on pumping
- Consider the economic benefits the Delta can provide to the state

**Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?**

None of the respondents work or live in the Delta.

#### **4.5.2 Understanding Community Character**

**If living outside of the Delta: Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?**

Three of the four respondents have visited the Delta, two for recreational purposes and the third for business.

**Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

Two of the four respondents believe that their community is unique to other communities; two did not answer the question.

**What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

When asked for specific reasons of why their community is unique, the following responses were provided (each response was provided once):

- Unaware or less aware of specific Delta-related issues
- Agriculture-based
- Very reliant on water

**What activities are important to your community (i.e., what cultural events, community group meetings, annual festivals, etc., are important to your community)?**

Three of the four respondents provided both specific and general types of events they consider important, including:

**General Types of Events**

- Recreational activities (1)
- Social gatherings (1)
- Homecoming (1)
- Farmers' markets (1)
- Cinco de Mayo celebrations (1)

**Specific Events**

- Agricultural Trade Show (1)
- Renaissance Festival (1)

**Why do you think they are important?**

Three of the four respondents think these activities are important to their communities because they (each response was provided once):

- Share cultural experiences with the entire community
- Provide educational opportunities
- Create networks

**What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

All four respondents provided one or more ethnicities, including:

- Latino (3)
- Caucasian (2)
- Asian (1)
- Black (1)

**What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

All four respondents provided the primary language spoken in their community. Some identified more than one language. According to these respondents, the primary languages spoken in their community are:

- Spanish (3)
- English (2)
- Hmong (1)

**Is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

Three of the four respondents identified farming as a primary form of employment in their community, and identified the major crops or goods produced, including (each response was provided once):

- Tomatoes
- Bok Choy
- Almonds
- Grapes
- Tree fruit
- Green mustard
- Green onions
- Green beans
- Lemons
- Oranges
- Plums
- Apples
- Cotton

When asked about farm size, only one respondent indicated the size, stating they are smaller (fewer than 50 employees); two did not answer the question.

Two respondents who identified farming as a primary form of employment indicated Latino as the primary ethnicity of those involved in the farming industry. The other two did not answer or did not now the primary ethnicity.

#### 4.5.3 Delta Uses By The Community

**Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by the ethnic groups you've identified in your community? In general, are there specific businesses in your community that are frequented more than others?**

Two of the four respondents identified specific businesses owned or frequented by certain ethnic groups; these businesses include:

Businesses	Ethnic Population	Owned/Frequented
Grocery stores	Asian	Frequented
Golden Bowl	Asian	Frequented
KC Supermarket	Asian	Frequented
Asian Supermarket	Asian	Frequented
RN Supermarket	Asian	Frequented
Bingo Supermarket	Asian	Frequented
Luang Supermarket	Asian	Frequented
California Latino Coalition	Latino	Frequented
Schools	Latino	Frequented

**Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish more than others?**

Three of the four respondents indicated that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish, including:

- Asian (2)
- Latino (1)
- Caucasian (1)

The reasons why these specific groups use the area were:

- Food only (2)
- Recreation and food (1)

When food was given as a reason for the use of the surrounding river, lakes, and/or streams, two respondents indicated it is for economic reasons only. One respondent thinks it is for economic reasons, cultural reasons, and preference.

When recreation was given as a reason for the use of the surrounding areas, one respondent indicated it is because of the type of fish available in the Delta. The respondent also thinks there are popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups gather for other water-related activities, including (each response was provided once):

- San Joaquin River
- Kings River

**Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only the ethnic groups you've identified in your community?**

Two of the four respondents believed certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only their group. Examples of these activities provided by the respondents, include (each of the following responses was provided once):

- Cinco de Mayo events – Latino
- Hmong New Year – Hmong
- Chinese New Year – Chinese
- Cambodian New Year – Cambodian
- Lao New Year – Laotian

#### **4.5.4 Information and Communication**

**In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects?**

The four respondents provided the following as sources of information for the community:

- Newspapers (4)
- Television (3)
- Word of mouth (1)
- Government agencies (1)
- Radio (1)
- Community organizations (1)
- Schools (1)

**Where do people who may be considered low-income in your community receive government, health care, and/or other services?**

All four respondents are aware of government, health care, and/or other services provided for those who may be considered low-income, including:

- Nonprofits (3)
- County services (2)
- CalWorks (1)
- Churches (1)
- Social services (1)

All four respondents specified Latinos as the ethnic groups that they think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in their communities, while one indicated Asians as well.

## **4.6 Public Interest/Environmental Organization Responses**

Five interviews were categorized as “interested parties” in the “Central Valley” region. Below is the summary of findings for those interviews. The number of respondents for any given response to a question is indicated in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

### **4.6.1 General Delta-Related**

#### **How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?**

Two of the five respondents provided a response to this question. In general, both respondents to this question are concerned with the state of the Delta, saying it is “broken.” One states, “It seems to be in bad shape and is affecting residents all over California and the ecosystem.”

#### **What do you think are its best attributes and why?**

None of the respondents provided an answer to this question.

#### **What, if anything, do you think needs to be done to fix it?**

None of the respondents provided an answer to this question.

#### **Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

- **Flood hazards associated with levee failures?**  
All five respondents are familiar with flood hazards associated with levee failures.
- **Condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon?**  
All five respondents are familiar with the condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon.
- **Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt?**  
All five respondents are familiar with the status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt.
- **Water quality?**  
All five respondents are familiar with current water quality conditions.
- **Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?**  
Other issues offered include:
  - The overall reliance on the Delta by the entire state

#### **Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?**

None of the respondents work or live in the Delta.

**4.6.2 Understanding Community Character**

**Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?**

N/A

**4.6.3 If living outside of the Delta: Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?**

Two of the five respondents have visited the Delta; one respondent drove through to get to another destination and the second respondent visits family and friends in the Delta.

**Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta? What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

One of the five respondents believes his community is unique to other communities, while four do not. The respondent feels his community is unique due to its reliance on groundwater.

**Do you see your family remaining in your community for generations to come? Why or why not?**

N/A

**What activities are important to your community (i.e., what cultural events, community group meetings, annual festivals, etc., are important to your community)?**

Three of the five respondents provided both specific and general types of events they consider important, including:

**General Types of Events**

- Community activities (1)

**Specific Events**

- Cotton Festival (2)

**Why do you think they are important?**

Three of the five respondents think these activities are important to their communities because they:

- Provide cultural preservation (1)
- Build a sense of community (2)

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**What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

All five respondents provided one or more ethnicities, including:

- Latino (4)
- Black (1)
- Caucasian (1)
- Asian (1)

**What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

All five respondents provided the primary language spoken in their community. Some identified more than one language. According to these respondents, the primary languages spoken in their community are:

- English (4)
- Spanish (3)

**Is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

All five respondents identified farming as a primary form of employment in their communities, and identified the major crops or goods produced, including:

- Peaches (2)
- Wheat (2)
- Tomatoes (1)
- Plums (2)
- Stone fruit (1)
- Almonds (1)
- Citrus (2)
- Grapes (1)
- Nuts (1)
- Dairy (2)
- Hay (1)
- Row crops (1)
- Cotton (2)
- Nectarines (1)
- Alfalfa (2)
- Corn (1)

When asked about farm size, one respondent indicates the farms are smaller (fewer than 50 employees), three respondents indicated the farms are larger (50 employees or more), and one said there is a mix of both small and larger farms.

Four of the five respondents who said farming is a primary form of employment indicated that Latino is the primary ethnicity of those involved in the farming industry. The fifth declined to state.

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**4.6.4 Delta Uses By The Community**

**Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by the ethnic groups you’ve identified in your community? In general, are there specific businesses in your community that are frequented more than others?**

One of the five respondents identified a specific business owned or frequented by certain ethnic groups; this business is:

<b>Businesses</b>	<b>Ethnic Population</b>	<b>Owned/Frequented</b>
Ruiz Foods	Latino	Owned

**Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish more than others?**

None of the respondent indicated that a certain ethnic of cultural group uses the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish more than others.

**Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only the ethnic groups you’ve identified in your community?**

One of the five respondents believed certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only their group; however, the respondent was unable to provide a specific example.

**4.6.5 Information and Communication**

**In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects?**

The five respondents provided the following as sources of information for the community:

- Radio (3)
- Television (3)
- Newspaper (2)
- Community organizations (2)
- Water district (1)
- Word of mouth (1)
- Community events (1)

**Where do people who may be considered low-income in your community receive government, health care, and/or other services?**

Three of the five respondents are aware of government, health care, and/or other services provided for those who may be considered low-income, including:

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- County services (2)
- Local clinics (1)

Four of the five respondents specified Latinos as the ethnic groups that they think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in their communities. The fifth respondent did not know.

## 5.0 NORTH BAY

<b>Data Summary</b>		
<b>City/County</b>	<b>Interviews Conducted (18 total)</b>	<b>Respondent Type/Organization</b>
Alameda	4	Elected/Alameda County (2); Ethnic/Familias Unidas; Ethnic/Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Hayward	1	Ethnic/La Familia Counseling Service
Hercules	2	Elected/City of Hercules (2)
Lafayette	2	Elected/City of Lafayette; Elected/Lafayette School Board
Oakland	2	Ethnic/Bay Area International Institute; Ethnic/Spanish Speaking Citizens
Richmond	3	Ethnic/Asian Pacific Environmental Network; Elected/City of Richmond (2)
San Pablo	2	Elected/City of San Pablo
Walnut Creek	2	Elected/City of Walnut Creek; Community/Save Mount Diablo

## 5.1 Community/Faith Based Responses

Because only one interview was categorized as “Community/Faith Based” in the “North Bay” region, the actual responses from this respondent can be found by reviewing the interview record located in Appendix A so as not to generalized information that can be compiled only from having multiple respondents.

## 5.2 Elected/Government Responses

Eleven interviews were categorized as “elected” in the “North Bay” region. Below is the summary of findings for those interviews. The number of respondents for any given response to a question is indicated in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

### 5.2.1 General Delta-Related

#### How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Ten of the 11 respondents provided a response to this question. Generally, respondents feel “concerned” about the current state of the Delta. Specific reasons for this general feeling of concern for the Delta include:

- Water quality (3)
- Levee failure (3)
- Water supply (3)
- Delta smelt (1)
- Wildlife (1)
- Environmental issues (1)

#### What do you think are its best attributes and why?

Eight of the 11 respondents offered a wide range of attributes including:

- Source of water (7)
- Great wildlife/habitat (4)
- Agricultural resource (3)
- Recreational resource (3)
- Environmental asset (1)
- Development opportunities (1)

#### What, if anything, do you think needs to be done to fix it?

Nine of the 11 respondents provided suggestions on how to “fix” the Delta, including:

- Develop a plan for the future (4)
- Fix the levees (3)
- Increase water storage (1)
- Address flooding concerns (1)
- Better balance between agricultural and recreational needs (1)
- Focus on agriculture (1)
- Stop studying programs and start implementing solutions (1)
- Increase conservation efforts (1)
- Improve community outreach efforts (1)
- Better leadership (1)
- Prevent saltwater intrusion (1)
- Invest money (1)

**Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

- **Flood hazards associated with levee failures?**  
Five of the 11 respondents are familiar with flood hazards associated with levee failures.
- **Condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon?**  
Three of the 11 respondents are familiar with the condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon.
- **Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt?**  
Seven of the 11 respondents are familiar with the status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt.
- **Water quality?**  
Five of the 11 respondents are familiar with current water quality conditions.
- **Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?**  
Other issues offered include:
  - Water rights need to be considered (1)
  - Drought issues (1)
  - Water pollution (1)
  - Maintain fresh water (1)
  - Clarify water treatment regulations (1)

**Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?**

None of the 11 respondents live or work in the Delta.

**5.2.2 Understanding Community Character****Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?**

N/A

**If living outside of the Delta: Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?**

Five of the 11 respondents visit the Delta for the following purposes:

- Recreational (4)
- Visit family or friends (1)
- Tours (1)
- Bird watching (1)

**Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

Ten of the 11 respondents believe that their communities are unique to other communities.

**What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

When asked for specific reasons why their community is unique, the following responses were provided:

- Diversity (2)
- Wealthy city (2)
- Very low-income (1)
- Large suburban population (1)
- High volunteerism (1)
- Socioeconomic issues (1)
- Proactive environmentally (1)
- Two different water districts (1)
- Size (1)
- Location (1)

**Do you see your family remaining in your community for generations to come? Why or why not?**

N/A

**What activities are important to your community (i.e., what cultural events, community group meetings, annual festivals, etc., are important to your community)?**

All 11 respondents answered this question, and provided both specific and general types of events they consider important, including:

**General Types of Events**

- Nonprofit agency events
- Cinco de Mayo celebrations (3)
- Farmers' markets
- Fourth of July celebrations
- School events (2)

**Specific events**

- Annual Cultural Festival (2)
- Heritage Days
- Public Safety Day
- Lafayette Art & Wine Festival (3)
- Lafayette Reservoir Run (2)
- Lafayette Arts and Science Festival
- Home Front Festival
- Annual Community Educational Conference
- Street Festival
- Autumn Wine Festival
- Jam Festival
- Swordfish Festival
- Octoberfest
- Volunteer Fair
- Art Festival
- Festival of Indian
- Festival of Arts
- Alameda County Fair
- Livermore Rodeo
- St. Patrick's Day Festival
- Wine Festival
- Rosie River Memorial Event
- Juneteenth Celebration
- Waterfront

**Why do you think they are important?**

All 11 respondents think these activities are important to their communities because they:

- Bring people together/build a sense of community (9)
- Provide information (4)
- Increase cultural understanding (2)

**What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

All 11 respondents provided one or more ethnicities, including:

- Caucasian (7)
- Latino (5)
- Black (3)
- Asian (2)
- Filipino (2)
- East Indian (1)
- Chinese (1)

**What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

All 11 respondents identified one or more primary languages spoken in their community, including:

- English (11)
- Spanish (10)
- Asian languages (5)
- Tagalog (2)
- Chinese (1)
- Hmong (1)
- Vietnamese (1)

**Is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

One of the 11 respondents indicated that farming is a primary form of employment in his community, and identified the major crops or goods produced as:

- Cattle
- Wine
- Olives
- Nuts
- Nurseries

The respondent did not provide information on the size of the farms, but identified Portuguese, Caucasian, Latino, and Japanese as the primary ethnicities of those involved in the industry.

The 10 respondents who did not identify farming as a primary form of employment offered the following as the primary forms of employment in their communities:

- Retail (5)
- Healthcare (3)
- Service industry (3)
- Biochemical sector (2)
- Casino (2)
- Small business owners
- Education (2)
- Professional services (2)
- Public sector (1)
- Manufacturing (1)
- Industrial (1)
- Commercial (1)
- Shipping (1)

### 5.2.3 Delta Uses By The Community

**Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by the ethnic groups you've identified in your community? In general, are there specific businesses in your community that are frequented more than others?**

Ten of the 11 respondents identified specific businesses owned or frequented by certain ethnic groups; these businesses include:

Businesses	Ethnic Population	Owned/Frequented
Ethnic groceries stores	Mix	Frequented
Accounting firms	Filipino	Owned
Asian restaurants	Asian/Filipino	Frequented
Choko's Cuisine	Asian/Filipino	Frequented
Shisen Sushi	Asian/Filipino	Frequented
Ethnic restaurants	Mix	Frequented
Richmond Business Association	Unknown	Frequented
Richmond Chamber of Commerce	Unknown	Frequented
Libraries	Unknown	Frequented
City offices	Unknown	Frequented
Schools	Unknown	Frequented
Small businesses on 23rd Street	Latino	Frequented
Local mall	Mix	Frequented

**Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish more than others?**

Five of the 11 respondents indicated that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish.

Of those five who indicated certain groups use the surrounding areas, the following groups were identified:

- Black (2)
- Asian (4)
- Latino (2)
- Caucasian (2)

The reasons why these specific groups use the area were:

- Recreation only (2)
- Food only (2)
- Recreation and food (1)

When food was given as a reason for the use of the surrounding area, two respondents indicated it is for cultural reasons, one indicated it is based on preference, and three indicated it is for economic reasons.

When recreation was given as the use of the surrounding areas, three respondents offered the following reasons:

- Location (2)
- Accessibility (1)

Five of the respondents think there are specific locations where certain ethnic or cultural groups gather for other water-related activities, including (each response was provided once):

- Lafayette Reservoir
- San Francisco Bay
- Point San Pablo
- Richmond Marina
- Pablo Shores
- Marina Bay
- North Richmond

According to these five respondents, the primary users of these areas include (each response was provided once):

- Caucasian
- Black
- Southeast Asian
- Latino
- Asian
- A mix of all ethnicities

**Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only the ethnic groups you’ve identified in your community?**

Five of the 11 respondents believed certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only their group. Examples of these activities provided by the respondents, include (each of the following responses was provided once):

- Black church services – Black
- Catholic church services – Latino
- Soccer leagues – Latino
- Concilio Latino – Latino

Three respondents did not believe certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only those groups, but did not provide a reason. Four respondents did not answer the question.

#### **5.2.4 Information and Communication**

**In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects?**

Fourteen of the 16 respondents provided sources of information for the community, including:

- Television (7)
  - Community television stations (1)
- Community events (6)
- Newspaper (5)
- West County Times
- Radio (4)
- Community organizations (4)
  - Senior events (1)
- Internet (2)
  - City Web site (4)
  - www.tombutt.com (1)
- Newsletters (2)
  - Chamber newsletter (2)
  - City newsletter (4)
  - School e-newsletter (1)
- Direct mail (1)
  - City mailings (1)
- Word of mouth (1)
- E-mail announcements (1)
- Chamber of Commerce (1)
- Homeowners associations (1)
- Grassroots outreach efforts (1)
- Magazines (1)
  - Herculean

**Where do people who may be considered low-income in your community receive government, health care, or other services?**

Ten of the 11 respondents are aware of government, health care, and/or other services provided for those who may be considered low-income, including:

- Local nonprofits clinics (4)
- County services (7)
- Local hospitals/emergency rooms (3)
- Brookside Community Clinic (2)
- Affordable housing department (1)
- City employees (1)
- Government programs (1)
- Senior programs (1)

Nine of the 11 respondents specified one or more ethnic groups they think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in their communities:

- Latino (7)
- Caucasian (2)
- Black (3)
- Filipino (1)
- Asian (1)
- Native American (1)

### 5.3 Ethnic Responses

Six interviews were categorized as “ethnic” in the “North Bay” region. Below is the summary of findings for those interviews. The number of respondents for any given response to a question is indicated in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

#### 5.3.1 General Delta-Related

Five of the six respondents provided a response to this question. Generally, respondents feel “concerned” about the current state of the Delta. Specific reasons for this general feeling of concern for the Delta include:

- Levee failure (1)
- Water quality (1)
- Fish killed by the pumps (1)
- Mercury levels (1)
- Amount of water delivered to other parts of the state (1)
- Water supply issues (1)
- Water rights issues (1)

Three of the six respondents offered various attributes including:

- Strong water supply for the state (2)
- Wildlife/habitat (1)

Four of the six respondents provided suggestions on how to “fix” the Delta, including (each response was provided once):

- Regulations on water beds
- Regulations for housing and commercial development
- Increase the amount of spending on improvements

#### **Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

- **Flood hazards associated with levee failures?**

Three of the six respondents are familiar with flood hazards associated with levee failures.

- **Condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon?**

Two of the six respondents are familiar with the condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon.

- **Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt?**

Five of the six respondents are familiar with the status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt.

- **Water quality?**

Four of the six respondents are familiar with current water quality conditions.

- **Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?**

Other issues indentified include:

- Agricultural runoff
- Failure of levees and dams
- Increased level of pesticides

**Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?**

One of the six respondents works in the Delta, and two of the six both work and live in the Delta.

**5.3.2 Understanding Community Character****Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?**

One of the three respondents lives in the Delta but works outside of the area and responded that they lived there because of the access to nature and location to urban areas.

**If living outside of the Delta: Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?**

Three of the six respondents visit the Delta for the following purposes :

- Visit family or friends (2)
- Business (1)

**Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

Five of the six respondents think their communities are unique to other communities.

**What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

When asked for specific reasons why their community is unique, the following responses were provided (each response was provided once):

- Low-income
- Very urban
- High percentage of immigrants
- Mix of recent and long-time residents
- Diverse
- Recreationally focused
- High growth rate

**Do you see your family remaining in your community for generations to come? Why or why not?**

Two respondents answered this question. Both indicated they see their families remaining in their communities for generations to come, stating it is a good place to start a life, there are many opportunities, and it's where their family is located.

**What activities are important to your community (i.e., what cultural events, community group meetings, annual festivals, etc., are important to your community)?**

All six respondents provided both specific and general types of events they consider important, including:

**General Types of Events**

- Chamber events (1)
- Fishing (2)
- Weddings (1)
- Baby showers (1)
- Funerals (1)
- Community events (1)
- Educational activities (1)
- Recreational activities (1)
- Religious activities (1)

**Specific Events**

- Laotian New Year (1)
- Lantern Festival (1)
- CARES events (1)

**Why do you think they are important?**

All six respondents think these activities are important to their communities because they:

- Bring people together/build a sense of community (3)
- Increase cultural understanding (3)
- Provide information (1)

**What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

All six respondents provided one or more ethnicities, including:

- Latino (4)
- Black (2)
- Asian (1)
- Southeast Asian (1)

### What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

All six respondents provided the primary language spoken in their community. Some identified more than one language. According to these respondents, the primary languages spoken in their community are:

- Spanish (5)
- English (3)
- Hmong (1)
- Mandarin (1)
- Tagalog (1)
- Vietnamese (1)

### Is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Two of the six respondents identified farming as a primary form of employment in their communities, and knew the major crops or goods produced, including:

- Rice (2)
- Tomatoes (1)
- Cotton (1)
- Garlic (1)
- Fruit (1)

Both respondents indicated the farms are larger (50 employees or more). One of the respondents identified Latino as the primary ethnicity of those involved in the industry.

The four respondents, out of the overall six, who do not identify farming as a primary form of employment offered the following as the primary forms of employment:

- Service industry (3)
- Construction (2)
- Commercial (1)
- Industrial (1)
- Education (1)
- Professional (1)

### 5.3.3 Delta Uses By The Community

#### Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by the ethnic groups you've identified in your community? In general, are there specific businesses in your community that are frequented more than others?

Two of the six respondents identified specific businesses owned or frequented by certain ethnic groups, including:

Businesses	Ethnic Population	Owned/Frequented
Franklin Boulevard businesses	Latino	Frequented
23rd Street businesses	Black/Latino	Frequented
McDonald Street businesses	Black/Latino	Frequented

**Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish more than others?**

All six respondents indicated that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes, and/or streams to fish, and identified the following groups as users:

- Asian (1)
- Vietnamese (1)
- Southeast Asian (2)
- Latino (4)
- Chinese (1)
- Laotian (1)
- Black (1)

The reasons why these specific groups use the area were identified as:

- Food only (5)
- Recreation and food (1)

When food was given as a reason for the use of the surrounding area, four respondents indicated it is for cultural reasons and four indicated it is for economic reasons.

When recreation was given as the use of the surrounding areas, one respondent offered the following reason:

- Accessibility (1)

Three respondents think there are popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups gather for other water-related activities, including (each response was provided once):

- The coast
- Bay Area
- Richmond
- Berkley Pier
- Port of Oakland

According to these five respondents, the primary users of these areas include (each response was provided once):

- Caucasian
- Black
- Southeast Asian
- Latino
- Asian
- A mix of all ethnicities

**Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only the ethnic groups you've identified in your community?**

All six respondents believed certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or attend events that have specific meaning to only their group. Examples of these activities provided by the respondents, include (the number of times each response was provided is included below):

- Cinco de Mayo – Latino (4)
- Juneteenth Celebration – Black (1)
- Martin Luther King Jr. marches – Black (1)
- Soccer games – Latino (1)
- Flee markets – Latino (1)
- Dia de los Muertos Festival – Latino (1)
- Caesar Chavez – Latino (1)
- Lantern Festival – Asian (1)
- Laotian New Year – Laotian (1)
- Salud de Terria – unspecified (1)
- Armenian festivals – Armenian (1)
- Greek festivals – Greek (1)
- Somali festivals – Somali (1)
- Information and Communication

**In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects?**

All six respondents provided sources of information for the community, including:

- Radio (3)
  - Bustos Media
  - El Piolin
  - El Que Ritmo en la Manana
  - Bay City News Service
- Television (2)
  - KDTV
- Newspapers (1)
- Community organizations (3)
  - Churches (1)
  - Grocery stores (1)
  - Community leaders (1)
  - Social media (1)
    - Twitter (1)
    - Facebook (1)
  - E-mails (1)
    - Chamber of Commerce (1)
    - City (1)

**Where do people who may be considered low-income in your community receive government, health care, and/or other services?**

Five of the six respondents are aware government, health care and/or other services provided for those who may be considered low-income, including:

- Emergency rooms (2)
- Clinca de la Raza (2)
- Local clinics (3)
- Richmond Health Clinic (1)
- Doctor Medical Center (1)
- La Familia (1)
- Kaiser (1)
- Churches (1)
- Alameda Social Services

Five of the six respondents specified one or more ethnic groups they think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in their communities:

- Latino (5)
- Black (3)

**6.0 SOUTH BAY**

<b>Data Summary</b>		
<b>City/County</b>	<b>Interviews Conducted (9 total)</b>	<b>Respondent Type/Organization</b>
San Jose	8	Business/Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce; Elected/City of San Jose (5); Ethnic/Black Chamber of Commerce; Interested Parties/San Jose Water District
Santa Clara	1	Elected/City of Santa Clara

## 6.1 Business Responses

Because only one interview was categorized as “business” in the “South Bay” region, the actual responses from this respondent can be found by reviewing the interview record located in Appendix A so as not to generalized information that can be compiled only from having multiple respondents.

## 6.2 Elected/Government Responses

Six interviews were categorized as “elected” in the “South Bay” region. Below is the summary of findings for those interviews. The number of respondents for any given response to a question is indicated in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

### 6.2.1 General Delta-Related

#### **Are you familiar with the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta?**

All six respondents are familiar with the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

#### **Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?**

All six respondents have heard about Delta-related issues in the news, including:

- Southern California wants water from the Delta
- Concerns about the Delta smelt
- Earthquake risks
- Protection of non-native fish
- Possible failure of levees
- Environmental concerns can weaken the state’s water supply
- Necessary improvements to infrastructure
- Water supplies for the entire state
- Saltwater intrusion

#### **What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?**

- Boating and Recreation (1)
- Farming (1)
- Water supply (drinking water) (5)

#### **What do you think the Delta should be primarily used and protected for?**

- Water supply (drinking water) (6)
- Environment/habitat (1)

#### **Have you ever used or visited the Delta?**

Two of the six respondents have visited the Delta for fishing. Four of the six respondents have not visited the Delta, with three stating that it is too far and one saying there is no reason to go.

**Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?**

All six respondents are familiar with problems or concerns associated with the Delta, including:

- Levee failure (5)
- Water quality issues (1)
- Water infiltration (1)
- Fish are being put ahead of people (1)

**Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

- **Flood hazards associated with levee failures?**  
All six respondents are familiar with flood hazards associated with levee failures.
- **Condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon?**  
Four of the six respondents are familiar with the condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon.
- **Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt?**  
Five of the six respondents are familiar with the status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt.
- **Water quality?**  
Three of the six respondents are familiar with current water quality conditions.
- **Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?**  
One of the six respondents provided another issue in the Delta: cities needing water should pay for construction costs.

**6.2.2 Understanding Water Issues****Do you believe that your city has water quality, water availability, or water affordability issues?**

None of the six respondents thinks their city has water quality issues. Three of the six think their city has water availability issues. Two of the six respondents think their city has water affordability issues.

**Does your city have any type of water conservation program that you know of?**

All six respondents indicated their city has a voluntary water conservation program.

**Do you know where your drinking water comes from? Specifically, do you know where your water provider gets their water?**

All six respondents indicated that they knew the source of their drinking water, with five of the six offering the State Water Project as the source, and one saying Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and wells.

**Do you think that water quality, reliability, availability are issues to your community?**

Four of the six respondents think their community has water quality, reliability, or availability issues. Two did not.

The four respondents who think there is water quality, reliability, or availability issues offered environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other), not enough water being exported from northern California and the population growing too quickly as reasons.

**Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?**

Four of the six respondents did not think their communities able to afford an increase to their water bill if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source. The two respondents who feel that their communities may be able to afford it, think a small increase may be affordable, but not 10, 25, or 50 percent.

**Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community are being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability, or availability?****Water Quality**

Two of the six respondents think water quality has an impact on businesses because poor water quality hurts businesses and increases costs to have it treated.

**Water Reliability**

Three of the six respondents believe that water reliability has an impact; however, no reasons were provided.

**Water Availability**

Three of the six respondents believe that water availability has an impact; however, no reasons were provided.

**What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial, or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?****Residential**

All six respondents think a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact residents. Residents would have to change their lifestyles, use less water, and costs would increase.

**Agricultural**

Five of the six respondents recognized that a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact agricultural industries; however, no reasons were provided.

**Industrial**

All six respondents think a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact industrial and commercial entities; two respondents said costs may increase and would be passed along to the customer.

**Commercial**

All six respondents think a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact industrial and commercial entities; two respondents said costs may increase and would be passed along to the customer.

**What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial, or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current water supply levels?****Residential**

All six respondents think an increase to water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for residents.

**Agricultural**

Five of the six respondents think an increase to water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for agricultural industries.

**Industrial**

All six respondents think an increase to water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for industrial and commercial entities.

## Commercial

All six respondents think an increase to water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for industrial and commercial entities.

### 6.2.3 Understanding Community Character

#### **Do you think your community is unique to other communities? What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

Five of the six respondents feel their community is unique. Respondents gave the following reasons:

- Diverse (3)
- Low-income (1)
- Well-educated (1)
- Very urban (1)

#### **What activities are important to your community? Why do you think they are important?**

Five of the six respondents identified the following activities as important to their communities:

##### **General Types of Events**

- None

##### **Specific Events**

- Garlic Festival
- Vietnamese Festival
- Taste of Morgan Hill
- Moon Festival
- Cinco de Mayo (2)
- Chinese New Year (2)
- San Jose Jazz Festival

Respondents feel these activities are important because they (each response was provided once):

- Give people an opportunity to learn about the community and programs
- Help the economy
- Add to the overall quality of life
- Help bring the community together

**What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

The six respondents provided the following as the primary ethnic makeup of their communities:

- Latino (5)
- Caucasian (3)
- Vietnamese (2)
- Asian (2)
- Chinese (1)

**What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

The six respondents provided the following as the languages spoken in their communities:

- English (6)
- Spanish (5)
- Vietnamese (4)
- Chinese (3)
- Portuguese (1)
- Korean (1)
- Asian languages (1)

**Is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

Only one respondent identified farming as a primary form of employment in his community, and provided the following as the major crops:

- Mushrooms
- Cherries
- Peppers
- Onions

This respondent did not know the size of the farms but did indicate that the general make up of those involved in the farming industry are Latino and Asian.

The five respondents for which farming is not the primary form of employment offered the following industries:

- Technology (4)
- Service industries (2)
- Professional services (1)

### 6.2.4 Information and Communication

#### **In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects?**

All six respondents provided sources of information for their communities, including:

- Radio (4)
- Newspapers (4)
- Television (3)
- Community organizations (2)
- Community events (4)
- Internet (2)
- City Web site (1)

#### **Where do people who may be considered low-income in your community receive government, health care, and/or other services?**

All six respondents are aware of government, health care, and/or other services provided for those who may be considered to be low income including:

- County services (5)
- County hospitals/emergency rooms (2)
- Nonprofits (2)

Five of the six respondents specified Latino as the ethnic group they think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in their communities. One respondent said Asian.

### 6.3 Ethnic Responses

Because only one interview was categorized as “ethnic” in the “South Bay” region, the actual responses from this respondent can be found by reviewing the interview record located in Appendix A so as not to generalized information that can be compiled only from having multiple respondents.

**6.4 Public Interest/Environmental Organization Responses**

Because only one interview was categorized as “interested party” in the “South Bay” region, the actual responses from this respondent can be found by reviewing the interview record located in Appendix A so as not to generalized information that can be compiled only from having multiple respondents.

## 7.0 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

<b>Data Summary</b>		
<b>City/County</b>	<b>Interviews Conducted (55 total)</b>	<b>Respondent Type/Organization</b>
Arvin	2	Elected/City of Arvin
El Centro	1	Interested Parties/California Office of Rural Legal Assistance;
Fullerton	1	Community/Assistance League of Fullerton
Garden Grove	1	Community/Saint Anselm's Cross Cultural Community Center
Hemet	1	Community/Restart Center
Long Beach	10	Elected/City of Long Beach (4); Ethnic/Khmer Girls in Action; Ethnic/Long Beach Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Ethnic/LULAC; Interested Parties/Long Beach Water Department; Community/BLAST; Community/Family Services Care
Los Angeles	8	Community/Community Advocates, Inc.; Community/Community Association Institute; Community/Oscar Romero Clinica Romero; Elected/Los Angeles County; Ethnic/Black Catholic Center for Evangelization; Ethnic/Japanese American Citizens; Ethnic/Japanese American Cultural and Community Center; Ethnic/Mexican American Opportunity Foundation
Orange County	4	Agricultural/Orange County Farm Bureau; Community/Southwest Community Center; Ethnic/Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community; Interested Parties/Orange County Water District
Pasadena	1	Ethnic/National Association of Hispanic Elderly
Riverside	6	Agriculture/Riverside County Farm Bureau; Business/Building and Construction Trade Councils; Elected/City of Riverside (3); Elected/Riverside County
San Bernardino	7	Agriculture/Farm Bureau of San Bernardino; Business/San Bernardino Economic Development Agency; Community/Arrowhead United Way; Community/Community Action Partnership; Community/Housing Authority of San Bernardino; Ethnic/Black Voice Foundation; Interested Parties/City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department
San Diego	7	Business/City Heights Business Association; Community/Coalition of Neighborhood Councils; Community/Greater Golden Hill Community Development Corporation; Elected/City of San Diego (2); Ethnic/Asian Business Association; Ethnic/Barrio Logan College Institute
San Juan Capistrano	1	Community/Kathy's House
Santa Ana	4	Community/Corazon; Community/Legal Aide; Ethnic/Delhi Center; Elected/City of Santa Ana
Victorville	1	Community/One 2 One

## 7.1 Agriculture Responses

Three interviews were categorized as “agriculture” in the “Southern California” region. Below is the summary of findings for those interviews. The number of respondents for any given response to a question is indicated in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

### 7.1.1 General Delta-Related

#### **Are you familiar with the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta?**

All three respondents are familiar with the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

#### **Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?**

All three respondents have heard about Delta-related issues in the news, including:

- Environmental issues
- Agricultural water concerns
- General agricultural concerns
- State of the levees
- Property rights
- Drinking water supplies
- Peripheral canal
- Water reliability

#### **What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?**

All three respondents indicated the Delta’s primary uses/need as:

- Fishing (3)
- Boating and Recreation (3)
- Farming (3)
- Water supply (drinking water) (3)
- Ship navigation (3)
- Housing/jobs (3)
- Environment/habitat (3)

#### **What do you think the Delta should be primarily used and protected for?**

All three respondents indicated that they think the Delta should be used/protected for:

- Fishing (3)
- Boating and Recreation (3)
- Farming (3)
- Water supply (drinking water) (3)
- Ship navigation (3)
- Housing/jobs (3)
- Environment/habitat (3)

#### **Have you ever used or visited the Delta?**

All three respondents have visited the Delta, two for business, and one for general interest and educational purposes.

**Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?**

All three respondents are familiar with problems or concerns associated with the Delta, including:

- Levee failures (3)
- Agriculture (1)
- Property rights (1)
- Drinking water (1)
- Peripheral canal (1)
- Habitat restoration (1)
- Boating (1)
- Water rights (1)

**Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:****• Flood hazards associated with levee failures?**

All three respondents are familiar with flood hazards associated with levee failures.

**• Condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon?**

Two of the three respondents are familiar with the condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon.

**• Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt?**

All three respondents are familiar with the status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt.

**• Water quality?**

All three respondents are familiar with current water quality conditions.

**• Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?**

- Southern California farmers need water too
- People should be put ahead of fish

**7.1.2 Understanding Water Issues****Do you believe that your city has water quality, water availability, or water affordability issues?**

All three respondents believe that their city has water quality, water availability, and water affordability issues.

**Does your city have any type of water conservation program that you know of?**

All three respondents indicated their city has water conservation programs.

**Do you know where your drinking water comes from? Specifically, do you know where your water provider gets their water?**

All three respondents indicated that they knew the source of their drinking water, which include:

- Colorado River (2)
- Groundwater (1)
- Stream water (1)
- County River (1)
- Metropolitan District of Southern California (1)
- Orange County Water (1)

**Do you think that water quality, reliability, or availability are issues to your community?**

All three respondents believe that their city has water quality, water availability, and water affordability issues.

The respondents offered the following reasons for these issues (each response was provided once):

- Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- Not enough water being exported from northern California
- Political reasons
- Environmental groups
- Over development

**Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?**

None of the three respondents thinks their communities can afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water.

**Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community are being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability, or availability?****Water Quality**

Two of the three respondents believe that water quality has an impact. One respondent stated that because many farmers are asked to reclaim their water, salinity is becoming an issue.

**Water Reliability**

One of the three respondents believes that water reliability has an impact because farmers are relying on an interruptible source of water.

**Water Availability**

One of the three respondents believes that water availability has an impact because the lack of rain is causing a drought, therefore making water unavailable.

**What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial, or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?****Residential**

All three respondents think a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact residents. Two respondents said residents would lose their jobs.

**Agricultural**

All three respondents recognized a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact agricultural industries. One respondent said farmers would sell their land, the cost of food would increase, and farmers would lose their jobs.

**Industrial**

Two of the three respondents think a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact industrial entities. One respondent said the loss of jobs would have a huge economic impact.

**Commercial**

Two of the three respondents think a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact commercial industries. One respondent said the loss of jobs would have a huge economic impact.

**What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial, or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?****Residential**

Two of the three respondents think an increase to water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for residents due to loss of jobs.

**Agricultural**

Two of the three respondents think an increase to water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for agricultural industries. One respondent said farmers would sell their land, the cost of food would increase, and farmers would lose their jobs. Another said many businesses might move due to the increase in costs.

**Industrial**

Two of the three respondents think an increase to water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for industrial entities. One respondent said the loss of jobs would have a huge economic impact. Another said many businesses might move due to the increase in costs.

**Commercial**

Two of the three respondents think an increase to water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for commercial industries. One respondent said the loss of jobs would have a huge economic impact. Another said many businesses might move due to the increase in costs.

**7.1.3 Understanding Community Character****Do you think your community is unique to other communities? What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

Two of the three respondents feel their communities are unique. Respondents gave the following reasons why (each response was provided once):

- Active community
- Proximity of agricultural community to urban community

**What activities are important to your community? Why do you think they are important?**

Two of the three respondents think the following activities are important to their communities (each response was provided once):

**General Types of Events**

- Farmers' markets
- Annual community celebration

**Specific Events**

- None

These activities are important because they give people an opportunity to learn about the community and programs.

**What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

The three respondents provided the following as the primary ethnic makeup of their communities:

- Caucasian (3)
- Latino (2)
- Asian (2)
- Black (1)
- Portuguese (1)

### **What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

The three respondents provided the following as the languages spoken in their communities:

- English (3)
- Spanish (2)

### **Is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

Only one respondent indicated that farming is a primary form of employment in his community, and provided the following as the major crops:

- Nursery
- Dairy
- Vegetables

This respondent indicated the farms are smaller (employing fewer than 50 people) and said the general ethnic make up of those involved in the farming industry are Latino, Caucasian, and Asian.

The two respondents for which farming is not the primary form of employment identified the following industries:

- Technology (2)
- Industrial (2)
- Education (1)
- Airport (1)

#### **7.1.4 Information and Communication**

### **In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects?**

All three respondents provided sources of information for their communities, including:

- Newspapers (2)
  - Los Angeles Times (1)
- Television (2)
- Newsletter (2)
  - Farm Bureau (2)
  - City of San Bernardino (1)
- Community organizations (1)
- Radio (1)
- Community events (1)
- Internet (1)
- Bill inserts (1)
- Community meetings (1)

**Where do people who may be considered to be low income in your community receive government, health care, and/or other services?**

Two of the three respondents are aware government services, health care, and/or other services provided for those who may be considered to be low income, including:

- County services (1)
- Food banks (1)
- Churches (1)
- Government programs (1)

Two of the three respondents specified Latino as the ethnic group they think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in their communities. One respondent did not answer.

## 7.2 Business Responses

Three interviews were categorized as “business” in the “Southern California” region. Below is the summary of findings for those interviews. The number of respondents for any given response to a question is indicated in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

### 7.2.1 General Delta-Related

#### **Are you familiar with the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta?**

Two of the three respondents are familiar with the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

#### **Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?**

All three respondents have heard about Delta-related issues in the news, including:

- Potential canal
- Efforts to save the Delta
- Water storage issues
- Delta smelt
- Endangered fish
- Restricted water deliveries to southern California

#### **What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?**

All three respondents indicated what they think the Delta’s primary uses/need is:

- Fishing (1)
- Boating and Recreation (2)
- Farming (3)
- Water supply (drinking water) (3)
- Ship navigation (1)
- Housing/jobs (1)
- Environment/habitat (2)

#### **What do you think the Delta should be primarily used and protected for?**

All three respondents indicated what they think the Delta should be used/protected for:

- Fishing (1)
- Boating and Recreation (1)
- Farming (2)
- Water supply (drinking water) (3)
- Ship navigation (1)
- Housing/jobs (1)
- Environment/habitat (1)

#### **Have you ever used or visited the Delta?**

None of the respondents have visited the Delta. One respondent stated it is too far; the other two did not provide reasons.

**Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?**

Two of the three respondents are familiar with problems or concerns associated with the Delta, including:

- Water needs of southern California (2)
- Impacts the lack of water has on jobs (1)
- Endangered fish (1)

**Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:****• Flood hazards associated with levee failures?**

All three respondents are familiar with flood hazards associated with levee failures.

**• Condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon?**

Two of the three respondents are familiar with the condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon.

**• Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt?**

All three respondents are familiar with the status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt.

**• Water quality?**

Two of the three respondents are familiar with current water quality conditions.

**• Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?**

All three respondents answered "no."

**7.2.2 Understanding Water Issues****Do you believe that your city has water quality, water availability, or water affordability issues?**

- One of the three respondents believes that his city has water quality issues.
- Two of the three respondents believe their cities have water availability issues.
- None of the respondents believe their cities have water affordability issues.

**Does your city have any type of water conservation program that you know of?**

All three respondents indicated their city has water conservation programs.

**Do you know where your drinking water comes from? Specifically, do you know where your water provider gets their water?**

Two of the three respondents indicated that they knew the source of their drinking water, which include:

- California Water Project (1)
- Underground water (1)
- Bunker Hill Basin (1)

**Do you think that water quality, reliability, or availability are issues to your community?**

All three respondents believe that their city has water quality, water availability, and water affordability issues.

The respondents offered the following reasons for these issues:

- Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other) (2)
- Not enough water being exported from northern California (2)
- Political reasons (2)
- Climate (living in a desert) (1)

**Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?**

Two of the three respondents think their communities could afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water.

**If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?**

One of the two respondents who feels their communities could afford an increase thinks 10 percent is affordable.

**What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?**

Neither of the two respondents who feel their communities could afford an increase thought 25 percent is affordable.

**What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?**

Neither of the two respondents who feel their communities could afford an increase thought 50 percent is affordable.

**Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community are being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?**

**Water Quality**

One of the three respondents believes that water quality has an impact but did not provide a reason why.

**Water Reliability**

One of the three respondents believes that water reliability has an impact because agriculture cannot survive without water.

**Water Availability**

Two of the three respondents believe water availability has an impact because agriculture and businesses cannot survive without water.

**What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial, or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?****Residential**

All three respondents think a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact residents because they would have to pay more for water and cut back on their water usage.

**Agricultural**

All three respondents recognized a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact agricultural industries.

**Industrial**

All three respondents think a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact industrial entities.

**Commercial**

All three respondents think a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact commercial industries.

**What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial, or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?**

**Residential**

All three respondents think an increase in water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for residents.

**Agricultural**

All three respondents think an increase in water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for agricultural industries.

**Industrial**

All three respondents think an increase in water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for industrial entities.

**Commercial**

All three respondents think an increase in water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for commercial industries.

**7.2.3 Understanding Community Character****Do you think your community is unique to other communities? What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

Two of the three respondents feel their communities are unique. Respondents gave the following reasons (each response was provided once):

- Water source
- Diverse population
- Densely populated

**What activities are important to your community? Why do you think they are important?**

All three respondents think these activities are important to their communities (each response was provided once):

**General Types of Events**

- Sporting events
- Family-oriented events
- Community meetings
- Political activism/involvement
- Chamber events

**Specific Events**

- County Fair
- Route 66 Rendezvous

These activities are important because they give people an opportunity to learn about the community and programs, provide cultural awareness, and build a sense of community.

**What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

Two of the three respondents provided the following as the primary ethnic makeup of their communities:

- Latino (2)
- Caucasian (1)
- Black (1)

**What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

The three respondents identified the following languages spoken in their communities:

- English (3)
- Spanish (3)
- Vietnamese (1)

**Is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

Farming is not considered a primary form of employment in three respondents' communities. The respondents stated the following as the primary source of employment in their communities:

- Government (1)
- Service industry (1)
- Commercial (1)

#### **7.2.4 Information and Communication**

**In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects?**

All three respondents provided sources of information for their communities, including:

- Television (3)
  - Government community channel (1)
- Community organizations (3)
  - Mid-City CAN (1)
  - Neighborhood councils (1)
  - City Heights Development Corporation (1)

- Radio (2)
- Newspapers (2)
- Community events (1)
- Nonprofits (1)
- Internet (1)

**Where do people who may be considered low income in your community receive government, health care, and/or other services?**

All three respondents are aware government, health care, and/or other services provided for those who may be considered to be low income, including:

- County services (2)
- Community clinics (1)
- Nonprofits (1)

All three respondents specified Latino as the ethnic group they think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in their communities.

### **7.3 Community/Faith Based Responses**

Eighteen interviews were categorized as “community” in the “Southern California” region. Below is the summary of findings for those interviews. The number of respondents for any given response to a question is indicated in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

#### **7.3.1 General Delta-Related**

##### **Are you familiar with the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta?**

Eleven of the 18 respondents are familiar with the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

##### **Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?**

Ten of the 18 respondents have heard about Delta-related issues in the news, including:

- Lack of water for agriculture
- General water shortage
- Flooding concerns
- Delta preservation
- Increased water prices
- Water issues
- Agricultural concerns
- Delta smelt
- Amount of water delivered from northern to southern California
- Fish concerns
- Legislation
- Environmental regulations
- Water allocations

##### **What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?**

Thirteen of the 18 respondents indicated what they think the Delta’s primary uses/need is:

- Fishing (4)
- Boating and Recreation (2)
- Farming (6)
- Water supply (drinking water) (9)
- Ship navigation (3)
- Housing/jobs (3)
- Environment/habitat (4)

##### **What do you think the Delta should be primarily used and protected for?**

Twelve of the 18 respondents indicated they think the Delta should be used/protected for:

- Fishing (2)
- Boating and Recreation (2)
- Farming (3)
- Water supply (drinking water) (9)
- Ship navigation (3)
- Housing/jobs (3)
- Environment/habitat (4)

**Have you ever used or visited the Delta?**

Five of the 18 had visited the Delta for the following reasons:

- Travelling in/through northern California (2)
- Prior residence (2)

Twelve of the 18 respondents have not visited the Delta due to:

- No reason (5)
- No interest (4)
- Too far (2)
- Never heard of it (1)

**Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?**

Eight of the 18 respondents are familiar with problems or concerns associated with the Delta, including (each response was provided once):

- Putting fish before people
- Environmental regulations
- Agricultural water uses
- Overall water usage
- Environment vs. development
- Levee failures
- Concerns about fish
- Water is needed from the Delta in southern California

**Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

• **Flood hazards associated with levee failures?**

Nine of the 18 respondents are familiar with flood hazards associated with levee failures.

• **Condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon?**

Six of the 18 respondents are familiar with the condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon.

• **Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt?**

Six of the 18 respondents are familiar with the status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt.

• **Water quality?**

Five of the 18 respondents are familiar with current water quality conditions.

• **Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?**

All respondents answered "no."

**7.3.2 Understanding Water Issues**

**Do you believe that your city has water quality, water availability, or water affordability issues?**

Ten of the 18 respondents believe that their cities have water quality issues.

Eleven of the 18 respondents believe that their cities have water availability issues.

Eleven of the 18 respondents believe that their cities have water affordability issues.

Two of the 18 respondents feel their cities have other issues, including limited water supply and water supply pollution by the methanol as a source of ethylene (MTE) that is used to purify gasoline.

**Does your city have any type of water conservation program that you know of?**

Fifteen of the 18 respondents indicated their city has water conservation programs. One respondent lived in a city without water conservation programs and one respondent was unsure about water conservation programs.

Twelve of the 15 respondents knew whether or not the programs are mandatory or voluntary. Three indicated they are mandatory, five indicated they are voluntary, and four indicated they are both voluntary and mandatory.

**Do you know where your drinking water comes from? Specifically, do you know where your water provider gets their water?**

Ten of the 18 respondents indicated that they know the source of their drinking water, which includes:

- Colorado River (6)
- Northern California (2)
- Groundwater wells (2)
- All American Canal (1)
- Lake Arrowhead (1)
- Southern California mountains (1)
- High Sierras (1)
- Mojave Desert (1)

**Do you think that water quality, reliability, or availability are issues to your community?**

Ten of the 18 respondents believe that their city has water quality, water availability, and water affordability issues.

The respondents offered the following reasons for these issues:

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- Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other) (4)
- Not enough water being exported from northern California (4)
- Political reasons (3)
- Increasing population (1)
- Lack of education/awareness about water issues (1)
- Southern California is not requesting water (1)

**Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?**

Five of the 18 respondents think their communities could afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water.

**If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?**

Three of the five respondents who feel their communities could afford an increase think 10 percent is affordable.

**What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?**

Two of the five respondents who feel their communities could afford an increase think 25 percent is affordable.

**What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?**

None of the five respondents who feel their communities could afford an increase think 50 percent is affordable.

**Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community are being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability, or availability?**

**Water Quality**

Six of the 18 respondents believe that water quality has an impact, but none provided a reason why.

**Water Reliability**

Nine of the 18 respondents believe that water reliability has an impact. Two respondents indicated the impact would be an increase in the costs of goods.

**Water Availability**

Nine of the 18 respondents believe that water availability has an impact but none provided a reason why.

**What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial, or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?**

**Residential**

Thirteen of the 18 respondents think a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact residents; some respondents indicated residents would conserve more water, water lawns and wash cars less, and purchase fewer goods due to the increase in cost of goods due to the lack of water supplies.

**Agricultural**

Nine of the 18 respondents recognized a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact agricultural industries; some respondents indicated there would be an increase in the cost of goods, farms would shut down or farmers would farm less.

**Industrial**

Ten of the 18 respondents think a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact industrial entities; some respondents indicated there would be an increase in the cost of goods and some businesses may have to close.

**Commercial**

Eight of the 18 respondents think a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact commercial industries; some respondents indicated there would be an increase in the cost of goods and some businesses may have to close.

**What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial, or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?**

**Residential**

Fifteen of the 18 respondents think an increase to water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for residents; some respondents indicated jobs would be lost, conservation would increase, landscaping would be watered less, and many could not afford water bills.

**Agricultural**

Twelve of the 18 respondents think an increase to water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for agricultural industries; some respondents indicated costs of products would increase, impacts to the agricultural industry would affect the state’s economy, and farms would shut down.

**Industrial**

Ten of the 18 respondents think an increase to water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for industrial entities; some respondents indicated costs of products would increase, and some businesses would not survive the additional cost.

**Commercial**

Nine of the 18 respondents think an increase to water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for commercial industries; some respondents indicated costs of products would increase and some businesses would close.

**7.3.3 Understanding Community Character**

**Do you think your community is unique to other communities? What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

Eight of the 18 respondents feel their communities are unique for the following reasons:

- Low-income residents (3)
- Diverse population (2)
- Pollution (1)
- Increased development (1)
- Outspoken residents (1)
- Historic community (1)
- Geographically and topographically diverse (1)
- Older population (1)

**What activities are important to your community? Why do you think they are important?**

Thirteen of the 18 respondents think these activities are important to their communities:

**General Types of Events**

- Farmers’ markets (3)
- Educational events (3)
- Community events (2)
- Health fairs (2)

**Specific Events**

- Queen Mary cruise to Catalina (1)
- Community Resource Fair (1)
- Old House Fair (1)
- Titan baseball games (1)

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- Marathons (1)
- Youth-targeted events (1)
- Festivals (1)
- Recreational activities (1)
- Amusement parks (1)
- Outdoor activities (1)
- Religious gatherings (1)
- Family development programs (1)
- Sporting events (1)
- Neighborhood social gatherings (1)
- Route 66 Rendezvous (1)
- Cinco de Mayo Festival (1)
- Walkabouts (1)
- Cultural events (1)
- Business mixers (1)
- Volunteer opportunities (1)
- Biking/hiking (1)

Respondents provided the following reasons for the importance of these events to their communities:

- Build a sense of community (7)
- Provides information and educational opportunities (4)
- Economic engine (1)

**What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

Fifteen of the 18 respondents provided the following as the primary ethnic makeup of the community:

- Latino (12)
- Caucasian (5)
- Black (3)
- Not one primary ethnicity (3)
- Vietnamese (1)
- Korean (1)
- Southeast Asian (1)

**What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

All 18 respondents provided the following as the languages spoken in their communities:

- English (14)
- Spanish (11)
- Not one primary language (2)
- Korean (1)

**Is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

Farming is not identified as a primary form of employment in any respondents' communities. The respondents identified the following as the primary sources of employment in their communities:

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- Education (4)
- Tourism (3)
- Industrial (3)
- Service industry (3)
- Small business owners (2)
- Professional (2)
- Government (2)
- Retail (1)
- Commercial (1)
- Health care (1)

**7.3.4 Information and Communication**

**In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects?**

All 18 respondents provided sources of information for their communities, including:

- Television (10)
- Radio (9)
- Newspapers (9)
  - Press Telegram (1)
  - Orange County Register (1)
- Community organizations (6)
- Internet (5)
- Community events (2)
- City Hall (2)
- Community Association Institute Magazine (1)
- CAI – California Legislative Action Committee e-blast (1)
- E-mail (1)
- Newsletters (1)
- County 211 (1)
- Service clubs (1)
- Religious institutions (1)
- Sorority/fraternity (1)
- Cultural groups (1)

**Where do people who may be considered to be low income in your community receive government services, health care, and/or other services?**

Fourteen of the 18 are aware of government, health care, and/or other services provided for those who may be considered to be low income, including:

- Nonprofits (7)
- County services (5)
- Community clinics (2)
- Rancho Dominguez General Lee Building (1)
- Saint Anselm’s (1)
- Assistance League in Fullerton (1)
- Universities (1)
- CAL Optima (1)
- Social Services Center on Market Street (1)
- Welfare office (1)
- Family Health Centers of San Diego (1)
- Hospitals (1)
- Religious institutions (1)
- Long Beach BLAST Learning Center (1)
- Central Cha (1)

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- Academic Up Rise (1)
- St. Mary’s Hospital (1)
- Long Beach Memorial (1)
- Molina Health Care Clinic (1)
- Housing Authority (1)

Thirteen of the 18 respondents specified the ethnic group they think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in their communities:

- Latino (13)
- Black (4)
- Caucasian (2)

## **7.4 Elected/Government Responses**

Fourteen interviews were categorized as “elected” in the “Southern California” region. Below is the summary of findings for those interviews. The number of respondents for any given response to a question is indicated in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

### **7.4.1 General Delta-Related**

#### **Are you familiar with the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta?**

All 14 respondents are familiar with the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

#### **Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?**

All 14 respondents have heard about Delta-related issues in the news, including:

- Controversial water plans
- Endangered fish
- Water delivery to Central Valley and Southern California
- Lack of jobs due to lack of water
- Agricultural issues
- Cost of water
- Limited water supplies due to fish issues
- Water legislation
- Conveyance options
- Levee issues
- Funding sources
- Delta smelt
- Water runoff issues
- Future water plans
- Flooding
- Threats to endangered species
- Ecology concerns
- Economic vitality concerns

#### **What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?**

All 14 respondents indicated what they think the Delta’s primary uses/need is:

- Fishing (6)
- Boating and Recreation (3)
- Farming (7)
- Water supply (drinking water) (11)
- Ship navigation (3)
- Housing/jobs (4)
- Environment/habitat (6)

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**What do you think the Delta should be primarily used and protected for?**

All 14 respondents indicated what they think the Delta should be used/protected for:

- Fishing (4)
- Boating and Recreation (2)
- Farming (7)
- Water supply (drinking water) (11)
- Ship navigation (3)
- Housing/jobs (3)
- Environment/habitat (4)

**Have you ever used or visited the Delta?**

Eight of the 14 had visited the Delta for the following reasons:

- Metropolitan District of Southern California tour (5)
- Recreational/vacation (1)
- Business (1)
- Former residence (1)

Six of the 14 respondents have not visited the Delta due to:

- Too far (1)
- Have not had the opportunity (1)
- No time (1)

**Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?**

Twelve of the 14 respondents are familiar with problems or concerns associated with the Delta, including (each response was provided once):

- Levee failure concerns (5)
- Flood hazards (3)
- Delta smelt (3)
- Peripheral canal/conveyance (3)
- Fish conditions/populations (2)
- Water storage (2)
- Lack of water distributed from the Delta (1)
- Recent legislation (1)
- Saltwater intrusion (1)
- Habitat (1)
- Putting fish before people (1)
- Protection of non-native fish (1)
- Agricultural concerns (1)

**Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

- **Flood hazards associated with levee failures?**

Thirteen of the 14 respondents are familiar with flood hazards associated with levee failures.

- **Condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon?**

Nine of the 14 respondents are familiar with the condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon.

- **Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt?**

Twelve of the 14 respondents are familiar with the status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt.

- **Water quality?**

Eight of the 14 respondents are familiar with current water quality conditions.

- **Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?**

- Cost of water has increased significantly
- Issues regarding endangered species

#### **7.4.2 Understanding Water Issues**

**Do you believe that your city has water quality, water availability, or water affordability issues?**

Three of the 14 respondents believe that their city has water quality issues.

Nine of the 14 respondents believe that their city has water availability issues.

Nine of the 14 respondents believe that their city has water affordability issues.

**Does your city have any type of water conservation program that you know of?**

All 14 respondents indicated their city has water conservation programs.

Nine indicated their city's water conservation programs are mandatory, and five indicated they are voluntary.

**Do you know where your drinking water comes from? Specifically, do you know where your water provider gets their water?**

Twelve of the 14 respondents indicated that they knew the source of their drinking water, including:

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- State Water Project/Delta (8)
- Colorado River (7)
- Groundwater (5)
- Aquifers (2)
- Wells (2)
- Santa Ana River (1)
- Bunker Hill Basin (1)
- Water transfer from the Imperial Irrigation District (1)
- Rain (1)
- Future seawater desalination project (1)
- California Aqueduct (1)
- Surrounding lakes (1)

**Do you think that water quality, reliability, or availability are issues to your community?**

Eleven of the 14 respondents believe that their city has water quality, water availability, and water affordability issues.

The respondents offered the following reasons for these issues:

- Political reasons (7)
- Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other) (6)
- Not enough water being exported from northern California (3)

**Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?**

Five of the 14 respondents think their communities could afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water.

**If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?**

Three of the five respondents who feel their communities could afford an increase think 10 percent is affordable.

**What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?**

One of the five respondents who feel their communities could afford an increase think 25 percent is affordable.

**What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?**

None of the five respondents who feel their communities could afford an increase think 50 percent is affordable.

**Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community are being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?**

### **Water Quality**

Five of the 14 respondents believe that water quality has an impact. One respondent indicated that some businesses rely on high-quality water, without which they would either close or increase prices – both bad for business and the economy.

### **Water Reliability**

Seven of the 14 respondents believe that water reliability has an impact. One respondent said water conservation should be mandatory to avoid this impact. Other respondents said everything depends on a reliable source of water.

### **Water Availability**

Nine of the 14 respondents believe that water availability has an impact. One respondent said everything depends on an available source of water. Another respondent said farmers would be most impacted by less available supplies.

**What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial, or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?**

### **Residential**

Thirteen of the 14 respondents think a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact residents. Some respondents indicated a negative economic impact, and others indicated a change in behavior by using less water (less landscaping, swimming pools)

### **Agricultural**

Nine of the 14 respondents recognized a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact agricultural industries. Some respondents indicated the agricultural industry would be impacted the most; others said farms may have to shut down or the prices of products would increase.

### **Industrial**

Thirteen of the 14 respondents think a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact industrial entities. Some respondents indicated that businesses may have to shut down or the prices of products would increase.

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**Commercial**

Thirteen of the 14 respondents think a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact commercial industries. Some respondents indicated that businesses may have to shut down or the prices of products would increase.

**What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial, or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?**

**Residential**

Thirteen of the 14 respondents think an increase in water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for residents. Some respondents indicated a negative economic impact; others think an increase in cost would lead to residents using less water.

**Agricultural**

Thirteen of the 14 respondents think an increase in water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for agricultural industries. Some respondents indicated the agricultural industry would be impacted the most; others said farms may have to shut down or the prices of products would increase.

**Industrial**

Thirteen of the 14 respondents think an increase in water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for industrial entities. Some respondents indicated that businesses may have to shut down or the prices of products would increase.

**Commercial**

Thirteen of the 14 respondents think an increase in water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for commercial industries. Some respondents indicated that businesses may have to shut down or the prices of products would increase.

**7.4.3 Understanding Community Character**

**Do you think your community is unique to other communities? What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

All 14 respondents feel their communities are unique. Respondents gave the following reasons:

- Own water department (4)
- Diverse population (4)
- Large population (2)
- High level of water conservation (2)
- Highly urbanized (1)
- High-income population (1)

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- Strong agricultural base (1)
- Unique open space (1)
- Historic neighborhoods (1)
- Both urban and rural areas (1)
- High-maintenance population (1)

**What activities are important to your community? Why do you think they are important?**

All 14 respondents think these activities are important to their communities:

**General Types of Events**

- Cultural events (1)
- Religious events (1)
- Festivals (1)
- Community activism (1)
- PTA meetings (1)
- Bicycling (1)
- Sporting events (1)
- Little League (1)
- Sailing/boating
- Aquatic activities (1)
- Soccer (2)
- Recreational activities (1)
- Youth activities (1)
- Family activities (1)
- Parades (1)
- Marathons (1)

**Specific Events**

- Boat Race to Catalina (1)
- Rod Runs (1)
- Christmas Parade Pride (1)
- Annual Chili Cook Off (1)
- Somali Independence Day (1)
- Gay Pride Parade (1)
- Los Angeles County Fair (1)
- Good Neighbor Festival (1)
- Grand Prix (1)

**Respondents provided the following reasons for the importance of these events to their communities:**

- Build a sense of community (7)
- Provides information and educational opportunities (3)
- Celebrates culture (2)
- Provides a recreational outlet (1)
- Drives the economy (1)
- Celebrates and promotes traditions (1)

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**What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

All 14 respondents provided the following as the primary ethnic makeup of their communities:

- Latino (1)
- Caucasian (1)
- Black (2)
- Not one primary ethnicity (1)
- Cambodian (1)
- Asian (1)

**What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

All 14 respondents provided the following as the languages spoken in their communities:

- English (10)
- Spanish (9)
- Not one primary language (1)
- Mein (1)

**Is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

Farming is not identified as a primary form of employment in any of respondents' communities. The respondents identified the following as the primary sources of employment in their communities:

- Education (7)
- Government (5)
- Health Care (2)
- Tourism (2)
- Retail (2)
- Industry (2)
- Small business owners (2)
- Service industry (1)
- Commercial (1)
- Technology (1)
- Professional (1)
- Entertainment industry (1)
- Military (1)

**7.4.4 Information and Communication**

**In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects?**

All 14 respondents provided sources of information for their communities, including:

- Newspaper (9)
  - Press Enterprise (2)
  - The Grunion (1)
  - Uptown Gazette (1)
- Television (5)
- Internet (4)
- Community events (3)
- Radio (3)
- Community organizations (2)
- Social media (1)

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- City Web site (1)
- E-mails (2)
- Neighborhood newsletters (2)
- Community meetings (1)
- City council meetings (1)
- Direct mail (1)

**Where do people who may be considered to be low income in your community receive government, health care, and/or other services?**

Twelve of the 14 respondents are aware of government, health care, and/or other services provided for those who may be considered to be low income including:

- Nonprofits (3)
- County services (4)
- Public Health Department (3)
- Government assistance (2)
- Clinics (1)
- City Hall (1)
- Housing Department (1)
- County hospital (1)
- Homeless shelters (1)
- United Cambodian Organization (1)
- Deaf Community Services (1)
- Price Family Charities (1)
- Elder Help (1)
- Somali Family Services (1)

All 14 respondents specified the ethnic group they think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in their communities:

- Latino (11)
- Cambodian (1)
- Caucasian (1)
- Asian (1)
- Refugee population (1)

## 7.5 Ethnic Responses

Thirteen interviews were categorized as “ethnic” in the “Southern California” region. Below is the summary of findings for those interviews. The number of respondents for any given response to a question is indicated in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

### 7.5.1 General Delta-Related

#### **Are you familiar with the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta?**

Seven of the 13 respondents are familiar with the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

#### **Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?**

Eight of the 13 respondents have heard about Delta-related issues in the news, including:

- Water quality issues
- Endangered species
- Weather impacts on the Delta
- Flooding
- Agricultural concerns
- Fish in the Delta being put ahead of people
- Threat of droughts across the state
- Restriction of water deliveries to Southern California

#### **What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?**

Twelve of the 13 respondents indicated what they think the Delta’s primary uses/need is:

- Fishing (5)
- Boating and Recreation (3)
- Farming (9)
- Water supply (drinking water) (8)
- Ship navigation (2)
- Housing/jobs (4)
- Environment/habitat (9)

#### **What do you think the Delta should be primarily used and protected for?**

Twelve of the 13 respondents indicated what they think the Delta should be used/protected for:

- Fishing (3)
- Boating and Recreation (3)
- Farming (6)
- Water supply (drinking water) (8)
- Ship navigation (2)
- Housing/jobs (4)
- Environment/habitat (6)

**Have you ever used or visited the Delta?**

Three of the 13 respondents had visited the Delta for the following reasons:

- Business (2)
- Former residence (1)

Ten of the 13 respondents have not visited the Delta. Following reasons were provided:

- No need (6)
- Too far (1)
- No time (1)

**Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?**

Eight of the 13 respondents are familiar with problems or concerns associated with the Delta, including (each response was provided once):

- Environmental issues (1)
- Fish issues (1)
- Farming issues (1)
- Flooding issues (1)
- Water issues (1)
- Delivery to southern California (1)
- Agricultural concerns (1)
- Fish being put ahead of people (1)

**Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:****• Flood hazards associated with levee failures?**

Seven of the 13 respondents are familiar with flood hazards associated with levee failures.

**• Condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon?**

Four of the 13 respondents are familiar with the condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon.

**• Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt?**

Four of the 13 respondents are familiar with the status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt.

**• Water quality?**

Five of the 13 respondents are familiar with current water quality conditions.

**• Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?**

All respondents answered "no."

### 7.5.2 Understanding Water Issues

#### **Do you believe that your city has water quality, water availability, or water affordability issues?**

Six of the 13 respondents believe that their city has water quality issues.

Nine of the 13 respondents believe that their city has water availability issues.

Six of the 13 respondents believe that their city has water affordability issues.

#### **Does your city have any type of water conservation program that you know of?**

Eleven of the 13 respondents indicated their city has water conservation programs. Nine indicated their city's water conservation programs are mandatory, and two did not state if they programs are mandatory or voluntary.

#### **Do you know where your drinking water comes from? Specifically, do you know where your water provider gets their water?**

Five of the 13 respondents indicated that they knew the source of their drinking water, responses for the source include:

- State Water Project/Delta/northern California (3)
- Colorado River (3)
- Groundwater (1)

#### **Do you think that water quality, reliability, or availability are issues to your community?**

Ten of the 13 respondents believe that their city has water quality, water availability, and water affordability issues.

- The respondents offered the following reasons for these issues:
- Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other) (6)
- Not enough water being exported from northern California (3)
- Political reasons (2)
- Not enough conservation (1)
- Lack of knowledge about water issues (1)

**Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?**

Six of the 13 respondents think their communities could afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water.

**If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?**

Three of the six respondents who feel their communities could afford an increase think 10 percent is affordable.

**What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?**

None of the six respondents who feel their communities could afford an increase think 25 percent is affordable.

**What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?**

None of the six respondents who feel their communities could afford an increase think 50 percent is affordable.

**Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community are being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?****Water Quality**

Eight of the 13 respondents believe that water quality has an impact; however, no specific reasons were provided.

**Water Reliability**

Seven of the 13 respondents believe that water reliability has an impact; however, no specific reasons were provided.

**Water Availability**

Nine of the 13 respondents believe that water availability has an impact; however, no specific reasons were provided.

**What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial, or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?**

**Residential**

Nine of the 13 respondents think a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact residents. One respondent said a decrease in supply could encourage conservation by residents. Another respondent said residents are already implementing conservation efforts but are still seeing an increase in water bills. Another respondent said a decreased water supply would negatively impact residents' quality of life.

**Agricultural**

Seven of the 13 respondents recognized a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact agricultural industries. Some respondents indicated farms may have to shut down or the prices of products would increase.

**Industrial**

Eight of the 13 respondents think a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact industrial entities. Some respondents indicated that businesses may have to shut down or the prices of products would increase.

**Commercial**

Eight of the 13 respondents think a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact commercial industries. Some respondents indicated that businesses may have to shut down or the prices of products would increase.

**What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial, or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?****Residential**

Twelve of the 13 respondents think an increase in water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for residents. Some respondents indicated a negative economic impact; others think an increase in cost would lead to residents using less water.

**Agricultural**

Eight of the 13 respondents think an increase in water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for agricultural industries. Some respondents indicated farms may have to shut down or the prices of products would increase.

**Industrial**

Nine of the 13 respondents think an increase in water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for industrial entities. Some respondents indicated that businesses may have to shut down or the prices of products would increase.

## Commercial

Nine of the 13 respondents think an increase in water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for commercial industries. Some respondents indicated that businesses may have to shut down or the prices of products would increase.

### 7.5.3 Understanding Community Character

#### **Do you think your community is unique to other communities? What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

Eleven of the 13 respondents feel their communities are unique. Respondents gave the following reasons:

- Type of businesses (2)
- Type of population (4)
- Low-income community (2)
- Type of geography (1)
- Own water system (2)
- Size of population (1)
- Educationally disadvantaged (1)
- Unchanged since the mid-Twentieth Century (1)
- Lack of trust of government agencies (1)
- Longevity in the United States (1)
- Retired population (1)

#### **What activities are important to your community? Why do you think they are important?**

All 13 respondents think the following activities are important to their communities:

##### **General Types of Events**

- Sporting events (2)
- Community celebrations and events (2)
- Family-based activities (2)
- Religious activities (2)
- Information meetings (1)
- Quality of life activities (1)
- Golfing (1)
- Gardening (1)
- Basketball (1)
- Water-related activities (1)
- Recreational activities (1)
- Cultural activities (1)
- Jewish holidays (1)
- Union-sponsored events (1)
- Educational activities (1)

##### **Specific Events**

- Little Tokyo Festival (1)
- Buddhist Temple Festival (1)
- Black Business Expo (1)
- Cinco de Mayo (1)
- Black History Month (1)
- Water Festival (1)

Respondents provided the following reasons for the importance of these events to their communities:

- Build a sense of community (6)
- Provides information and educational opportunities (2)
- Celebrates culture (2)
- Drives the economy (1)
- Celebrates and promotes traditions (1)

### **What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

Twelve of the 13 respondents provided the following as the primary ethnic makeup of their communities:

- Latino (8)
- Caucasian (2)
- Japanese (2)
- Black (1)
- Filipino (1)
- Vietnamese (1)

### **What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

Twelve of the 13 respondents provided the following as the languages spoken in their communities:

- English (9)
- Spanish (7)
- Cambodian (2)
- Japanese (2)
- Asian languages (1)
- Mandarin (1)
- Tagalog (1)
- Vietnamese (1)

### **Is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

One respondent of the 13 identified farming as the primary form of employment in his/her community. The major crops include strawberries, corn, oranges, avocados, and watermelons. He indicated the farms are generally larger (50 employees or more) and the primary ethnicity of those involved in the farming industry are Latino.

The remaining nine of 13 respondents did not identify farming as a primary form of employment. Three respondents did not know or state the primary form of employment. Six respondents identified the primarily forms of employment as:

- Small business owners (1)
- Manufacturing (2)
- Public sector (1)
- Government (3)
- Media (1)
- Professional (1)
- Retired (1)

### 7.5.4 Information and Communication

#### **In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects?**

All 13 respondents provided sources of information for their communities, including:

- Newspaper (10)
- Television (10)
- Radio (7)
- Community organizations (6)
- Community events (4)
- Religious centers (3)
- City Hall (2)
- Internet (2)
- Social service programs (1)
- Homeless shelters (1)
- Schools (1)
- Direct mail (1)
- Word of mouth (1)

#### **Where do people who may be considered low income in your community receive government services, health care, and/or other services?**

Twelve of the 13 respondents are aware government, health care, and/or other services for those who may be considered to be low income, including:

- Social service agencies (3)
- Community organizations (2)
- Health Care Centers (2)
- Ethnic networks (1)
- Immigration services (1)
- Federal assistance programs (1)
- City Hall (1)
- Religious institutions (1)
- Nonprofits (1)
- Family Health Centers of San Diego (1)
- Barrio Station (1)
- Little Tokyo Service Center (1)
- Continuing education centers (1)
- SOS Clinic (1)
- Delhi Center (1)
- Word of mouth (1)
- Homeless shelters (1)
- Centro Salom (1)
- St. Mary's Hospital (1)
- Long Beach Immigration Center (1)
- Union of Pan Asian Communities (1)

Twelve of the 13 respondents specified the following ethnic groups as making up the largest percentage of low-income residents in their communities:

- Latino (10)
- Black (3)
- Native American (1)
- Japanese (1)
- Cambodian (2)
- Filipino (1)
- Vietnamese (1)

## 7.6 Public Interest/Environmental Organization Responses

Four interviews were categorized as “interested parties” in the “Southern California” region. Below is the summary of findings for those interviews. The number of respondents for any given response to a question is indicated in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

### 7.6.1 General Delta-Related

#### **Are you familiar with the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta?**

Three of the four respondents are familiar with the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

#### **Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?**

Three of the four respondents have heard about Delta-related issues in the news, including:

- Need for water in southern California
- Conflicting stakeholder concerns
- Potential canal
- Levee failure
- Water diversion issues
- Ideas on how to fix the Delta

#### **What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?**

Three of the four respondents indicated what they think the Delta’s primary uses/need is:

- Boating and Recreation (1)
- Farming (1)
- Water supply (drinking water) (3)
- Ship navigation (1)
- Environment/habitat (2)

#### **What do you think the Delta should be primarily used and protected for?**

Three of the four respondents indicated what they think the Delta should be used/protected for:

- Fishing (1)
- Boating and Recreation (1)
- Water supply (drinking water) (2)
- Ship navigation (1)
- Environment/habitat (3)

**Have you ever used or visited the Delta?**

One of the four respondents has visited the Delta for an educational tour.

**Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?**

Two of the four respondents are familiar with problems or concerns associated with the Delta, including:

- Levee issues (1)
- Ecosystem issues (1)
- Water supply issues (1)
- Endangered fish (1)
- Water quality (1)

**Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:****• Flood hazards associated with levee failures?**

Three of the four respondents are familiar with flood hazards associated with levee failures.

**• Condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon?**

All four respondents are familiar with the condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon.

**• Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt?**

All four respondents are familiar with the status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt.

**• Water quality?**

All four respondents are familiar with current water quality conditions.

**• Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?**

All of the respondents answered "no."

**7.6.2 Understanding Water Issues****Do you believe that your city has water quality, water availability, or water affordability issues?**

Two of the four respondents believe that their city has water quality issues.

Three of the four respondents believe that their city has water availability issues.

None of the respondents believe that their city has water affordability issues.

**Does your city have any type of water conservation program that you know of?**

Three of the four respondents indicated their city has water conservation programs. Two said that the program is voluntary; one said that the program is mandatory.

**Do you know where your drinking water comes from? Specifically, do you know where your water provider gets their water?**

Three of the four respondents indicated that they knew the source of their drinking water, including:

- Groundwater (3)
- Colorado River (2)
- Delta (2)

**Do you think that water quality, reliability, or availability are issues to your community?**

Three of the four respondents believe that their city has water quality, water availability, and water affordability issues.

The respondents offered the following reasons for these issues:

- Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other) (2)
- Political reasons (1)

**Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?**

Three of the four respondents think their communities could afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water.

**If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?**

Three of the four respondents who feel their communities could afford an increase think 10 percent is affordable.

**What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?**

Two of the four respondents who feel their communities could afford an increase think 25 percent is affordable.

**What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?**

None of the respondents who feel their communities could afford an increase think 50 percent is affordable.

**Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community are being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?****Water Quality**

None of the respondents believe that water quality has an impact.

**Water Reliability**

Two of the four respondents believe that water reliability has an impact because agriculture cannot survive without water.

**Water Availability**

One of the four respondents believe that water availability has an impact because agriculture and businesses cannot survive without water.

**What would the impact(s) to the residential, agricultural, industrial, or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?****Residential**

Three of the four respondents think a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact residents because they would have to water lawns less.

**Agricultural**

Two of the four respondents recognized a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact agricultural industries and cut down on production.

**Industrial**

Three of the four respondents think a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact industrial entities by increasing prices or closing businesses, which would result in unemployment.

**Commercial**

Three of the four respondents think a decrease in water supplies from current levels would impact commercial industries by increasing prices or closing businesses, which would result in unemployment.

**What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial, or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?****Residential**

Three of the four respondents think an increase to water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for residents, some may not be able to afford it, and others may have to move as a result.

**Agricultural**

Two of the four respondents think an increase to water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for agricultural industries.

**Industrial**

Three of the four respondents think an increase in water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for industrial entities, some think the prices of goods would increase, and there would be a lack of growth.

**Commercial**

Three of the four respondents think an increase in water costs to maintain their current levels would be very difficult for commercial industries, some think the prices of goods would increase, and there would be layoffs.

**7.6.3 Understanding Community Character****Do you think your community is unique to other communities? What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

Three of the four respondents feel their communities are unique. Respondents gave the following reasons (each response was provided once):

- Conservation leaders
- Various water sources
- Aware of water issues
- Low-income community

**What activities are important to your community? Why do you think they are important?**

Three of the four respondents think these activities are important to their communities (each response was provided once):

**General Types of Events**

- None

**Specific Events**

- Clean-Up Day
- California Angels baseball games
- Route 66 Rendezvous Earth Day events
- County Fair

These activities are important because they give people an opportunity to learn about the community and programs, build a sense of community, and are fun.

**What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

All four respondents provided the following as the primary ethnic makeup of their communities:

- Latino (4)
- Black (1)
- Cambodian (1)
- Vietnamese (1)
- Caucasian (1)
- Asian (1)

**What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

All four respondents provided the following as the languages spoken in their communities:

- English (4)
- Spanish (4)
- Vietnamese (2)
- Hmong (1)
- Cambodian (1)
- Korean (1)
- Tagalog (1)

**Is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

One respondent identified farming as a primary source of employment in his/her community. The major crops include grapes, fruit, nuts and citrus. The respondent is unsure about the size of the farms but did indicate that the major ethnicity of those involved in the farming industry are Latino.

Farming is not a primary form of employment in three respondents' communities. Two respondents stated the following as the primary source of employment in their communities:

- Government (2)
- Industry (1)

#### **7.6.4 Information and Communication**

##### **In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects?**

All four respondents provided sources of information for their communities, including:

- Radio (3)
- Television (3)
- Public service channel (1)
- Newspapers (2)
- Internet (2)
- Religious institutions (1)
- Community events (1)
- Magazines (1)

##### **Where do people who may be considered to be edited in your community receive government, health care, and/or other services?**

All four respondents are aware of services that provided government services and/or health care for those who may be considered to be low income, including:

- County services (3)
- Nonprofits (2)
- Hospitals (1)
- Religious institutions (1)

All four respondents specified Latino as the ethnic group they think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in their communities; one respondent provided a second ethnicity, Black.

**8.0 CENTRAL COAST**

<b>Data Summary</b>		
<b>City/County</b>	<b>Interviews Conducted (3 total)</b>	<b>Respondent Type/Organization</b>
Santa Barbara	1	Elected/Santa Barbara County
San Luis Obispo	1	Elected/San Luis Obispo County
Paso Robles	1	Community/Transitional Food & Shelters, Inc.

## 8.1 Community Responses

Because only one interview was categorized as “community” in the “Coastal” region, the actual responses from this respondent can be found by reviewing the interview record located in Appendix A so as not to generalized information that can be compiled only from having multiple respondents.

## 8.2 Elected/Government Responses

Two interviews were categorized as “elected” in the “Coastal” region. Below is the summary of findings for those interviews. The number of respondents for any given response to a question is indicated in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

### 8.2.1 General Delta-Related

#### Are you familiar with the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta?

Both respondents are familiar with the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

#### Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Both respondents had read or heard something about the Delta-related issues in the news in the last six to 12 months. Respondents provided the following issues (each response was provided once):

- Peripheral canal
- Levees
- Delta smelt
- Water concerns related to California’s habitat and resources

#### What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- Fishing (1)
- Boating and Recreation (1)
- Farming (1)
- Water supply (drinking water) (2)
- Ship navigation (1)
- Housing/jobs (1)
- Environment/habitat (2)

#### What do you think the Delta should be primarily used and protected for?

- Fishing (1)
- Boating and Recreation (1)
- Farming (1)
- Water supply (drinking water) (2)
- Ship navigation (1)
- Housing/jobs (1)
- Environment/habitat (2)
- Natural values (1)

#### Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

One respondent had visited the Delta for recreational purposes, and one had not visited the Delta but did not have a reason.

**Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

- **Flood hazards associated with levee failures?**  
One of the two respondents is familiar with flood hazards associated with levee failures.
- **Condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon?**  
One of the two respondents is familiar with the condition of fish, including bass, salmon, and sturgeon.
- **Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt?**  
Both respondents are familiar with the status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt.
- **Water quality?**  
One of the two respondents is familiar with current water quality conditions.
- **Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?**  
Other issues offered include:
  - Ecosystems and resource species which conflict with drinking water concerns

**8.2.2 Understanding Water Issues****Do you believe that your city has water quality, water availability, or water affordability issues?**

- Both respondents answered this question:
- Quality (1)
- Availability (1)
- Affordability (1)
- Other
- Reliability (1)
- Uneven distribution (1)
- Conservation efficiency (1)
- Energy efficiency (1)

**Does your city have any type of water conservation program that you know of?**

Both respondents indicated that their cities have water conservation programs that are a combination of mandatory and voluntary, depending on the times of day.

**Do you know where your drinking water comes from? Specifically, do you know where your water provider gets their water?**

Both respondents indicated they knew the origins of their drinking water, including:

- Lake Cachuma
- State Water Project
- Groundwater
- Surface reservoir

**Do you think that water quality, reliability, or availability are issues to your community?**

Both respondents indicated that water quality, reliability, and availability are issues in their communities. The respondents said drought and over use are causes of these issues.

**Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?**

One respondent said his community could afford a modest increase, but a recent ballot initiative to increase rates was recently defeated. The other respondent said his community would not be able to afford an increase, as they already pay high rates.

**What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?**

The respondents did not answer this question.

**What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?**

The respondents did not answer this question.

**What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?**

The respondents did not answer this question.

**Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community are being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability, or availability?**

One respondent thinks water quality impacted agriculture, commercial, and industrial businesses.

Both respondents think water reliability impacted agriculture, commercial, and industrial businesses. One respondent said the county relies on water entitlements and uses most of the water.

Both respondents think water availability impacted agriculture, commercial, and industrial businesses. One respondent said this is due to agricultural over pumping.

**What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial, or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?**

Both respondents indicated that the impacts to residents, agriculture, industry, and commercial industries would be significant if water supplies are decreased from current levels.

**What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial, or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?**

Both respondents indicated that the impacts to residents, agriculture, industry, and commercial industries would be significant if water costs are increased to maintain the current level of water supplies.

### **8.2.3 Understanding Community Character**

**Do you think your community is unique to other communities? What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

One respondent of the two believes that his community is unique due to its limited water supplies and reliance on the State Water Project. The other respondent feels his community is similar to other California coastal communities.

**What activities are important to your community? Why do you think they are important?**

Both respondents provided specific and general types of events they consider important, including (each response was provided once):

**General Types of Events**

- Quality of life events
- Arts
- Natural resources

**Specific Events**

- Creek Day
- Watershed Fair
- Botanical Gardens

**What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

Both respondents answered this question:

- Caucasian (1)
- Latino (1)

**What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

Both respondents answered this question:

- Spanish (2)
- English (2)
- Hmong (2)

**Is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

Both respondents identified farming as a primary form of employment in their communities, and provided the following as the major crops:

- Wine grapes (2)
- Strawberries (1)
- Vegetables (1)
- Broccoli (1)
- Cattle (1)
- Cut flowers (1)

Both respondents indicated the farms are larger (employing more than 50 people) and the general make up of those involved in the farming industry are Latino.

**8.2.4 Information and Communication****In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects?**

Both respondents provided sources of information for the community, including:

- Newspapers (2)
- Community organizations (1)
- Television (1)
- Community events (1)
- Radio (1)
- Churches (1)

**Where do people who may be considered to be low income in your community receive government services, health care, and/or other services?**

Both respondents are aware of services government, health care, and/or other services provided for those who may be considered to be low income, including:

- County offices (2)
- Nonprofits (1)
- Community based organizations (1)
- Churches (1)

Both respondents specified Latino as the ethnic group they think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in their communities.

DATE: 7/29/09

Name/Organization: Jesus Gamboa, Mayor of City of Visalia

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

### 1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Gamboa has heard of water issues within the Delta, but doesn't know a lot about specific concerns. He has heard of worries about the Delta Smelt. He also knows the Central Valley needs a supply of water from the Delta.

#### a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

It is a great water resource. It is also good for the economy in terms of transporting goods, such as through the Port of Stockton.

#### b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

There needs to be a better understanding of the need for water resources to help support the economy. Also there needs to be a better balance of environmental concerns with the need for jobs.

### 2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO \_\_\_

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES \_\_\_ **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO \_\_\_

d. Water quality **YES X** NO \_\_\_

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No

### 3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. **Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?**

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational **Yes**
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other **Yes**

Also attended League of Cities in Sacramento last year

6. **Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. **What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

Unlike many of the cities off highway 99 Visalia is not directly off the highway. It is a more rural community.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. **What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)**

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- School events throughout the year- Mix
- Programs at the recreational centers- Mix
- Weekly farmer's market downtown on Main Street- Mix

**Why Do you think they are important?**

- Community meet ups
- Shopping
- Entertainment
- Sometimes people get information about community programs

10. **What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

- Latino
- White

11. **What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

- Spanish
- English
- Hmong

12. **Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

No

- a. **If yes: Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?**

N/A

- b. If yes: What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. If no: What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Jobs in education, government and industry

### Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

No specific businesses, but a good place to get information out to the community is through the schools, TV stations, local community calendars and radio

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES  X  NO \_\_\_

- a. If yes: What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Latinos and Asians

- b. If yes: Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

RECREATION \_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_ BOTH  X  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. If for food: why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

Mostly Latinos fish for recreation and Asians fish for food.

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ **ECONOMIC X**

c. **If for recreation: Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"**

Most stay local and don't go to the Delta

d. **If yes/follow up: Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?**

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

e. **If yes/follow up: Where are they?**

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up: Who are the primary users of these areas?**

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o **Economic forces? Yes**
- o Other reasons?

15. **Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?**

YES **X** NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes: What are the activities or events and where do they take place?**

- Cinco De Mayo Festival (Early May) mostly Latino
- Portuguese Festival (September) mostly Portuguese

**If no:** Why not?

- o Not enough interest?
- o Not enough money?
- o No leadership?
- o Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X        Newspapers           TV   X  

Community organizations   X        Community events     

Other (describe)     

- Service Clubs

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- Tulare County
- Local non profits

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

- Latino
- Black
- White

18. **Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?**

- Members of the Visalia School Board
- The CEO of the Visalia Chamber
- The head of the Visalia Economic Development Department

19. **That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)**

Yes

20. **Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)**

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**DATE: 7-10-09 NAME/ORGANIZATION - Chad Woods  
Tracy Chamber of Commerce – President Elect**

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**NOTES:**

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### **General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

He believes it is getting disappointing to some extent. Year after year it becomes more clear that the voice of the Delta isn't taken into consideration. There seems to be more oil and pollution in the water and the water levels are going down. Water quality is definitely an issue as well as garbage in the Delta. Fishing is also hampered by use and access to the Delta.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

For the water quality and water flows those have been environmental statements. Flow is addressed in court case addressing water going down the San Joaquin River. More regulation needs to happen. The port of Stockton is bringing more commerce in but regulation needs to say what they can dump.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO

He has been exposed to these problems. During the Jones Town Break there was a lot of flooding. It was pretty traumatic. He understands the Department can't always find every little leak. A large percentage of new developments in Tracy, specifically in Tracy flood zones, haven't gotten the money for levee improvements. He feels most of the money went to Sacramento. Many residents and elected officials were upset about this because they were left out.

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES NO

Did not directly answer

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO

He went to a recent hearing on the delta smelt. He thinks that does affect the Delta because of the turbines eating up the food supply for the stripers and the salmon. He also believes that fish can't get to their breeding grounds. This issue needs to be addressed especially because of its impact to sport fishing. The Department should install ladders around pumps. However the question remains, who will play for the infrastructure improvements? People who are taking the water should pay for it. Southern California.

d. Water quality YES NO

He is aware that is an issue but he doesn't pay much attention to the details.

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Not off the top of his head. Farmers have to maintain levees and people are using them as a dump site.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?  
President Elect of Chamber

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

### Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

He came to Tracy in 1985 as a young man. He has basically grown up here. He can go fishing within 30 minutes of his home and swimming is a part of his life. He loves that he can get to the Bay Area within an hour or the mountains. He believes it's a great geographical location and Delta breeze is nice when it is really hot up in Sacramento.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

N/A

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

They have a small town feel. A lot of people want to come raise their children because of the Delta values. The town plans to stay small.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes. He believes they will remain in Tracy. He has a business located in town and all his family is in Tracy. His daughters love living there.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

They city of Tracy has two big community events. The first is the Bean festival that takes place annually in September. They take advantage of their location that grows many beans. Tracy is third in the nation for bean growing. It is also one of the largest producers and shippers of many types of beans.

During the Fourth of July Tracy hosts a celebration downtown that starts in the morning at 5 a.m. and ends at midnight. They are the only place with live fireworks this year because our city council took the time to think ahead. They also have a fair amount of fishing competitions, specifically bass fishing competitions.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

There is a strong Portuguese community, Hispanic and huge Afghani, and Indian population as well. Temperatures are similar to their homelands. There is also a large Caucasian population and Black community.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish, and Portuguese

Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

At one time yes. It is still a major form of employment, but now they have grown and are more diverse. They have light industrial and some manufacturing businesses. There are also lots of distribution centers in Tracy and they have strong local retail businesses. He is also aware of some cabinetry and food distribution industries within the community.

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Tomatoes, almonds. Grapes, corn...however these products are not for human consumption. Pumpkins and squash too.

Many of these farms employ more than 50 people.

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Once again this is diverse. The Portuguese community is involved in dairy. Caucasians and Spanish are active in farming and the Afghanis are buying up the almond fields.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

## Delta Uses By The Community

12. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

13. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION X FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

Not so much for food. Mostly for recreation.

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

For convenience. There is a wide variety of species that they can catch.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

Bacon Island is a popular fishing spot. He fishes off of Bethany Bridge every once in a while, which is near Mossdale. Sometimes we go out to the Old Grand Line Canal if we have a boat. Three forks is what he thinks it is called. However sometimes he can't fish there because of rock barriers.

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

14. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X   NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

The Portuguese community has an annual wine festival. They gather at the Portuguese Hall for bull fights and other events. He only knows about this because he has read about the bull fighting in the paper.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

15. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers  X  TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)  X

Internet – City of Tracy Website. City Hall. Everybody reads the Tracy Press. It comes out twice a week.

16. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Tracy Sutter and Tracy Urgent Care. Tracy Planned Parenthood. Tracy Shelter for women. Non-profit service.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latinos

17. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Paul Lopez – President of Tracy Hispanic Chamber 209-629-5430  
Maybe someone from the Portuguese Hall  
Afghanistan Group representative – He recommended calling the City for a representative

18. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Not in notes

19. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Not in notes

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## NOTES/QUESTIONS:

DATE: 7/13/09

Name/Organization: John White, City Manager, Sanger

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

N/A

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

N/A

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES X NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES X NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES X NO

d. Water quality YES NO X

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

It is very important that water is provided to the central valley.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Neither

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both

\_\_\_\_\_

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

**4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?**

N/A

**5. (ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

No

**6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

No

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

**7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

N/A

**8. ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

**9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)**

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Mr. White believes that outreach to schools and having the children provide information to the parents is the best way to outreach to the community. He could not ID specific events that are important to the community.

Why do you think they are important?

N/A

10. **What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

Latino- approximately 80%

11. **What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

Spanish and English

12. **Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Service Industry

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

Senior centers and the recreation department

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

N/A, but if they do fish it for recreational purposes.

RECREATION X FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

Most people stay in Kings County and don't drive to the Delta.

**d. If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES NO  X

**e. If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

**f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

**g. If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES  \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

The three major community events are the Mexican Independence Day festival in September (mostly Latino), The Cinco De Mayo festival in May (mostly Latino) and the weekly farmer's market (mostly Latino)

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers X TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) X

- The local paper which is the Sanger Herald
- The phone system, which is a phone tree run by the city to inform residence about community meetings, issues and updates.

17. **For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):**

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Mostly through County services

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. **Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very**

**helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?**

The Director of the Sanger Chamber of Commerce

**19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)**

Yes

**20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)**

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A



DATE: 7/13/09

Name/Organization: Tim Tarver, Mayor of City of Arvin

NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Tarver feels more water should be sent to the central valley. The water is needed for agricultural means and for the community.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

There is a lot of water in the Delta that can help the rest of the state.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

Water needs to start being distributed to the rest of the state.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO X**

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

If the Delta doesn't share water with the rest of the state more jobs will be lost (a lot have been lost already) and more farmers will lose their crops.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Neither

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both

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If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

No

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

- Very family and community oriented
- Members of the community are very hard working
- The community lacks the water they need
- Air quality is very poor

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Mr. Tarver could not think of any community events, but did state the Arvin Edison Water District has monthly meetings that Department might want to start attending. The contact number for the meetings is 661-854-5573

Why do you think they are important?

Information is provided to the community

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

- Latino- approximately 90 percent
- African America- approximately 5 percent
- Other- approximately 5 percent

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Grapes, carrots, cotton, watermelon, oranges, cherries, beans, broccoli, and onions

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

A popular business in the area is Ranch Market, it is a grocery store that specializes in Hispanic foods.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X        NO   

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Members of the Latino community

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION   X      FOOD \_\_\_\_\_    BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

- c. If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

They fish locally. Most people don't drive to the Delta.

- d. If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES NO X

- e. If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

- f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

- g. If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

Did not know

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Did not know

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money? YES
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio X Newspapers X TV X

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

- The local newspaper
- Spanish radio
- The Telemundo TV station

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services and/or healthcare?

- Most drive to Bakersfield to get government services such as health and dental care
- 65 percent of the city is considered low income
- 31 percent are unemployed

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

- Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Howard R. Frick, President, Arvin-Edison Water District. Phone number is 661-854-5573. He also noted the Department might want to attend The monthly board meetings. They are every Tuesday from noon to 4 and open to the public. RSVP is not required but encouraged because lunch is provided. To RSVP email [arvined@aewsd.org](mailto:arvined@aewsd.org) or call the District. Please note there will be no meeting in August. Regular meetings will resume in September.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes, please call about meetings 661-376-2059, no email

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Please add to contact list. The e-mail is [ttarver@arving.org](mailto:ttarver@arving.org)

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/13/09

Name/Organization: Lou Martinez, City Manager, City of Parlier

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**NOTES:**

**Gilber Guirrez from the city water department sat in on the meeting but did not speak.**

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## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Martinez stated that he understands environmental issues in the Delta and problems with decline of the fish population, but his community badly needs water for their agricultural industry. If it between saving fish or saving jobs he believes the Department should focus on jobs and people's livelihood. He feels like Parlier is being left out in the "water grab" and they are not getting enough water from the Delta to help their community. His community has a large population of Latino farm workers that rely on the seasonal farm work for their annual income. Due to the lack of water jobs have declined.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

Mr. Martinez stated that the best part of the Delta is the water supply for the central valley. He stated it was important to provide water from the Delta to the Valley because the central valley relays on water for agricultural uses, which is the area's livelihood.

He also said the Delta was good for recreational activities such as renting houseboats, etc.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

N/A

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES NO X

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES X NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES X NO

d. Water quality YES NO X

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Neither

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

Mr. Martinez has been to Delta about 10 years ago. He has not been recently and does not plan to go any time soon.

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Strong ag industry, high unemployment, most residents are seasonal employees, not year around employees

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- The Round Up is a community tradition that is well attended. It takes place May of every year and is mostly attended by Latinos
- The 6 cities is a good opportunity for city leaders to discuss issues and policies. It is a monthly meeting and people have the opportunity to speak with elected officials and the city manager. It takes place 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at noon.

Why do you think they are important?

They build community and a great way to exchange information.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino- approximately 90%

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

- Raisins, grapes, alfalfa, asparagus

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

- Latino

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Many Hispanic business owners belong to the Chamber of Commerce. They attend meetings and take educational classes. The contact number is 559-646-9625

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO  X

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

N/A

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES            NO X

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                        NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

The annual round up in May is important to the Latino community

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers  X  TV  X

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

- The local paper, the Parlicer Post is popular with residents
- Most residents get their information from the TV news. The most popular station is Univision.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- Free health clinics
- County social services
- Food banks

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

- Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- The Supervisor of Schools, Rick Rider, 559-646-2731

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

- Please add his e-mail. It is [citymanager@parlier.ca.us](mailto:citymanager@parlier.ca.us)

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, same as e-mail above.

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** Gilber Guirrez of the city's water department also sat in on the interview, but did not say anything

DATE: 7/13/09

Name/Organization: Gabriel Gonzales, City of Mendota, City Manager

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He is not familiar with the current state of the Delta.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He would like the Department to stop worrying about the smelt and start worrying about the fact that communities don't have water. Think about the impact of the lack of water has to communities and businesses especially agriculture.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X**  
NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Just the point the central valley needs water from the Delta.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

No

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. **Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?**

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)  
Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?**

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

No

6. **Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. **What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

Water is needed to keep businesses running. His city has a high unemployment rate.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. **What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)**

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

There is a farmer's market that is very well attended every Wednesday afternoon at the community park (Rogas- Pirece park) By a mix of ethnic groups

**Why do you think they are important?**

It gives people a place to go and socialize, not a lot of people buy items because many residents don't have the money, but they go to connect with friends and listen to local entertainment.

10. **What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

Latino- approximately 99%

11. **What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

Spanish

12. **Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

Yes

- a. **If yes: Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?**

The major crops are tomatoes, cotton, onions, and watermelon. He also stated that many of the farmers have not farmed their land this

year due to economic and water issues. This has led to 50% unemployment rate in Mendota.

Most farmers employ more than 50 individuals

- b. If yes: What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino

- c. If no: What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

He could not think of specific businesses, but did say that Latino grocery stores and retail shops are popular.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X   NO   

- a. If yes: What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Members of the Latino community

- b. If yes: Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH   X   OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**IF OTHER, LIST:**

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC  X

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

They fish locally. Most people don't drive to the Delta to fish because gas is too expensive.

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES  X  NO

- e. **If yes/follow up: Where are they?**

The Mendota Wildlife Refuge.

- f. **If yes/follow up: Who are the primary users of these areas?**

Mendota residences and some people who travel from Fresno

- g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES X NO \_\_\_

If yes: What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

The harvest festival which takes place in mid July is important to the Latino community. More events don't take place due to lack of money.

If no: Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money? **YES**
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) X

- The newsletter that goes out every month with the utility bill
- The city's Web site

- The electronic board that is located on Main Street

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- County social services
- Low cost clients in Fresno
- Federal healthcare clinics

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

- Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- The Mayor of Mendota, Robert Silva (He declined the interview)
- Nancy Daniel with the Westside Youth Group

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Please add his e-mail. It is [ggonzalez@ci.mendota.ca.us](mailto:ggonzalez@ci.mendota.ca.us)

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/14/09

Name/Organization: Bob Wollenzien, Executive Director, Delta Family YMCA

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He said he feels "concerned"

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He is concerned about what hears and reads on the radio and TV. Mr. Wollenzien expressed concern for the ecological balance of the Delta, however, he said that his number one concern is pollution.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO X**

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He believes we should be concerned about the plants and high-risk plants that are located on the Delta such as the refineries. Mr. Wollenzien went on a tour once that said that there are about 30 different high-risk plants that line the Delta. He is worried about the plants' effects on the Delta even though he realizes that they are necessary organizations.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
Both       X      

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

He just moved to the Delta area in January and he lives in the Delta area because of the affordable housing opportunities. He works in the Delta because he has made the YMCA his career and his next assignment with the company was to work in the Delta.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

N/A

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He believes that it is unique because it is very diverse. While economically it is lower than similar communities in the Bay, it is a very hard working community.

Most of those that live in this area don't work in the area, they commute to the Bay.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

He does not see himself or his family remaining in the area for generations to come. He is older and wants to go and see other areas. Mr. Wollenzien likes the convenience of the Delta area and the community, but can only see himself living there for five to 10 years.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He does not think that any ethnicities or cultures in Oakley are any more unique than any other Delta city (he said every city has a festival of some sort). Mr. Wollenzien does not believe that the Delta is being taken full advantage of by the community. He compared it to opportunities and attractions that are available in the Bay and believes that if the Delta were maintained and fixed up that the community could bring in tourism as an economic source.

Why do you think they are important?

N/A

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Mr. Wollenzien thinks that farming is a source within the immediate community, but does not believe that it is a primary form of employment.

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Most people commute to areas outside of the community to work in businesses or retail. He believes that the education level of the community is only high school or lower.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by *(Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10)*?

He could not think of any specific businesses but said that they frequent local stores, restaurants and grocery stores, but they also go about five miles outside of the community to do shopping where they can find large chain stores.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES  NO

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Mr. Wollenzien believes that Caucasians use the Delta for boating while Latino and Black populations use the Delta for fishing and recreation on the shore.

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH \_X\_** OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

**PREFERENCE \_X\_** \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

He said that most fishing is recreational and people fish in the Delta because it is close and convenient, he does not believe that the fishing is species oriented. He knows of someone who fishes in the Delta every day to provide himself with food. He believes that as the economy gets worse there may be a rise in the Delta being used to provide food for families within the community.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

**YES X** NO

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

In Pittsburg the Latino population uses the Marinas for fishing and hanging out.

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

There is a near by park on the south side of Highway 4 that is primarily used by the Black population for picnics and recreation.

g. **If no: Why not?**

N/A

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                      NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Cinco de Mayo Celebrations are important and very big in the community; Martin Luther King Jr. celebrations are also very large. He was not sure of any other specific events or celebrations, but believes there are significant amounts.

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers** **X** TV \_\_\_\_\_

**Community organizations** **X** Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)** **X**

Mr. Wollenzien said that the city government is good about informing residents. Organizations send out monthly newsletters that update the community and there is a centralized news board that informs residents of upcoming events

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He believes that they receive healthcare from local emergency rooms such as Kaiser or Sutter. He was not sure where they receive services though he assumed that it is through government agencies. He knows that the Delta YMCA offers financial aid for child care and believes that there are a lot of resources available.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino, both legal and illegal. He believes that many illegal Latinos in the area do not receive help because of their citizenship status.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He recommended speaking with Mandy Bladl who is in charge of the Delta First 5 center. She works with low-income families with children ages zero to three. 925-692-2301

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your

community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/14/09

Name/Organization: Frances Wilson, Adviser, East Bay National Society of Black Engineers

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

She does not have any opinion formed about the Delta; however, she does know that the fish in the Delta are unhealthy and it is recommended that people only eat fish from the Delta once per week because of the pollutants.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

She does not know how or what to fix in the Delta.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO X**

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

She is not aware of any issues that DWR is not aware of.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Both

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
Both       X      

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

She lives in the Delta area because she appreciates the positive quality of life she has there.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**  
Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

N/A

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

No, she doesn't think that her community is unique in any way.

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**  
Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes, she can see her family staying in the Delta region for years to come.

She believes that following generations will stay because of the affordable housing and she feels that it is a decent place to live when considering crime and community issues.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

East Bay Black Engineers put on a Robotic program that is important to the community because it provides two hours of math tutoring for 20 weeks. She also considers the Pittsburg annual seafood festival a culturally important event.

Why do you think they are important?

She feels that the community events are important because it brings the community together to experience the camaraderie of their neighbors. It also exposes people to certain activities and experiences that they would otherwise not know about.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

She believes that the primary ethnic make-up of her community is Latino and Black.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

She does not consider farming to be a primary form of employment for her community.

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Ms. Wilson said she thinks that most people living in her community are employed by chemical or engineers firms and agencies that are also located in her community.

### Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

She said that there are specific stores that the Latino population patronizes; specifically she named Mi Pueblo Supermercado.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ She does not know.

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH **X** OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

People fish because they grew up with it and they eat all of the fish they catch.

**PREFERENCE**  **CULTURAL** \_\_\_\_\_ **ECONOMIC** \_\_\_\_\_

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

Ms. Wilson believes that people fish in the Delta for recreational purposes because of its convenience and proximity to their homes.

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES            NO    *She does not know.*

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

- g. **If no: Why not?**

N/A

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO \_\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_**

Ms. Wilson was not aware of any activities that are specific to the Latino or Black population.

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

**If no:** Why not?

N/A, unaware

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons? Does not know of any events

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers \_\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_** TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe) \_\_\_ X \_\_\_**

Most people find out about government projects through the Internet and word of mouth. They also use the local newspaper.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

They go to the CALworks office located on Delta and Fair St. in Antioch

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

She was not aware of what group would be considered low-income but she speculated it would be the Latino population.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

She is not aware of any other community leaders that would be helpful.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **Contact Details**

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DATE: 7/14/09

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He said that the source of water runs through the San Luis Aqueduct – North to South. Farmers/land owners are being impacted especially in the following areas: Elmira, Mendota, Dos Palos, and other small towns around the San Luis Aqueduct.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

He feels that there are huge recreational areas and bay areas where people can enjoy it. It's a water resource to Los Angeles residents as well as commercial water and Huge Delta, Tri-county area.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

Jose explained that there are legislation-laws that affect the Delta. We are in need of environmental laws protecting the Delta Smelt, it should be people first. The fish are not native they were introduced by the fish and game department for recreational purposes and for feeding other fish. It is negative on families and the economy. The "1" thing is product, agriculture, no water no agriculture.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES NO

d. Water quality YES NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He said that current legislation is an issue that we need to be aware of. Ground water will be pumped into nothing and there is too much reliability on water pumping, the East and West are impacted. There are other natural and easier resources from the Delta, this issue will affect our children's children in the long term.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?  
Neither

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**  
Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o **Recreational** – He said he enjoy's the Delta and has gone to Bethel Island many times
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

N/A

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Not sure

Why do you think they are important?

N/A

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He said that he thinks it depends on the town. Overall, there are more Caucasian in the Delta but it is a diverse area.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

He thinks there are Coda Farms which grow rice, tomato plants, cotton and a garlic factory.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

He feels there are labor related jobs.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

N/A

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X              NO   

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Latinos & caucasians

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other

reason??

RECREATION  FOOD  BOTH  OTHER

They fish for food, they all actually have a valid fishing license. You can hear them tell each other to get one in order to fish. They follow the system, the law.

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE  CULTURAL  ECONOMIC

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

N/A

YES NO

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

He was not familiar with any areas that certain ethnic groups may use or not use.

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?

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- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers   X   TV   X  

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

He feels that one outlet would be word of mouth, they are in rural areas and do not receive any services in most areas.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Local Non-profits

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latinos

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Yes, Marcelino Galdez – 559-289-7186

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/14/09

Name/Organization: Kevin Thai, Deputy Director, Sacramento Chinese Community Services

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He is not very familiar with any of the current Delta issues.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He is concerned about the levees and flooding in residential areas.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO X**

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He is not familiar with any other issues in the Delta.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Both

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
      X

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

He lives in the Natomas area of Sacramento. When he purchased his home he was told that there was no risk of levee failure or flooding, but now realizes that is a concern. His work is what keeps him in the Sacramento area.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

N/A

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

No, he doesn't think it is different from any other Delta area.

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

He does not see himself or his family remaining in the area for generations to come. If he had the opportunity to move currently, he would, but economics prevent him from doing so. He is very concerned about the levees and flooding capabilities of the Delta and what that would mean for his family.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Several Chinese community events that occur in the Sacramento area (ie. August fundraising event and Chinese Cultural Faire)

Why do you think they are important?

Chinese seniors perform a lot of traditional exercises such as Tai Chi and socialize outdoors. They are important because they are able to interact in a safe area.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He considers the Sacramento area to be very diverse, however, believes that the main ethnic make up is White, Latino and Black.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

In the general Sacramento population: English

In the Chinese population: Both Cantonese and Mandarin, but mainly Cantonese

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

He does not believe that farming is a primary source of employment for the Chinese community or the Sacramento population.

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

In the Chinese community: Older Chinese generations work in service activities or become business owners. Younger Chinese populations become professionals or work for the government.

In the general Sacramento community: Government work

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

He could not think of any specifically and wasn't familiar with how often they are frequented.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X        NO   

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

He was only aware of his Asian friends that use these areas, was not sure if there are other ethnic groups who use it.

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH X** OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

He thinks that people fish because they grew up with it and they eat all of the fish they catch.

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ **CULTURAL X** \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

He believes that they fish in the Delta because there are certain species of fish available there. He said that if those fish were available in different rivers or stream and not in the Delta, they would go there instead. They follow the fish, but he was not sure of what type of fish it is they follow.

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES **NO X**

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

- g. **If no: Why not?**

He was not familiar with any areas that certain ethnic groups may use or not use.

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                      NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

He could not think of any specific events, but knew of some cultural rituals that the older Chinese populations maintain such as the exercise of Tai Chi exercise, the keeping of mini-shrines to honor dead family members, and wedding rituals. All of these activities take place in the homes.

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_X\_\_                      Newspapers \_\_X\_\_                      TV \_\_X\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_      Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_

The Chinese population that has limited English speaking abilities finds out information from family and friends, however, more often than not that information is usually inaccurate.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a.      Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

They go to community centers to find out information.  
The use their family and friends to find recommendations as to when to go and go there.

b.      What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

African American and Latino, most of which live in South Sacramento.  
However, he believes that there are also low-income Asians.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He recommended contacting Asian Resources

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**DATE: 7/14/09**

**Name/Organization: S. Leo Capuchino, Council member for City of Mendota**

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**NOTES:**

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Capuchino is concerned about the water quality in the Delta. He believes that larger cities such as Stockton and Sacramento are releasing waste into the rivers in the Delta. He believes that many people think this water will just end up the ocean, but a good amount of the waste will remain in the Delta which will lead to poor water quality.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

He is only hearing negative comments and concerns about the Delta

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He believes DWR needs to address the issue of the smelt dying off and work to fix the problem. He also thinks the issue of non-native fish that have infiltrated the Delta are a problem. They can present new diseases to native fish and might be predators of the native fish. This would make the ecosystem of the Delta off balance.

He also believes more should be done to improve the water quality of the Delta. This might include more recycling of waste water instead of releasing it into the Delta. He thinks the Department should not look for the solution of cleaning the water by using chemical, but instead a more environmentally friendly approach.

His final concern is the Delta area's unwillingness to share water. He believes the Central Valley needs water very badly and water in the Delta can be used to help the agriculture needs of the Central Valley.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

- b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES X NO
- c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES X NO
- d. Water quality YES X NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Mr. Capuchino believes another issue with Delta water quality is the fact that algae from boat that are bring goods from China is getting into the Delta and making the Delta water toxic. He would like the Department to research non chemical ways to fix this issue.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Neither

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

### Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. (ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

No

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

The land in Mendota is like a desert. The community needs water to survive. The Central Valley is the breadbasket for the nation and farmers can't farm without water.

Mendota is also a close knit community, but unfortunately has a very high unemployment rate which has forced people to move in look for work.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

The major community events are:

- The Harvest Festival- September (all of the community)
- The July Carnival (all of the community)
- Beautification projects lead by volunteers such as cleaning up a park or planting trees- throughout the year (all of the community)
- Sunday soccer games at the community park (Latino)
- Catholic mass- Every Sunday (Latino)

What do you think they are important?

Social interaction for members of the community.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

- Latino- approximately 95%
- Other (Asian and White mainly)- approximately 5%

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish is the primary language, but many people are bilingual.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Melons, tomatoes, cotton, corn, bell peppers

Most employ less than 50

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Generally speaking the farmer owners are white and the farm workers are Latino.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Not a specific business, but the Open Market is held every Wednesday from 5 pm to 9 pm at the Ronas-Pirerre Park. Many people also go the community center two times a month to receive food donated by local organizations and individuals.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

But Mr. Capuchino did add that although all ethnic groups use the water in the surrounding area, it is mostly Latino because their population is 95% Latino.

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Mostly Latino

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION X FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

Most people don't drive to the Delta. It is too expensive and too far away.

**d. If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES X NO

**e. If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

Fresno Slough, Huntington Lake, Bass Lake, San Joaquin River

**f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

All groups, but mostly Latinos

**g. If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

The harvest festival which takes place in mid July is important to the Latino community. More events don't take place due to lack of money.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money? YES
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

Mr. Capuchino stated many "fun" activities have been closed due to the downturn in the economy and many people moving out of the area due to lack of jobs.

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)  X

- e-board on Main Street
- Monthly utility bill newsletter (contact Krystal Chojnacki at City Hall regarding having an article in the newsletter)

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- The Community Center twice a month for food (non perishable)
- The Employment Development center for job training and job placement
- The High School also offers job training for students

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

- Declined to answer

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- Although he did not have a contact person he recommended we speak with someone the Employment Development Center

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes, he might already be on the list (information on contact page)

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, he might already be on the list (information on contact page)

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

**DATE: 7/14/09**

**Name/Organization: Lorena Huerta, Associate Director, Familias Unidas**

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**NOTES:**

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

It runs by my parent's farm/home, which is in Firebaugh. She knows that there is fish in the Delta, dad is a small farmer and he harvest shrimp which in dry/no water areas dry up and once they are placed in water they come alive. Its strange but interesting.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

There is a major fish and farmer controversy. Farmlands need direct water, no water no farms. Two things are happening in the Delta:

- 1) Farmers are selling land due to lack of water which enables them to farm their land.
- 2) Farmers are reducing workforce and giving twice as much labor to others and no higher pay.

Families are making about \$10,000 a year and they are large size families. Due to water reduction farmers want more done for less, the farmers are letting go of a lot of workers because they cannot afford to pay many employees.

If someone thinks or tries to bring a Union to get involved, they are let go making it hard to have a voice for the workers. United Farm Workers does a lot but they cannot be everywhere.

The ones who are affected the most are the laborers, farms owners do as well but it's much different. More water is needed in order to keep and have jobs available.

Both water and laws need to be better regulated.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO**  
Lorena said that the levee's are in okay conditions by parents home, not sure about anywhere else.

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO**  
She says she does not care much about the fish, should not sacrifice families over fish.

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO**

d. Water quality **YES** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

She feels that pesticides and what she has mentioned already are issues that we need to be aware of.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

She said that doesn't live or work near the delta but her parents live in Delta currently and she goes by to visit.

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

### Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

5. (ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

Yes

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Not sure

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

She said her parents have live there for over 30 years, grew up in area. Dad is about to retire but all individuals living near the Delta stay there for generations.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Lorena said that there are church activities, region that pulls them together. They are in isolated areas, low income they go to faith for support.

Why do you think they are important?

Culture

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Lorena said that Latinos are the primary ethnic makeup of her community, mainly of Mexican background.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Lorena said that there are Coda Farms which farm rice, tomato plants, cotton and a garlic factory that employs over 400 families.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Lorena feels that the general ethnic makeup are Latinos, they form community clusters. Bring family and friends from home towns and they form communities that are familiar to them.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

She said Yes, Hmong and Latinos they don't engage much but stay near each other

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X              NO   

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Latinos

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION    FOOD   X   BOTH    OTHER   

Lorena said they fish for food, they all actually have a valid fishing license. You can hear them tell each other to get one in order to fish. They follow the system, the law.

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE    CULTURAL    ECONOMIC   X  

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES                      NO

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

She was not familiar with any areas that certain ethnic groups may use or not use.

- o Pollution concerns? Yes, pesticides that live in the water.
- o Cultural prohibitions? none
- o Legal issues? No, all follow law with regards to fishing in the Delta
- o Economic forces? Yes
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                        NO \_\_\_\_\_

Latinos

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

She said that one activity is fishing in the central valley.

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)  X

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

She said no where no organizations they are in very rural areas which has no public transit.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

She said Latinos, currently there is over 33% reported, that is not counting all the undocumented unemployed individuals in the Central valley area.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Lorena commented that she thinks contacting local churches, their secretaries would be a good idea. Communities there are over 90% catholic.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**DATE: July 14, 2009**

**Russell Van Loben Sels – Clarksburg Farmer, President of Sacramento Farm Bureau**

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**NOTES:** Very receptive to participate in survey. Asked to follow-up on TEP process and recent discussions between DWR and the 5-Delta County Farm Bureaus

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## **General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He thinks that the Delta has its challenges. They are more related to water delivery and water conveyance than the environment. The Delta has been sustainable – sustaining agriculture and habitat – over time without major costs. The problem is water, and the way water is moved, as well as invasive species. Talk about potential earthquakes, subsidence, etc. is only fear mongering. The Delta has been sustainable – both economically and socially.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

The Delta is the largest estuary on the west coast. It has 1,000 miles of waterways used for recreation, water delivery, as habitat for fisheries, and it has very strong/productive agricultural base. It is surrounded by large metropolitan areas. Areas of open space in the Delta are used for recreation by surrounding areas. It's a playground, an environmental jewel, on the same magnitude as Yosemite, Yellowstone, etc. It's unique. It provides a lot of services. A great number of fish use Delta to live and travel through. This is not bad, but it has to be done in manner that is friendly to the environment.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

There needs to be a long-term commitment to the land mass in Delta. The land mass needs to be saved and paid for by all that benefit from the Delta – not just recreation, but water supply as well. The key for him is that no more fresh water be removed from the system before it gets to the Delta – either from San Joaquin or the Sacramento Rivers. Water quality in the San Joaquin River is very

poor. In the Sacramento River that hasn't happened. The Delta is dependant upon the Sacramento River for water quality. Anything that takes water out of the Delta before it enters the Delta is to him a real negative. To protect the Delta, we need to keep water in the Delta. He is not suggesting that we rely on the system we use to today. There needs to be a system that separates the fish from water – a through Delta conveyance. This can be done less expensively and can be more adaptive.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:
- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO
  - b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO
  - c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO
  - d. Water quality **YES X** NO
  - e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

One other item that is beginning to trouble him is the water rights in the Delta. They are being attacked in the South Delta. Some water users are being sued. There needs to be a clear definition of the Delta's priority with regards to water that is in the system. When projects were put in place to export water from Delta, a commitment was made that it would be from a common pool and that area of origin would have priority. This is being attacked.

Also, the agricultural viability and economic viability of communities is another issue that needs to be addressed.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ **Both X**

He lives and works in the Delta - in Clarksburg. His farm is between Freeport and Walnut Grove. He is a 4th Generation farmer.

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

Ten years ago, he was asked to speak on the impacts of globalization on our area. He pointed out that our crops are determined locally and our prices are determined globally. He cannot move his farm. If he could move his farm out of the Delta, he might. But, he is also a hunter, a fisherman, and he grew up in the Delta. Professionally and recreationally, he has to be there.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Communities in the Delta are very unique. They've grown very, very slowly. Each one has a different personality than the other. They are unique in size. For example, Clarkburg only has 114 houses in it. That is unique. There is an advantage of everyone knowing everyone else. You help people, you watch out for people. They need to be protected.

Clarksburg is a little different – it is a little closer to downtown Sacramento. They have a bigger influx of people professionally involved outside of Clarksburg. They have a growing wine industry. They also have many Reclamation Districts – all the islands that were reclaimed in 1900s. You don't see that anywhere else in the state.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes, they already have the 5th generation involved in the business.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

In Clarksburg, they have the 4th of July parade – it looks like Normal Rockwell painted the place. Courtland has the Pear Fair. Walnut Grove has the Catfish jubilee. Isleton has the Crawfish festival. But, the most important activities are the agricultural activities around and maintaining that.

Why do you think they are important?

No answer

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Maybe 20 years ago, it was mostly Caucasian. Now there is a much bigger Latino influence. The communities have changed. It's good. There are interracial marriages, etc. The community is more Latino oriented.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish and English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

The Sacramento River area is the largest pear producing area in U.S. They have a growing cherry industry, and a well-established wine grape industry. They also have grains, corn, wheat, safflower, alfalfa, and a few processing tomatoes. Of course, there is seed production – minor crops.

Farm employment follows the trends – the peaks for workload. During the pear harvest, they might have 130 employees. You go through peaks for harvest, pruning, etc. Most farms are less than 50 employees for majority of the year.

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Most operators are Caucasian with some Chinese and Japanese and a few Latino operators. The primary labor force is Latino.

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by *(Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10)* ?

Over time, it's hard to compete with a Home Depot, Walmart, etc. The businesses left in Clarksburg are small. People here reminisce when they had two gas stations, lumber store, etc. Today, because they're close to town, most people would go to Home Depot, etc. They have a trucking company, a small grocery store (more like a 7-11), some diners (Dinky Diner), a hardware store has been converted to lunch/catering business, and of course the Sugar Mill.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Most fishing is done for general recreation – lots of boaters, etc. Maybe five to 10 years ago, a large number of Southeast Asians used the River for fishing. This is still the case. During the shad run, many Southeast Asians are fishing. Some are dependent upon that as a food source, or additional food source. There is a group surrounding the Delta using the Delta fishing as a means to augment their food supply. Part of it is cultural and part of it is preference. Economically, I really don't know. As you get closer to town, the levees are owned privately, the RDs maintain them. RDs are trying to control the use of their levees because of large numbers fishing and leaving garbage, etc. The concentrations of those fishing have been reduced substantially. I'm not sure where they fish now. Water-skiing is also a big deal out there.

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH \_X\_** OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

No answer

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

N/A

YES NO

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES**   X   **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

St. Joseph's Church or St. Anthony's Church in Walnut Grove have festivals. There is also a Buddhist Bazaare every year in Walnut Grove.

**If no:** Why not?

- o Not enough interest?
- o Not enough money?
- o No leadership?
- o Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers \_\_X\_\_** **TV \_X\_**

**Community organizations \_\_X\_\_** Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

There is an extensive e-mail list – many people get info on there. Also, they get information from newspapers, internet news media, and early morning news program.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Most of it happens in town (Sacramento), although in Courtland, doctors maintain an office where they see a lot of Latino people. The Farm Bureau puts on annual health fair in Walnut Grove – where they try to screen for hearing, breast cancer, eyes, dental, blood tests, etc. There is a real need for clinic based health care there.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

The largest ethnic group that is economically challenged is the Latino group.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Talk with Mark Wilson, farmer. Talk with Peggy Bohl, resident. Also, talk with Jeff Merwin, local farmer and involved in the Yolo County Government.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes, through Delta News list. The Farm Bureaus have also had some contact with DWR re: TEPs. He finds that communication back from that effort is not very good. For example, they asked DWR to send a letter to all landowners who have been asked to sign a TEP explaining the judicial coordination process, they never heard back with a final answer.

Also, as a general note, the Delta is what it is because of the water. Don't take the water out or we'll have poor water quality. You have to run the water through the system to get benefits.

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Already added

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

DATE: 7/15/09

Name/Organization: Ray Watson, Kern County Board of Supervisors

NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Watson believes the Delta is currently in a state of disrepair. He is concerned about the water quality of the Delta. He is also upset that pumps are being turned off. Finally, he believes an adequate water supply from the Delta is not being provided to the Central Valley.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

It is one of the greatest natural resources on the West Coast and a major resource for California.

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The Department needs to make sure the demands by the state don't impact the Delta in a negative way. The department also needs to better manage this important resource for residents of California.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

All of the items above and the need for solutions that will help the Delta region and all Californian residents at the same time

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

No

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

### Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

No

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Agriculture is the major source of revenue and employment in the area.  
Most of the members of the community are Latino.  
There are a large percentage of people that are unemployed due to the fact that farming has slowed down due to a lack of water.

The County has been able to manage their water well, but still needs more from the state.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Kern County Fair, attended by approximately 1 million people (all ethnic groups)

The Filipino Festival in Delano (attended by Filipinos)

The local sports arena which has sporting events and entertainment (ethnic groups that attend are generally based on events)

Why do you think they are important?

They provide culture and entertainment for the community.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino- approximately 30%

Black- approximately 5%

Asian- approximately 1%

Caucasian- approximately 65%

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: Almonds, carrots, grapes, wine, onions, citrus, cotton (although cotton production has decreased)

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

The local Hispanic chamber

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES  NO

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Members of the Latino community

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

RECREATION  FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**IF OTHER, LIST:**

N/A

- b. If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

- c. If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

Most people fish locally. Most people don't drive to the Delta due to the cost of travel.

- d. If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

**YES X**      NO

- e. If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

Lake Isabella, Benicia Lake, the Kern River

- f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

Local residents which are mainly Latino

- g. If no:** Why not?

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES\_\_      **NO X**

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Most community events are a mix of ethnic groups, but those that are only ethnic group tend to be Latino events. These events include cook-offs and parades, but Mr. Watson could not reference any specific event names or dates.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money? YES
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

**Radio X\_\_\_\_\_      Newspapers X \_\_\_\_\_      TV X \_\_\_\_\_**

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_      Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Spanish radio  
Spanish TV stations  
English TV stations

17. **For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):**

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Health Clinics such as the Kern Medical Center, Clinica Sierra Vista and National Health Care.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

A member of the Kern County Farm Bureau, but he doesn't have a specific contact

A staff member at the County water agency, but he doesn't have a specific contact

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: July 15, 2009

NAME/ORGANIZATION: Mark Plovnick, Director of Economic  
Development, UOP

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## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He is concerned about the Delta deteriorating, depending on where you are. Some parts of the Delta are better than others. He is concerned over the quality of water deteriorating and non-native species.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

The Delta is beautiful. It's a recreational resource – mostly for boating and fishing. Clearly, it's a source of water.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

We need to find a way to keep more fresh water in the Delta. We've got to get rid of non-native species – stuff that is growing there. Parts of the Delta are getting weeded over.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES\_X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES\_X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES\_X** NO

d. Water quality **YES\_X** NO

- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Non-native plant species

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ **Both**       X      

He actually lives on the Delta - on 14-mile slough. He works in Delta, to the extent Stockton is considered in Delta.

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

He chooses to live in the Delta because of the recreational opportunities.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes. Stockton is unique to places that aren't in the Delta.

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Within the Delta, Stockton is a big city, it's different. There are also smaller, rural communities. The Delta is the most unique aspect to Stockton.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

He said that he will probably not remain in the Delta region because jobs will take his family elsewhere. There are not many local job opportunities.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

It's very diverse – all the quality of life things are important.

Why do you think they are important?

No answer

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He thinks that the single biggest group is Caucasian. There is a large Hispanic and Asian population as well.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish, Vietnamese

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

There are some pretty big farms. During picking seasons, there is a big uptick in farms' employee base. There is a lot of food processing. The Delta has small owner operated farms to big corporate farms.

There are very diverse crops – the Delta grows lots of stuff. Asparagus is the claim to fame in his community, but there are hundreds of crops growing. Another leading crop is wine grapes.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

There are not specific ethnic groups. The picking/farm labor is probably majority Mexican.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

No. This is a big city. There are lots of businesses there.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X   NO \_\_\_\_\_

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

It seems to be that a lot of Southeast Asians fish along the banks of Delta.

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other

reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH \_X\_** OTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
Probably both.

IF OTHER, LIST:

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

No answer

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

No answer

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES NO

No answer

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

Along the main channels – San Joaquin and Sacramento River.

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

No answer

- g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?

- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES    X    NO \_\_\_\_\_

All of them engage in specific activities. Each group has its own cultural traditions. He read about them often in newspapers. Every group. Mexicans, Southeast Asians, Japanese, even Italians have their own activities, festivals, etc.

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

He was not sure.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers** **X** **TV** **X**

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

**They get these services all over. The San Joaquin General Hospital provides services to those without health insurance.**

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

**Mexican migrant farm workers**

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

**Ron Addington, Business Council of San Joaquin County - 956-3388.  
Mike Locke, San Joaquin Partnership - 956-3380**

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

**Yes**

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

**Yes**

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## NOTES/QUESTIONS:

Mark asked me to look into a past program DWR had for spraying non-native species in the Delta. He asked that I see if this program may be started up once again and expressed his concern over the prevalence of these non-native plants. He said that some waterways have become un-navigable due to them.

DATE: 7/15/09

Name/Organization: Steve Nosanchuck, President, Oakley Chamber of Commerce

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He feels that the Delta needs a lot of help and that more people need to get involved with its restoration and conservation.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He said that conservation needs to be focused on. We need to quit allowing people to tap into the Delta as a water source in order to maintain it.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He believes that there needs to be more education about the delicacy of the Delta's ecosystem. There needs to be more public outreach in order to educate the communities, including school children.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work X \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
X

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

He did not really choose to work in the Delta region, it just happened to be where his business is. It is close to his home so he was able to raise his family there.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

N/A

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He believes that there is a small town feeling where everyone knows everyone and that makes the community unique. The proximity and the convenience of the Delta play into the environment of the community and make it different than other non-delta communities.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

He doubts that his family will remain in the Delta region. One of his children has already moved away and the other is in the process of moving. He believes that they want to live in bigger areas and are not interested in the small town lifestyles. Basically, they don't want to remain in the same town they grew up in. However, he said that he believes families may move away from the Delta region do to economic pressure or personal family reasons.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Oakley Almond Festival, held every September  
Brentwood Corn Festival

Why do you think they are important?

Mr. Nosanchuck believes that these events bring the community together to experience camaraderie and keep families together. It also allows the community to stay local and buy locally, which helps the local economy.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He assumed the ethnic makeup of his community is 60% Caucasian and 40% Latino.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes, because those who live in Oakley usually commute to other areas for work, while those who both live and work in Oakley and Brentwood work in agriculture.

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: corn, peaches, grapes, cherries, apricots, strawberries and more.

Mr. Nosanchuck believes that there is an even spread between the number of farms that employ more than 50 people and the number of farms that employ less than 50 people.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

Yes, a lot of local Mexican restaurants both employ and attract mostly the Latino population. A large portion of the Latino population is employed by the agriculture industry and small industries such as cabinetry.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_ **NO \_\_X\_\_**

He believes that all ethnicities around the area use them equally.

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH \_ X \_** OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

**PREFERENCE \_ X \_** CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ **ECONOMIC \_ X \_**

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

He thinks that the use of the Delta for fishing is a preference because it has a good reputation for fishing. There have been several nationally televised fishing tournaments at the Delta.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES **NO X** He is not aware of any.

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

He was not familiar with any areas that certain ethnic groups may use or not use.

- o Pollution concerns? Yes, pesticides that live in the water.

- Cultural prohibitions? none
- Legal issues? No, all follow law with regards to fishing in the Delta
- Economic forces? Yes
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ He is not aware.

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers **\_\_X\_\_** TV **\_\_X\_\_**

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ **Community events \_\_X\_\_**

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Most low-income residents use the county hospital in Martinez or they attend outreach clinics.

For government services, they go to either the Brentwood or Oakley City Hall.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He recommended speaking with the city officials.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

**DATE:**

**NAME/ORGANIZATION** Wayne Rebstock, Director of Facilities, River Delta Unified School District

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## **General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

It's OK. He said he is not big on the environmental side. There are issues with salmon and that kind of thing because of the habitat. Other than that, I he doesn't stay up on the local stuff. The canal thing is a big deal.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

The small communities are an asset. It's a really good agricultural center for the state. Pear production is primary in this area – the largest pear producing area in California. There are a lot of grapes. It's a healthy agriculture center. There's also a human investment in the communities there that's pretty important – long-standing community people – four to five generations of farmers. They are committed to the area. Not real friendly to outsiders, and most of them don't want growth. There are probably good reasons for that, but it's not a real friendly place to move to and try to fit in. They are pretty closed in that regard.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He doesn't know that there needs to be any fixes. When they take water out, they'll create some issues that they haven't thought of. That's the main source for habitat and irrigation here. He doesn't see a need to fix anything. He doesn't see any problems that exist that this canal project is going to solve. It's going to create more issues, depending on how they do it. There is potential that we'd have to close schools. The schools are kind of the heartbeat of the community. Most of the communities don't have other places

to meet, they don't have facilities for recreation – they use the schools. The viability of schools is pretty critical to the health of the community.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO

Their district experienced a school closure and flood in the 70's in Isleton. It was costly and expensive to fix. The condition of the levees has been in the public eye for some time. Jones Tract was the latest one that flooded. That was a big deal.

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO**

Not really. He knows folks who are fisherman who are interested in going fishing. Recreation there is a big thing.

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO

He wanted to know: How's that going to be impacted with taking water out of the Delta?

d. Water quality **YES** NO

Water quality, particularly arsenic, is becoming a problem in domestic water systems. We have three schools in the Sacramento County area, two of which have their own well system. In Yolo County we have two schools with their own wells. All five schools are impacted by arsenic. They are having difficulty meeting the arsenic criteria. It's a very costly process. They are looking for grants. They are in danger of the water system not having enough water to meet community needs. One of the things he is doing to help them is to suspend irrigation watering at night and during the day this week. At the hottest part of the summer, They're neglecting watering in grasslands, etc. This could be negative if plants suffer and die.

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He couldn't think of anything offhand. A lot of the communities may or may not have a common source of domestic water. For example, in Courtland, the school has a water system and all the individuals that live there are tied into joint smaller systems. The County doesn't have a system. In Walnut Grove,

the County does have a system. There has been some talk about having us join their County system.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ **Both**       X      

He lives in Rio Vista, work in Delta.

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

### **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

He chose to go there when he was offered a position with the school district 10 years ago. He is the primary money earner in his family – it was more important for him not to commute. He lived in Dixon at the time. If he had to do it again, he would not have done that. He would have stayed where he was at. Hind sight is 20/20.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yeah. It's different, that's for sure.

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

They are small communities. The folks that live there get to know one another pretty well. You don't get that feel in larger communities. That can be good and bad.

The tax base is less, so it's more difficult to get services from the city or counties because they are smaller and don't have the tax base of larger communities. For example, in Rio Vista, parks are a problem. They just didn't plan very well. There's also not much in terms of shopping – stores, etc.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

He doesn't know. He has a son that has a family that lives there. It's convenient for him because it's a short commute for him to his job. However, Mr. Rebstock won't stick around. When he retires, he'll leave and go somewhere else.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

The community has several festivals. In Rio Vista, they have a Bass festival in the fall. In Iselton they have a crawdad festival in the summer. Courtland has a pear fair in end of July. Clarksburg has a 100-mile bicycle ride that goes through the back areas of Yolo and Sacramento Counties, and a fun run.

Why do you think they are important?

No answer

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

The major crops/goods are corn, pears, and asparagus. Grapes are significant. There are some row crops – tomatoes, occasionally there are potatoes, and some other kind of tree crops – cherries, apples.

Most farms employ less than 50 people in general. When it's harvest time, of course it's a big deal. But, for routine stuff, they have a limited number of people employed.

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

The largest ethnic group in farming is Hispanic/Latino. Most of the farm owners are Caucasian. There is also a fairly good sized Portuguese population here.

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by *(Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10)*?

Most of the little communities have some kind of grocery store – a convenience market. Some cater more to the Latino population than they would others. They are nothing really big, but enough to get a gallon of milk or other staples. Then there's "fast food" places in the community – place to

get a pizza, sit down with family. There are actually some interesting little historic places that are restaurants. In Locke, they have Al the Wop restaurant – a steakhouse – it's a really unique environment. It has an old building, old bar, and a dining hall. In Rio Vista, there's a restaurant/bar called Foster's. It's got one of the largest collections of animals. There's an attraction to motorcycles here – lots of them come through and go to Foster's.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES  NO

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

There seems to be pretty high percentage of Asian populations fishing. Some of the waterways don't allow fishing on the banks. So, where they do allow it, it appears to be more Asian influence – Filipino, Vietnamese. Some Latinos fish, but it varies.

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION  FOOD  BOTH  OTHER

He thinks they eat what they catch.

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE  CULTURAL  ECONOMIC

Asians know how to cook, prepare the fish, and they make what others might not want.

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

No answer

**d. If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

**YES**                      NO

**e. If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

They seem to fish on the Sacramento River, just south of Freeport - between Freeport and just below Clarksburg. That's about five miles. There are also some sloughs off the deep water channel that I know are used for fishing.

**f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

**g. If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES**   X                        NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

In Rio Vista, there's a Portuguese Club. There is also one in Isleton. They have a festival, usually in August, he thought. It involves people all up and down the Delta. They have a parade where they go from a hall (where they eat) to the Catholic Church, celebrating their heritage. There are also some night activities – dances and things like that.

**If no:** Why not?

- o Not enough interest?

- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

**Radio**   X                        **Newspapers**   X                        TV       

Community organizations                             Community events       

Other (describe)       

There is a local paper in the Delta – the River News Herald. It’s published in Rio Vista and distributed up through Clarksburg. The high school in Rio Vista has a radio station and they do a lot of community announcements – it’s an FM station – it’s got a 40 or 50 year history there. It’s handled by the community, not the school. They have a Friday night deal for students to be DJs.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

The schools are involved in doing a couple of things. In Walnut Grove, Courtland, and Clarksburg, a school nurse has gotten mobile dental services to come in that are mainly helpful for the migrant workers. He thinks that a year or two ago, there was some changes in kindergarten requirements where in order to go to school, kids had to have dental exams. So, the community got together to help with that. That’s been pretty successful. In Rio Vista they do a Kinder camp, where kids going into kindergarten have a two week pre-kindergarten deal where they get introduced to teachers, the program. There are some local doctors. In Courtland there is a local doctor that holds office hours. In Rio Vista there’s a group called Rio Vista CARE that is a community organization helping locals who can’t afford mental health services, social programs, etc. There is a medical facility – a small office –

with a doctor. There are not any emergency services. His son takes his kids there when they're sick. There is a medical program out of Fairfield that has outreach down here. In Rio Vista there are several dentists.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino, there has been an anomaly – a declining enrollment in the school district. This is new to California. Overall, California is losing its student population. For their community, they are down to about 2,000 students, from 2,400 when he first came to the area. When he looks around town, he sees that there have been foreclosures and - more than he has ever seen - houses for rent. He started looking for housing there 10 years ago, the only place he could find with homes for sale were in Rio Vista. Now that's not the case. He thinks a lot of the poorer people may have left there to go to areas where they wouldn't commute so far. Gas prices (the high prices a few years ago) probably drove people out. The community is close to Vacaville, Pittsburg, Antioch, Brentwood – you could commute there reasonably.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Craig Hamblim, at 916-417-3411. He also works for the School District – 25 years – he lives in Clarksburg and he's their fire chief. For the District, he's our Maintenance and Operations Director.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

DATE: 7/16/09

Name/Organization: Richard Warne, City of Livingston, City Manager

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Warne is concerned about the fact that the Delta is not sharing water with the Central Valley. He is also concerned that DWR is shutting off pumps. Water is the life blood of the valley and the lack of water is greatly affecting farm owners, farm workers and local businesses.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

The Delta has a lot of water and the ability to do water storage. They also have strong canals. This could help the Central Valley because they have a lack of water.

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

DWR needs to build more water storage facilities in the Delta to support the Valley. While Mr. Warne agrees that fish are important to the Delta, the economy is more important to the people. He doesn't believe we should destroy the economy to save fish. He believes the extreme environmental organizations are hurting everyone.

2. **Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Yes, the bass fish are eating the smelt, it's not all environmental issues and the DWR needs to build a canal to supply water to the Central Valley. The Central Valley needs water and the Department is allowing environmentalist to get in the way of building the canal.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
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If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

### Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

No

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Livingston is a small town  
The community is very close  
Agriculture is the life line of the community  
The community has a very high unemployment rate

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Livingston Community Festival (all ethnic groups)  
4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and Festival (all ethnic groups)  
Summer Street Fairs (all ethnic groups)

Why do you think they are important?

These are good events for families to get together and for community members to interact with one another.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino- approximately 70%  
Indian- approximately 15%  
Caucasian- approximately 15%

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish, Punjabi, English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: Sweet potatoes, almonds, citrus

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

Liberty market (grocery store) and Sikh Temples in the area

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_ **NO X**

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

**RECREATION X** FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**IF OTHER, LIST:**

N/A

- b. If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

- c. If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

People don't travel to the delta to fish. They stay local.

- d. If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES\_\_\_ **NO\_X**

- e. If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

- f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

- g. If no:** Why not?

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- **Economic forces? X**
- Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES X NO   

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Every spring the Sikh community holds a parade.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money? The Latino community doesn't have events due to lack of money
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio X Newspapers X TV   

Community organizations    Community events   

Other (describe) X

Spanish radio  
Spanish and English newspapers  
The City's Web site  
The City's newsletter  
Insert in utility bill

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

County services in town  
Local nonprofit organizations like community health care centers

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

The Mayor (I have a called to schedule an interview already)

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/15/09

Name/Organization: Rocky Rodgers, City of Reedley, City Manager

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

### 1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Rodgers isn't familiar with the issues in the Delta. He does hear different things from different people, but doesn't feel he knows enough to comment.

a. **Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?**

It is a great area for habitat.

b. **Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?**

He believes the two biggest issues are concerns about the levees and the fact that the government is putting the Delta Smelt before providing water to the Central Valley.

### 2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

- General issues in regard to drugging

### 3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

No

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both

\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. **Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?**

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

Recreational

To visit family or friends

Other

He travels to the Delta for business and to visit family on occasion.

6. **Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. **What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

- Their community has good ground water and also has a good water supply from the Kings River
- The community doesn't have enough water storage

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. **What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)**

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

The five most popular events are:

- Taste of the town in September (all ethnicities attend)
- Street Fair in April (all ethnicities attend)
- The Harvest Festival in September (all ethnicities attend)
- Cruising for Jesus in August (Latino)
- Christmas parade in December (all ethnicities attend)

**Why Do you think they are important?**

- Build community
- Social outlet
- Economic benefit to the city

**10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

Latino

**11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

English and Spanish. There is also a small percentage of the population that speaks Asian languages

**12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

Yes, Selma is the fruit basket of the world

**a. If yes: Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?**

Citrus

**b. If yes: What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?**

Mostly Latino, but also Asian and Armenian

**c. If no: What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?**

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

There are about four Hispanic grocery stores in the community, although he did not know their names

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_ NO X More Latinos, but only because that is the majority of the population.

a. If yes: What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

b. If yes: Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

RECREATION X FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. If for food: why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

c. If for recreation: Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

Most people stay local

d. If yes/follow up: Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES X NO \_\_\_

- e. **If yes/follow up: Where are they?**  
Within an hour travel time of Reedley. Many go to Pine Flat Dam, the Kings River or Shaver Lake
- f. **If yes/follow up: Who are the primary users of these areas?**  
Local residents
- g. **If no: Why not?**
  - o Pollution concerns?
  - o Cultural prohibitions?
  - o Legal issues?
  - o Economic forces?
  - o Other reasons?

N/A

15. **Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?**

YES X      NO \_\_\_

**If yes: What are the activities or events and where do they take place?**

Listed in question 9. Most events are multicultural, not ethnic based

**If no: Why not?**

- o Not enough interest?
- o Not enough money?
- o No leadership?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)     X**

- Utility bill stuffers
- Quarterly newsletters by City of Reedley
- The city also has a phone tree system that calls residents to information them about public meetings and utility rate increases

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- WIC and food stamps
- Community hospitals

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Reedley Community Center 559-637-4203

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by

**DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)**

Yes

20. **Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)**

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

Name: Rocky Rodgers

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/16/09

Name/Organization: Clarence Williams, Chair, Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He feels "concerned" about the Delta's state.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He thinks that there needs to be some way to protect the Delta from increased salinization and deterioration.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO (He understands that pollution runoff is pouring into the Delta)

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Mr. Williams thinks that DWR needs to be aware of how the actions in the Delta can negatively affect the agriculture downstream and that there is a lack of water conservation.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Both

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
Both       X      

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

He said, "I like it."

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**  
Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

N/A

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

The size of the community in comparison to others makes it unique. The Sacramento area is special because of the two major rivers that are close by and the levees that may fail and cause potential floods.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

He believes that it is possible that his family will stay in the Delta region for generations to come because it is a nice place to live.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Mr. Williams feels that recreation and the quality of life are very important aspects to the Black community. He said that the Celebration of Juneteenth and the Jazz Festival held in Oak Park are both events that are important to the Black population in Sacramento.

Why do you think they are important?

He thinks events such as the ones he listed above are important because they bring people out into the community to participate.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He said that the Sacramento community is very diverse and was not sure that a particular ethnicity could be identified as the primary ethnic make-up.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?
- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Mr. Williams thinks that most people living in his community are employed by the government, healthcare or other professional services.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

He was unable to identify any businesses frequented by the Black population, and he was unable to identify any ethnicity as a primary ethnicity.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_ **NO \_X\_**

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Although he didn't think that any one ethnicity used the rivers and lakes more than any other, he did say that per capita South East Asians would be considered the primary users.

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH \_X\_** OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

There is less and less fishing occurring because of issues with Fish and Game and the difficult resale of fish. Also, most fish that would be caught can be purchased fresh, without the process of having to catch it.

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

**PREFERENCE**  **CULTURAL** \_\_\_\_\_ **ECONOMIC** \_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

Mr. Williams thinks people fish in the Delta because that is where the fish are located. He also thinks that they go to the Delta to fish instead of elsewhere because of its proximity to the Sacramento area.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES  **NO**

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

He was not familiar with any areas that certain ethnic groups may or may not use.

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                      NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

He did not know the specific names of each of the events, but he knew that the following cultures hold festivals in his community: Hmong, Latino, Asian and Black.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X                      Newspapers   X                      TV   X  

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

He said that he thinks the ethnic radio stations and print media are a good source of information for the non-English speaking populations. He also said that his organization has used TV channel 8 to reach out to the Sacramento population.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He said he thought low-income residents would utilize clinics and help programs.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

He assumed that per capita, South East Asian would be the highest percentage of low-income residents.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He could not think of anyone on the spot.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **Contact Details**

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/16/09

Name/Organization: Dennis Lujan, City of Selma,

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Lujan believes we should rework and update the system that provides water to the central valley.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

It is a great area for fishing, boating and many other recreational activities.

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The area hasn't expanded water storage as much as they should have.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He thinks there is a need for more storage/water supply for the Central Valley, more dams and people need to think about the future water supply for the Central Valley.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

No

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

Political reasons- attended a water rally in the Delta regarding turning more pumps on and putting people before the Delta smelt in June 2009.

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

No, we face all the same issues other communities in the Central Valley face.

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

The community has approximately 25 events throughout the year. The main four events are:

- Selma Fan Festival in October (all ethnicities attend)
- The Raisin Event in May (all ethnicities attend)
- The Mariachi Festival in September (mostly Latinos in attendance)
- The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival (all ethnicities attend)

Why Do you think they are important?

These events are important because they are socializing opportunities and most of the events are fundraising opportunities for local nonprofits.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino- approximately 70%  
Caucasian- approximately 20%  
Other- approximately 10%

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish  
English  
Approximately 40% are bilingual

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Raisins and peaches

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

98% Latino  
2% Caucasian

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

He said Latino restaurants (he did not know specific names, but estimated there were about 10 in the area), the local Walmart and churches (they have 39 churches in the area and about 80 percent of the individuals that attend are Latino).

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES  NO

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Latino

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

RECREATION  FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**IF OTHER, LIST:**

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

Many travel to the Delta to fish and boat. There is no water in Selma and many residents enjoy sports fishing.

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES  NO

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

The San Joaquin River

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

Latinos and Caucasians

- g. **If no:** Why not?

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES** X      NO    \_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

He named the Mariachi Festival and events hosted by local churches.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_      **Newspapers** X \_\_\_\_\_      TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_      Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)** \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

The Selma Enterprise (local newspaper) and Community churches.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a.      Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Human Resource Centers funded through the County and state.

- b.      What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

70 % Latino  
28% Caucasian  
2% Other

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

N/A

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/16/09

Name/Organization: Mike Bergold, Ray Morgan Company

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He likes the Delta and enjoys using it for its recreational purposes. He did state however, that he is not on the Delta every weekend like some residents.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

Mr. Bergold feels that the Delta as a natural resource is great. He said that it is a beautiful river and a great attraction.

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He is very concerned about the transferring of water from northern California to southern California. He thinks that the amount of water going in and out of the Delta should be more consistent and balanced.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO X**

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He was not aware of any more issues occurring in the Delta that were not already discussed

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Both X

He lives in Natomas and works in Fairfield, I asked about both areas throughout the interview.

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

He chooses to live near the Delta because he loves it and he regularly uses the Delta and surrounding rivers for recreational purposes. He said that he is usually on the river at least once a week, sometimes twice. He enjoys the ability to go boating, rafting and kayaking all the time.

### 5. (ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He believes that the Natomas area is unique because it is practically brand new. The area is clean and everything was developed by using the most up to date technology and development processes.

**8. ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

He believes that he will stay in the Delta region and his family will also stay more than likely. Mr. Bergold has lived all over the western US and says that he enjoys the Sacramento Metroplex the most out of all his other residences.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Free community events  
Community recreational classes

Why do you think they are important?

Mr. Bergold believes that the community activities listed above brings the people of the community together and gets them out and about. He believes it is healthy to have these events and interactions.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Natomas: Caucasian and Asian  
Fairfield: Latino and Black

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Natomas: English  
Fairfield: Spanish and English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Natomas: No  
Fairfield: Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

He was not sure of what crops are grown in Fairfield.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

He thinks that the farming community in Fairfield is primarily comprised of the Latino population.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

In Natomas, the primary form of employment is local businesses and large corporations. The local businesses help to support the surrounding living communities.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

Natomas: He thinks that all ethnicities use the community equally  
Fairfield: He thinks that all ethnicities use the community equally

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES  NO

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Mr. Bergold thinks that the Caucasian population uses the surrounding bodies of water more than any other ethnicity.

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION  FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_  
OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE  CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

He is not sure why people use the Delta versus other areas to fish.

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES  NO

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

He identified the American River, which is outside the Delta region, as an area that other ethnicities use for water-related activities.

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

He said it is mainly Latinos and Caucasians that use this area.

- g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns? Yes, pesticides that live in the water.
- o Cultural prohibitions? none
- o Legal issues? No, all follow law with regards to fishing in the Delta
- o Economic forces? Yes

- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X** \_\_\_\_\_

He has not been to any within his community; however, he has been to some that are hosted by other communities.

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

He could not think of anything specific.

**If no:** Why not?

- **Not enough interest? X**

- Not enough money?

- No leadership?

- **Other reasons? X**

He thinks that there is a lack of participation and organization for such events in his communities.

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe) X** \_\_\_\_\_

He said that the main resource of information is the Internet.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He was not aware of where these services would be used or found in either Natomas or Fairfield.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Fairfield: Latino

Natomas: He does not believe that there is anyone there considered low-income.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He could not think of anyone off of the top of his head, but said he would call Rebecca if he thought of anyone else we should be speaking with.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all

interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **Contact Details**

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/16/09

Name/Organization: Phillip Gee, English Pastor, Davis Chinese  
Christian Church

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He feels that the current state of the Delta is pretty bad. He now lives in Woodland but used to live in the Greenhaven area where he was more in tune with what is going on with the Delta. He said that the Delta is so bad that he can no longer fish because all of the salmon are gone.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He is not sure what needs to be done to fix the Delta, but he realizes that the Delta is an issue because it is now a water way that used to be dirt that we built a community around. He thinks that a lot of the things that are going wrong with it are just the environment and we can always try to make it more secure and stable; however, he does not want to loose any water because he thinks that we are already short on water.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Mr. Gee thinks that we need to concentrate on the communities around the Delta because we are talking about water but not the people. He said that it is sad to see what has come of some of the farmers. He realizes that this is California's problem and thinks it is a unique situation when compared to anywhere else in the world.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?  
Both

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work     X      
Both \_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

### Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

He grew up in the Sacramento area so he considers it his home. He stayed where his family is. He works in Davis and lives in Woodland.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**  
Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

N/A

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

The Asian community in the Delta area is unique because it has a strong history within the area. When flooding occurred, the Chinese built up the areas around it, also, Locke as a very strong Asian community because of the historical ties.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes, he can see himself and his family remaining in the area because that is where they are established and they want to stay close to each other. He believes that the Asian population remains in the area because they are established and it is their home; they stay even though the money isn't great.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He did not refer to activities that are important to the community but he talked about how more and more Asian senior citizens homes are being developed and how the Asian population has become established in the Davis area.

Why do you think they are important?

N/A

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Davis: Caucasian and Asian (UC Davis is 39% Asian)

Woodland: Latino, the Asian population that was there is gone

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

General Davis: English

Asians in Davis: Mandarin (two Chinese schools located in Davis, one is of Thai descent and the other of Mainland China descent)

Woodland: Spanish and English (a primarily Latino school in Knights Landing is closing down and children will be sent to Plainsville school)

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Davis: No

Woodland: Yes

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Woodland: Corn, sunflowers and tomatoes (Tomatoes are a very major crop)

Davis: N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Woodland: Latino

Davis: N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

In Davis the primary form of employment is through the education or research system at UC Davis, or the State due to the proximity to Sacramento.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

In Davis the Asian population frequents Asian restaurants and educational resources.

He was not sure of where the Latino population in Woodland frequents.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_ **NO \_X\_**

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

He believes that people use the water for different reasons. Most Asians go to the Bay Area.

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

**RECREATION \_X\_\_\_\_\_** FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

There is less and less fishing occurring because of issues with Fish and Game and the difficult resale of fish. Also, most fish that would be caught can be purchased fresh, without the process of having to catch it.

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

He believes that people fish the Delta because that is what they were raised doing. They grew up fishing there so that is where they remain.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES **NO X**

He said that the Asian population goes to the Bay Area, but not to use the water, only to see family.

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

He was not familiar with any areas that certain ethnic groups may or may not use.

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o **Other reasons?** He believes that the Delta is too far away to access regularly and conveniently enough to use.

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**   X  \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

He does not know of any cultural activities in his area, but he is aware of an Indian population that meets in Yuba City, the Hmong population that meets in Sacramento and a few Chinese groups that meet in the Yuba City area.

**If no:** Why not?

- o Not enough interest?

- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- **Other reasons?** Most of the people who come into Davis have migrated there and do not have any emotional ties with the cultures in Davis so they go elsewhere to celebrate.

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers** **X**\_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)** **X** \_\_\_\_\_ Internet

He said that the Davis newspapers have not been very good about covering the issues occurring in the Delta and they must read the Sacramento Bee to find out information. He said that younger generations use the Internet however the problem with the Internet is that people can choose what they want to look at and they aren't automatically exposed to it like they are with a newspaper. He thinks stimulating interest to those outside of the specialty groups that use the Delta regularly is difficult and people will not miss the Delta until it is gone.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Mr. Gee does not think there are very many low-income people in Davis. However, he knows that the Grace in Action organization helps homeless people and the Yolo Way Farer also provides assistance to those in need.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Woodland: Latino and Caucasian

Davis: Most low-income residents are transients and are only passing through town

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He thinks we should contact some long-time residents and possibly a Davis resident that works for the USDA 530-792-5615, Ben Toan

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

Name: N/A

Organization:

Address:

Email:

**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: July 16, 2009

NAME/ORGANIZATION [REDACTED], local farmer, active member in the San Joaquin Farm Bureau (referred to me by the SJFB staff)

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NOTES:

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### General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

The South Delta has been a very much degraded, in large part by export operations. There are other factors involved, but those also are probably resulting from exports. She is not very happy about the state of the Delta.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

They have fertile farmland and they have our beautiful riparian areas. There are berms between levees and channels. So, the area has a lot of beautiful scenery.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

She thinks there's a problem. She thinks that we definitely need to change the way we manage the exports. There needs to be significant changes to the way the water comes through the Delta that will solve problems for we've had for the last 40-50 years since exports started. It will also solve some of the environmental problems. She is 100 percent opposed to a peripheral canal – it won't solve all the problems. No solutions should include a canal. We are already very much degraded on the amount of freshwater inflow. We cannot have any more taken out. There are things to be done to manage the Delta better that doesn't include a canal.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

- b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO
- c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO
- d. Water quality **YES X** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

**Invasive species**

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ **Both**       X      

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

**Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

**It's where her father bought the farm in the 1940's.**

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

**She doesn't think they are unique from other communities within the Delta.  
She thinks they are unique from other communities outside of the Delta.**

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She thinks her community is unique because it is southwest of Manteca on the east side of San Joaquin. She doesn't know if we're unique from other agricultural communities. Although, they are organized into fairly small districts. They know their immediate neighbors pretty well because they coordinate on our agricultural practices. There, everyone knows and sees people on a daily basis, everyone else in your irrigation district. There is a lot of interaction. The community's Reclamation Districts are also unique. They have to cooperate with one another constantly.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

She thinks that her family would like to stay in the area if it's possible, but there are a number of things against them right now. She doesn't know that my future generations in my family will continue farming. They would probably lease to one of the neighbors, but wouldn't farm it themselves. There's a lot of sentimental connection to the farm. They'd want to hang on to it and live here.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She said they don't really socialize with one another. They see one another for business reasons. But, they don't have a lot of social interaction.

Why do you think they are important?

No answer

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Mostly Western European descent. There are quite a few Portuguese immigrants, Dutch immigrants. Of course, there are also a lot of Latino employees that are permanent employees living in the neighborhood.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Portuguese

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

The community has a lot of dairies south of Manteca. Crops for dairy feed are alfalfa and silage. Row crops include pumpkins, squash, and processing tomatoes, a few beans, but it's primarily alfalfa and silage. Farms generally employ less than 50.

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

She already covered that.

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by *(Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10)* ?

She knows there are a couple coffee shops in town – Manteca and Ripon - where everyone hangs out. There are also certain supply stores that are frequented quite a bit.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**   X  \_\_\_\_\_

She doesn't think that's true in her neighborhood. As you get closer to Stockton, she knows there are a lot of minority groups fishing. There are both Caucasians and Latinos fishing in this area.

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

No answer

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH \_\_X\_\_** OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Mostly for recreation

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

She has a few acquaintances that are really into fishing. She thinks mostly people use the fish out of the Delta because it's convenient. It's near where they live.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES NO

She didn't know

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

**f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

**g. If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**   X  \_\_\_\_\_

No, there's not much of that. There is a Portuguese Hall in Manteca. They have certain number of events through their church.

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

No answer

**If no:** Why not?

She didn't know.

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers** **\_\_X\_\_** TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)** **\_\_X\_\_**

People mostly get their news by word of mouth. Agriculturally related items are read about in the county farm bureau newspaper that provides information. Local papers are a source of information.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

They run our operation without employees, so she didn't know. Her neighbors employ fulltime employees. She thinks they have certain places they go.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Immigrants from Mexico.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Let me check with some neighbors who have bigger operations or who are from the Portuguese operations. I need to talk to them to see if they want to participate.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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### Contact Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Organization:

Address:

Email:

Phone: [REDACTED]

### NOTES/QUESTIONS:

DATE: 7/17/09

Name/Organization: John Pedrozo, Merced Co, BOS, District 1

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Not familiar enough with the Delta to comment.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

N/A

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO X**

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

No

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

No

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Mr. Pedrozo has three unincorporated areas in his district.  
His district gets their water from Yosemite not Northern or Southern

California

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Community Day in the town of Planada (all ethnic groups), which takes place Mother Day weekend every year.  
A Memorial Day festival in Planada (all ethnic groups)

Why do you think they are important?

So residents can get information about the community and government projects/assistance and to socialize with family and other residents.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino- approximately 50%  
Other (mainly Caucasian and Indian) - 50%

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish  
English  
Many residents are bilingual

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: alfalfa, almonds, dairy production and products.

35% have 50 or more employees, 65% have less than 50 employees

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Generally workers are Latino and owners are Caucasian.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

There is a downtown festival/market every Thursday which brings a mix of ethnic groups. The County fair which is at the end of July every year also brings a mix of groups.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO \_ X \_**

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

N/A

**RECREATION \_\_ X\_\_** FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**IF OTHER, LIST:**

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

Yes, many people go to the Delta because there are more places to boat and fish.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES\_\_ **NO\_X**

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: *Why not?***

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

No reason, just personal preference.

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

**Every spring the Sikh community holds a parade.**

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

**Mr. Pedrozo could not think of a specific reason.**

## Information and Communication

16. **In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:**

**Radio X** \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers X** \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**KYOS (English radio station)**

**Sun Star newspaper**

**Merced County Times (published in both English and Spanish)**

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Golden Valley Health Care  
Other County services

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

The Director of the Farm Bureau, Diana Westmore-Porsa

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

Name: John Pedrozo

Organization: Merced Board of Supervisors, District 1

Address:

Email: [dist1@co.merced.ca.us](mailto:dist1@co.merced.ca.us)

**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/17/09

Name/Organization: Ricardo Chavez, City of Delano, City Council member

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

**1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?**

Mr. Chavez isn't that familiar with issues in the Delta. He feels that because he represents a small community that they don't have any real influence on what happens in the Delta.

- a. **Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?**  
It is a great source of water, but he questions who will get the water.
- b. **Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?**  
He doesn't know

**2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO X**
- b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**
- c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO X**
- d. Water quality **YES X** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Water Quality is his major concern, but he couldn't identify anything else.

**3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?**

No

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.  
**Understanding Community Character**

4. **Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?**

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

No

6. **Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. **What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

- Mr. Chavez represents the second largest pollution in Kern County
- There is a lot of history within his community and he would like local residence to know more about the historical background of the area
- The area was a large part of the farm workers rights movement
- His area is also very rural
- Many business have gone out of business in the area
- There is a high unemployment rate of approximately 40%

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

**Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?**

N/A

- 9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)**

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- The Filipino weekend that takes place every July (mostly attended by Filipinos)
- Harvest Holidays which takes place in September (all ethnic groups)

**Why Do you think they are important?**

So residents can get information about the community and government projects/assistance and to socialize with family and other residents.

- 10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

- Latino- approximately 75%
- Filipino- approximately 15%
- Other (White, Indian)- 10%

- 11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

- Spanish
- English
- Tagalong
- Many residents are bilingual

- 12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

Yes

- a. **If yes: Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?**

Grapes, most farmers have less than 50 employees, but it does increase during harvest time

- b. **If yes: What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?**

Most of the employees are Latino or Filipino

- c. **If no: What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?**

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. **Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?**

- Savemart
- The Ranch Market

14. **Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?**

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

- a. **If yes: What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply***

N/A

- b. **If yes: Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?**

N/A

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH X** OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**IF OTHER, LIST:**

N/A

- b. If for food: why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?**

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_X

- c. If for recreation: Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"**

They don't, most people stay local

- d. If yes/follow up: Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?**

**YES** X NO\_\_

- e. If yes/follow up: Where are they?**

Lake Willows for boating

- f. If yes/follow up: Who are the primary users of these areas?**

Local communities, no specific ethnic group

- g. If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

- 15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular**

group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES X NO   

If yes: What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

- Filipino Weekend, July
- Cinco de Mayo, parade and festival

If no: Why not?

- o Not enough interest?
- o Not enough money?
- o No leadership?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X   Newspapers    TV   X  

Community organizations   X   Community events   X  

Other (describe)   

- USW (farmers)- have community meetings
- For TV- Telemudio and Univision
- Community organizations for Filipino organizations- the largest one is Filipino Organization United

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. **Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?**

- WIC/Food Stamps
- The Lions Club
- The Rotary Club
- Many nonprofits hold food drives

b. **What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?**

Latino

18. **Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?**

Community leader and former mayor Napoleon Madri. Phone number is 661-900-7295

19. **That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)**

Yes

20. **Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)**

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **Contact Details**

Name: Ricardo Chavez

Organization: Council member for City of Delano

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Email: rchavez907@gmail.com

**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/20/09

Name/Organization: Jim Brown, Engineer, Pipe Down Underground Construction

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He feels that the Delta has gone "amuck" and lost a lot of good leadership. He doesn't think that we have managed our resources very well and that we are not fiscally minded.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

Mr. Brown feels we need to identify our waste and recognize our value and potential. We also need to evaluate small businesses, reduce taxes, be environmentally friendly to small business expansion and encourage growth from outside the state.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

We should be aware of what will happen if we divert water to other use areas and the need for both fresh and salt water in the Delta region.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
Both     X    

He lives in Wilton and works in the Sacramento area.

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

Mr. Brown chooses to live in the Delta region because he loves the wildlife, streams, river outlets, reclaimed agriculture areas, wildlife refuges and the scenic surroundings.

### 5. (ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

N/A

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He thinks that his community is unique because it is an area made of many small towns that create a total out lie of the area. He also thinks it is unique because it is not urbanized, so it gives a better view of everyday experiences within the Delta.

**8. ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

He hopes that his family will stay in the Delta region for years to come because it is an area he likes very well, he has already lived there for 20 years.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Mr. Brown said that his community is very involved with engaging the community. He said that they are involved with cultural events such as building a performing arts center in Elk Grove to promote performing arts to different cultures. He also enjoys free fishing days in the community.

Why do you think they are important?

Mr. Brown believes that these events are important because they allow the community to come together as a whole to support recreation.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He said that his community is very diverse and doesn't have a primary ethnic make-up; he described the community as a bunch of hard working farmers. He did say that all of the ethnicities in his community are: Latino, Caucasian, Miwok Indian, and Pacific Rim Asian.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes, he thinks farming is a primary form of employment along with livestock and equestrian farms.

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: tomatoes, corn, grasses for livestock feeding, wheat, pears and wine grapes.

The majority of the farms are larger, and the smaller farms are more like hobbies for FFA, 4-H and home gardening.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

He said that a lot of the larger farms seem to be of German descent.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

(Because he did not provide a primary ethnicity I asked what businesses his community in general frequents)

He said that water well and septic tank businesses are important in the community as well as feed stores, Tractor Supply, small restaurants and local grocery stores.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X   NO \_\_\_\_\_

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

The Asian population.

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH \_ X\_**  
OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ **CULTURAL \_\_\_ X\_** **ECONOMIC \_\_\_ X\_**

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

He believes that it represents a terrain that people are familiar with.

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

**YES X** NO

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

He identified the Garcia Bend because of the ramp facility, Clarksburg, Isleton and Twin Cities sloughs.

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

Farm workers and residents of the Sacramento area

- g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns? Yes, pesticides that live in the water.
- o Cultural prohibitions? none

- Legal issues? No, all follow law with regards to fishing in the Delta
- Economic forces? Yes
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**\_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Near by activities that take place include: Courtland Pear Festival, Isleton Crawdad Festival and historical harvesting displays in the local library.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- **Not enough money? X** He thinks that it is costly to advertise to different cultures and that there is a language barrier.
- **No leadership? X**
- **Other reasons?**

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

**Radio X**\_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers X**\_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe) X**

He said that service board announcements at local grocery stores and the post office are where a lot of people find out about information in their community.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He said that those who are low-income depend on localized health clinics and service stations because many in his community are too far away from public transportation.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

He assumed that Latino is the largest percentage of low-income residents.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He could not think of anyone off the top of his head.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/20/09

Name/Organization: Nilda Valmores, Executive Director, My Sister's House

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

She feels sad because it is so dry.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

She thinks that we need to get passed all of the politics in order to fix the Delta.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES\_X** NO\_\_

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES\_X** NO\_\_

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES\_X** NO\_\_

d. Water quality YES\_\_ **NO\_X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

She thinks that we need to be aware of irrigation issues.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
      X

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

*She chooses to live in the Delta region because it provides for her family.*

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

*N/A*

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

*Yes*

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

*The Asian population here has different languages, cultures and histories.*

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

*She is not sure that her family will remain in the Delta region for generations to come because she suspects that they will move to wherever they get jobs.*

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She said the following events/activities are important to the Asian community:  
Asian Pacific Rim Festival, Run for Safe Haven and the Filipino Fiesta.

Why do you think they are important?

She thinks these activities are important because they bring together the community to instill social traditions and raise money for a good cause.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

For her service community she identified Pacific Islander and mixes as the primary ethnic make up and for her general community she identified Filipino.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

In her service community and general community she said the top languages spoken are: Hmong, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Cantonese, Mandarin and Japanese.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

She does not think that farming is a main source of employment for either her service community or general community.

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

In her service community most are unemployed and in her general community most work in health care.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

She referenced Filipino media and restaurants as businesses that are frequented or by her community.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES  NO

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Hmong and Filipino

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE  CULTURAL  ECONOMIC

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

She believes that people fish in the Delta because of its proximity.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES            NO    She isn't sure.

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

N/A

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                      NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

See previous list of events.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ **Community events \_\_X\_\_**

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**She said that most get information from ethnic events and media.**

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

**She said that most go to local clinics.**

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

**She believes the Hmong population makes up the largest percentage of low-income residents.**

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

**She recommended that we contact ethnic media outlets.**

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

**No**

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Email:

**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/17/09

Name/Organization: PB Heusser, Selma City Manager

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Not familiar enough with the Delta to comment.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

Important resources; mostly recreation

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

Did not know

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

No

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. **Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?**

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

No, only driving thru, but not stopping to vacation or see family or friends

6. **Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

No

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. **What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

It isn't

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. **What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to**

that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- The Raisin festival in May (all ethnic groups)
- The Marching band contest in October (all ethnic groups)

**Why Do you think they are important?**

They are large events and provided social interaction for community members and quality family time.

**10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

Latino

**11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

English

**12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

Yes, but most people work in the industrial field

**a. If yes: Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?**

The major crops are grapes, nuts, tree fruit.

Most farms have less than 50 employees

**b. If yes: What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?**

Latino

- c. If no: What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

Spanish markets, but did not know specific names

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_ NO X

- a. If yes: What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. If yes: Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

RECREATION \_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH X OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. If for food: why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE X CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

- c. If for recreation: Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

Did not know

d. **If yes/follow up: Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?**

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_ Did not know

e. **If yes/follow up: Where are they?**

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up: Who are the primary users of these areas?**

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

No reason, just personal preference.

15. **Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?**

YES  X  NO \_\_\_

**If yes: What are the activities or events and where do they take place?**

- The annual mariachi festival, held in the Spring is mostly attend by Latinos
- Festivals hosted by the Catholic Churches, mostly in June but take place throughout the year as well. They are mostly attended by Latinos.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ **TV   X**

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

- Univision/Telemundo
- Newspapers are not a large form of information

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- Human Services provided by the County
- The Adventist Health Hospital

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. **Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?**

N/A

19. **That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)**

Yes

20. **Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)**

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/20/09

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

She believes that there needs to be more water going into the Delta than out, and that we should be concerned about water quality issues.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

In order to fix the Delta, she thinks that less water should be diverted south and for agricultural purposes, there should be more water for the fish.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

She thinks that we should be aware of agricultural run off.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ **Work**   X   \_\_\_\_\_ **Both**

However, she does not feel that she lives or works in the Delta region.

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

Recreational She only visits the Delta on occasion.

To visit family or friends

Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She thinks her service community is unique because they have a lot of characteristics in common with the low-income Central Valley communities, even though they are residing in the Bay Area.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She said that it is important to her service community to be able to do activities outdoors in a decent environment. She also said that her service community enjoys going to the park and fishing.

Why do you think they are important?

She thinks these activities are important because they help build a sense of community among the families and teach the appreciation of nature.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

She believes that her community is very diverse; however, she thinks that about 40 percent of the Oakland population is Black, which is slightly more than any other population.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

She does not think farming is a main source of employment for either her service community or her general community.

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

She thinks that for her service community the general form of employment is through service jobs such as janitor, housekeeper etc. For her general community she thinks that most people are professionals and artists.

### **Delta Uses By The Community**

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Black population is higher in the Eastmont area, West Oakland and public schools.

Her service community population is higher in the Fruitvale, Salvadorian restaurants, la Clinca de Raza and public schools such as De Colores.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

**YES**  **NO**

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

South East Asians

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ **FOOD**  \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ **CULTURAL** \_\_\_ **X** \_\_\_\_\_ **ECONOMIC** \_\_\_ **X** \_\_\_\_\_

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

She believes that people fish in the Delta because it is more accessible than other areas.

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

**YES X**      NO

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

They use the Coast, the Bay Area, Richmond, Berkley Pier and Port of Oakland

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

She doesn't think there is one primary ethnicity; she thinks it is very diverse.

- g. **If no: Why not?**

N/A

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                      NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Some activities she was aware of are: Salud de Terria, Armenian festivals, Greek Festivals, Somali Festivals in Fremont, and a lot of events occur at the lake.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X                      Newspapers   X                      TV   X  

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

KDTV: great outlet for Spanish language news  
El Piolin and El Que Ritmo en la Manana are two well-known Spanish radio stations with staff in the Bay Area. She also said that Bay City News Service is very helpful because it is a group of ethnic media sources.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

She said that they go to Catholic or Pentecostal churches, however, La Clinica de Raza is the largest healthcare clinic utilized by the low income population. She recommended visiting the Alameda County Social Services Web site to see the links for all of their partner organizations where people may receive help.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

She said that she thinks the Latino population is the lowest percentage because they do not have a status and are not documented, however, she thinks that Blacks and South East Asians also make up the low income population.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

She recommended that we contact the California Rural Legal Assistance, Migrant Education and Catholic Social Services.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **Contact Details**

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/21/09

Name/Organization: Byron Yee, Office Manager, Chinese Grace Bible Church

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He personally feels OK with the state of the Delta, although he is aware of people's concern with the loss of water rights.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

N/A.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO\_\_

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO\_\_

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO\_\_

d. Water quality **YES X** NO\_\_

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
      X

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

He lives and works in the Delta area because that is the area that he grew up in.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta? **(Asked in reference to the Asian community)**

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He feels that the Asian community in Sacramento is unique to others because of the culture and values that they uphold.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes, he thinks that he and his family will remain in the area for generations to come. He described himself as a typical Sacramentan that is born in Sacramento and will die in Sacramento.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that events such as the Pacific Rim Fest, ACC events, church sanctioned events and social programs are very important to the Asian community.

Why do you think they are important?

He thinks that these events and activities are important to the community because they tie people together. He described the Asian population as a very homogeneous group with shared background and ancestry.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He thinks that Sacramento is very diverse and that there is no primary ethnicity.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

He did not think that any of the following languages that are spoken in the Asian community are spoken more frequently than others: Cantonese, Vietnamese, Japanese, Mandarin and Hmong.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

He does not believe that farming is a primary form of employment for either the Asian community or the Sacramento community.

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

He declined to answer.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

He identified the stores on Stockton Blvd. as an area that is frequented by the Asian population.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

IF OTHER, LIST:

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

He has a friend that fishes in the Delta and believes that he does so out of preference. Other than that he is not aware of why people use the Delta.

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES\_\_\_ **NO\_\_X**

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

- g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o **Other reasons? He is not sure why.**

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_**

- If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons? He was unsure.

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)   X   Word of Mouth

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He is not sure.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

He is not sure.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

No

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A



DATE: 7/21/09

Name/Organization: Elizabeth Long, Executive Director, Sacramento Area YMCA

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

She did not feel very well informed about the issues going on with the Delta but she did say that she knows that it needs help.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

She is not sure how to fix the Delta, but is aware it needs help.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

She is not aware of any other issues that DWR should be aware of.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Both       X

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

She moved to the Delta region for her job, but she chooses to live in the Delta region because she enjoys the Delta breeze.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

N/A

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She thinks that it is the water ways that surround the Sacramento area that make her community unique when compared to other communities.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

She sees herself remaining in the Delta region because she likes the area and describes it as a "little big city" because it has all of the culture and life of a large city but still has walk ways and rural areas like small towns.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She thinks that all of the cultural events and community events that are hosted in Sacramento area are important to her community. She did not pick out any one event as she feels that they are all equally important.

Why do you think they are important?

She thinks that all of these events are important because they are necessary to create a well-rounded community; they provide the community with exposure to other cultures and ideas.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

She believes that her community's primary ethnic make up is Caucasian.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

She does not consider farming to be a primary for of employment in her community.

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Ms. Long feels that most people in her community are employed by State jobs.

### Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

Not applicable as she could not identify any ethnic groups.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_ NO **\_X\_**

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

N/A, she does not know of anyone who fishes.

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES                  NO                  N/A

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A.

g. **If no: Why not?**

N/A

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                      NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

She named the Asian Pacific Festival as an activity that is important only to the Asian community, however, she knows that there are additional similar ethnic events, but could not think of their names.

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_      **Newspapers**   X        **TV**   X  

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_      Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)**   X  

The Internet is also used by her community to receive information about government projects.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a.      Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Ms. Long said that there are a number of services available and it depends on what service is necessary as to where it is offered. She did say that there is

homeless housing and assistance available in Midtown and Downtown as well as several food programs.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

She was not sure what ethnicity makes up the low-income population but she assumed that it is Black. She said that there isn't really a primary ethnicity low-income residents are of every ethnicity right now.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

She recommended that we contact the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce for more information.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **Contact Details**

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/21/09

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He thinks that there are many issues in the Delta that need to be dealt with.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He did not feel that he was well informed enough to create an opinion on how to fix the problems in the Delta.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO\_\_\_

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES\_\_\_ **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES\_\_\_ **NO X**

d. Water quality **YES X** NO\_\_\_

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
      X      

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

He lives and works in the Delta area because that is where his job is.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He thinks that Sacramento is unique because of the high concentration of Asians that reside in the area.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

He thinks that his family will remain in the Delta region because they have already been here since 1973 and are established.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that there are number of fundraisers that different Asian organizations host that are important to the Asian community. Some of those fundraisers are for the Asian Sports Association and the Buddhist Church Bazaars.

Why do you think they are important?

He believes these activities are important to the Asian community because it brings the community together to support common causes.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He believes that the primary ethnic make up in Sacramento is Caucasian.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

In the Sacramento Asian community, he believes that Japanese and Chinese (Cantonese) are most frequently spoken.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

He does not believe that farming is a primary form of employment for either the Asian community or the Sacramento community.

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

He thinks that the primary form of employment for both Sacramento and the Asian community is in government.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

He identified the Asian grocery stores such as the SF Market, as areas that Asians frequent.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/a

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

IF OTHER, LIST:

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

He has friends that fish and they fish in the Delta because of the type of Bass in the Delta.

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES\_\_\_ **NO\_\_X\_\_**

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

- g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o **Other reasons? He is not sure why, but he thinks it may have to do with distance.**

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES\_\_X\_\_** NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

He knows that they occur and other than the Chinese New Years Celebration he could not think of any specific events.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers X\_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He thinks that low-income community members go to County facilities and UC Davis for services and healthcare.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

He assumed that the Latino population and the Black population are the largest percentage of low-income residents.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

No

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Email:

**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/21/09

Name/Organization: Warren Smith, President, West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He has come to learn that the Delta is very important and needs to continue to prosper. He feels that it is exceptionally important and it should not be risked at the purpose of exporting water to Southern California.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He thinks that there needs to be a better job done on behalf of the DWR to identify the problems in the Delta. DWR is the trusted agency over other water agencies so he feels that it is DWR that needs to make a statement about how to fix the Delta.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He thinks that DWR needs to be aware of the ammonia discharge from desalinization and water quality needs to be addressed.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

He chooses to live in the Delta region because he loves the valley and described it as a great location with a great quality of life.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

No

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He thinks his community is unique when compared to others because there is no other place like it in the world. It is where the ocean meets the inland and it is what makes the valley so rich.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes, he can foresee himself and his family living in the Delta region for generations to come. He and his wife choose to live in the Delta region because they love it and he is sure that his children will stay as well. He described the Delta region as having all of the California value with none of the crowds, and while they do not have the ocean, they have a beautiful body of water.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

Because of his involvement with the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, he thinks that business enterprise is very important to his community. He also thinks that events such as the Isleton Crawdad Festival, recreational water sports, fishing and the development of diversity are important to his community. Mr. Smith thinks that maintaining the Delta habitat and wildlife is just as important.

Why do you think they are important?

Mr. Smith thinks the above activities are important to his community because everything that occurs in Delta region provides for more of a reason to live there. It provides for choices and a rich fish habitat, which means a rich natural resource.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He described his community's ethnic make up as "American" and "Californian." He also said that he thinks his community is very diverse.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: almost every vegetable, wine grapes, soy beans and hay  
Mr. Smith believes that there is an equal split between the number of large farms and the number of smaller farms, based on farm acreage.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

He does not know.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

Not applicable since he could not determine a primary ethnicity.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_ **NO \_\_X\_\_**

He believes that all ethnicities around the area use them equally.

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

**RECREATION** **X** **FOOD** \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH** \_\_\_\_ **OTHER** \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons? **N/A**

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?

Mr. Smith thinks that people fish in the Delta for preference. He said that the Delta is unique in that you can fish alone, or fish among others, you can have your favorite fishing spot and you can try to determine where the fish will run. He described the Delta as a unique body of water.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES **NO X** He is not aware of any

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

He was not familiar with any areas that certain ethnic groups may or may not use.

- o Pollution concerns? Yes, pesticides that live in the water.

- Cultural prohibitions? none
- Legal issues? No, all follow law with regards to fishing in the Delta
- Economic forces? Yes
- Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                      NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

He could not provide the specific name but he said that the Maidu and the Miwok Indian tribes hold celebrations around the Delta.

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers**   X                      TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)  X  Internet

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He was not aware.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

He did not want to guess and is not aware of the largest ethnicity of low-income residents.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Andy Wallace with Wallace and Kuhl, which is located in West Sacramento. Mr. Smith said that Andy Wallace lives in Clarksburg and has a lot of insight and contacts to put us in touch with. Phone: 372-1434

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **Contact Details**

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/22/09

Name/Organization: Merced County, Board Of Supervisor

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He believes it's not in good shape.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

It's a great place to do recreational activities and is a good water supply for the state

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He is concerned about the water policy the state has set up for the Delta. He believes there should be canal to provide water to communities that need it. He also believes that water pumps should be improved and a solid plan should be in place for water conveyance.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES  NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES  NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES  NO

d. Water quality YES  NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

No

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. **Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?**

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

N/A

6. **Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. **What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

Every community is unique. No other comment.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. **What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)**

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- Merced County Fair in July (Latino and Asian)
- Spring Fair in April (Latino and Asian)
- Fall Festival in September (all ethnic groups)

**Why Do you think they are important?**

So individual can receive information about government services, to have fun with their family and socialize in with friends.

10. **What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

Latino

11. **What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

English and Latino

12. **Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

Yes

- a. **If yes: Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?**

The major crops are almonds, milk, chickens, cattle and tomatoes

- b. **If yes: What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?**

Latino

- c. If no: What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

Latino grocery stores. A large one in the community is Rancho San Miguel

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

- a. If yes: What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. If yes: Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. If for food: why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

- c. **If for recreation: Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"**

N/A

- d. **If yes/follow up: Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?**

YES \_\_\_ NO X

- e. **If yes/follow up: Where are they?**

N/A

- f. **If yes/follow up: Who are the primary users of these areas?**

N/A

- g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

Did not know

15. **Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?**

YES \_\_\_ NO X

**If yes: What are the activities or events and where do they take place?**

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

Did not know

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X                        Newspapers           TV   X  

Community organizations   X        Community events   X  

Other (describe)           

- Fresno TV stations
- KMJ radio

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- Golden Valley Health Care
- Health Departments within the County

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

## Latino and Hmong

18. **Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?**

N/A

19. **That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)**

Yes, contact information below

20. **Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)**

Yes, contact information below

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/23/09

Name/Organization: Rubin Hill, City council member, Delano

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

The central valley needs water from the Delta

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

It is a great water source

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

N/A

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES\_\_\_ NO X

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES \_\_\_ NO X

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES \_\_\_ NO X

d. Water quality YES NO X

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_ N/A

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. **Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?**

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

No

6. **Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

No

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. **What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

N/A

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. **What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)**

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as*

*cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- Delano Harvest Festival in October (Generally Caucasian and Latino)
- Filipino Festival in August (Generally Filipino and Caucasian)
- Cinco De Mayo in May (Generally Caucasian and Latino)

**Why Do you think they are important?**

They are fun events that bring the community together. They are a good source of information about government programs and community services for the public.

**10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

Latino

**11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

- Spanish
- English
- Filipino
- Bilingual

**12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

Yes

- a. **If yes: Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?**

Cotton, grapes, almonds, oranges.

Most farms have more than 50 employees

- b. **If yes: What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?**

Latino and Filipino

- c. **If no: What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?**

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

He could not think of a business but many people get information from the insert in their utility bill.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

- a. If yes: What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. If yes: Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

RECREATION X FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. If for food: why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

- c. If for recreation: Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

People don't travel to the delta to fish. They stay local.

- d. If yes/follow up: Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES\_\_\_ NO X

e. **If yes/follow up: Where are they?**

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up: Who are the primary users of these areas?**

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. **Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?**

YES \_\_\_ NO  X

**If yes: What are the activities or events and where do they take place?**

N/A

**If no: Why not?**

- Not enough interest? Yes**
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers X TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) X

- The Delano Record
- Insert in utility bill

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- County services in town
- Local non-profit organizations

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Vincent Acosta, Delano High School Board member, (661) 721-5000

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by

**DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)**

Yes, Contact information below

**20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)**

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/23/09

Name/Organization: Essence Webb, CA Association of Black Social Workers

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NOTES:

### General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

N/A

a. **Positive: what** do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

N/A

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO \_\_

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES \_\_ **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES \_\_ **NO X**

d. Water quality **YES X** NO \_\_

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

**Both**                   X                  

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

No

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Difficult situation with the poor economy and lack of employment

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes because family is close

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

The California Association of Black Social Workers holds an annual conference in October.

Why Do you think they are important?

The conference provides a lot of educational opportunities and resources.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino  
Asian

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English  
Spanish  
Hmong

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?
- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?
- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Government jobs

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Municipal assistance network  
The Urban League  
The Robison Community Center  
The Family Resource Center

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X              NO       

a.     **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Asian and Black

b.     **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

N/A

RECREATION   X      FOOD           BOTH        OTHER       

**IF OTHER, LIST:**

N/A

b.     **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE        CULTURAL        ECONOMIC       

c.     **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_ **NO X**

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

- g. **If no:** Why not?

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES X** NO \_\_\_

- If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Juneteenth- Black celebration month in Land Park in June  
Jazz Fest- throughout Old Town and Downtown Sacramento in May (All groups)  
The Black Expo- The convention center in Sacramento in February

- If no:** Why not?

- o Not enough interest? Yes

- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

**Radio**   X                        Newspapers             TV       

**Community organizations**   X        Community events       

**Other (describe)**   X  

County Services  
Community events

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Government Assistance  
Free/low cost medical centers such as UC Davis

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Hmong  
Latino  
Black

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Robison Development Center (Del Paso, Sacramento)  
Center for Fathers and Families (Del Paso, Sacramento)  
Carol Bookstore (Del Paso, Sacramento)  
Meadowview Community Center (Sacramento)  
Black Child Development Institute (Sacramento)  
Asian Resource Center

19. **That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)**

Yes

20. **Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)**

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/23/09

Name/Organization: Laura Leonelli, Executive Director, South East Asian Assistance Center

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

She feels that the Delta is a mess because it is polluted, water flow is an issue and there is always a back and forth about who has water rights.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

She thinks that the Delta is what makes Sacramento livable and it is a huge asset.

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

She does not think that a peripheral canal is necessary because she does not want water diverted away from the area. To fix the Delta she thinks that pesticides, pollutants and dumping into the Delta need to be monitored.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO\_\_

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO\_\_

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO\_\_

d. Water quality **YES X** NO\_\_

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

She thinks that we need to be aware of the fact that a lot of communities around the Delta fish and the fish are contaminated with chemicals, which makes them dangerous to residents' health.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
    X    

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

She chooses to live and work in the Delta region because it has a lot of amenities, it is a nice community, it is close to different regions of California, there is a good climate for growing crops and the community is very diverse. She has been living in Sacramento for 25 years.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

N/A

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She thinks her community is unique because it is larger and more diverse than a lot of other communities along the Delta. She also thinks it is unique because the Delta has a different ecosystem than the Bay Area.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

She expects that she will stay in the Delta region because it is still a very appealing place to live and she is well established there.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She said, "fishing, fishing and fishing." Everyone in her community fishes, some even fish two to five times a week.

Why do you think they are important?

Fishing is an important activity because it is seen as a traditional diet for members of the South East Asian community.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

She thinks that the primary ethnic makeup of Sacramento is Caucasian but she said that Latino is a close second with Asian in third and Black in fourth.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

In the Sacramento Asian community Cantonese is the primary language but Vietnamese, Hmong, Cambodian and Mien are also spoken.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

She does not believe farming is a primary form of employment for either the South East Asian community or the general population in Sacramento.

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Primary forms of employment for South East Asians are: retail, business owners and manufacturing etc.

Primary forms of employment for the Sacramento population are state and local government, the service industry and light manufacturing.

### Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

She said that the South East Asian population can mainly be found in South Sacramento and Elk Grove. They frequent Asian grocery stores and restaurants, and nail salons.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

She thinks that everyone uses the bodies of water equally, it just depends on the population density.

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH X** OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

**PREFERENCE** **X** **CULTURAL**        **ECONOMIC** **X**

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

She said that people choose to fish in the Delta as opposed to other areas because that is where the blue gill and cat fish are located.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

**YES** **X** **NO**       

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

Areas that cultural groups use are Charter Way in the Stockton area and Eight Mile Road in the upper Delta.

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

Asians such as the Mien and Cambodian use these areas.

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES** **X** **NO**

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

She said that every town had New Years celebrations for Cambodians, Vietnamese, Hmong and Chinese, even though each of them are held at different times in the year.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X   Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV   X    
Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

She recommended a multilanguage cable channel

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Because of recent cut backs, she said that there are only a few health care clinics left to receive these services. However, she recommended connecting with the five different health plan providers to reach the Medi-Cal population.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

She thinks that the residents that make up the largest percentage of the low-income population are Hmong, Vietnamese, Cantonese and Mien.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Slavic Assistance Center. Roman Romaso, Executive Director, 916-925-1071

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/23/09

Name/Organization: Florin Core, Water Resources Manager

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

### 1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Core likes the potential project; he has concerns about the fact that Department of Water Resources has been discussing the project for a long time, but not developed a firm plan of action. He also believes the department needs to consider all interest goods such as farming, environmentalist, and even sports fisherman.

a. **Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?**

It is a good source of water

b. **Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?**

Mr. Core thinks DWR should look into how they are going to fund the project and have solid plan moving forward. He also believes more facilities are needed to run water around the Delta. He believes DWR should address any fish issues that might arise. He also thinks the department should look into relocating pumps.

### 2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO \_\_\_
- b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO\_\_\_
- c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO\_\_\_
- d. Water quality **YES X** NO \_\_\_
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

The Department needs to think about who will be paying for this project. Will it be the end users or all Californians? If it will just be the

end users the Department needs to concern the fact that might put famers out of business because it would be economical to run their farms.

**3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?**

N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

**Understanding Community Character**

**4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?**

N/A

**5. (ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

No

**6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

**7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

Mr. Core believes Bakersfield was very smartly planned. They have their own water rights and water storage rights with the Kern River. They are not struggling for water like other Central Valley communities. Their water supply is very reliable. They also have a lot of trees and vegetation, where as many other Central valley communities do not have that resource.

**8. ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

**Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?**

N/A

**9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)**

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- The Bakersfield County Ag Fair (mostly attend by Latinos and whites)

**Why Do you think they are important?**

They have employment opportunities and farmers can learn about new products.

**10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

Latino and Caucasian

**11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

English

**12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

Yes

- a. If yes: Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Cotton, carrots, cattle, dairy, grapes, citrus and almonds

- b. If yes: What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino

- c. If no: What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

He recommended putting informational materials at the two largest employers in town. Those companies are Grimway Farms (produces carrots) and Dreyers Ice Cream.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO  X

- a. If yes: What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. If yes: Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some

**other reason?**

N/A

RECREATION  FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**IF OTHER, LIST:**

N/A

**b. If for food: why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?**

N/A

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

**c. If for recreation: Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"**  
Some do, but most don't

**d. If yes/follow up: Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?**

YES \_\_\_ **NO X**

**e. If yes/follow up: Where are they?**

Many Latinos fish in the Kern River, but a large portion of the population is Latino.

**f. If yes/follow up: Who are the primary users of these areas?**

N/A

**g. If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?

- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_ NO  X

If yes: What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

No

If no: Why not?

- **Not enough interest? Yes**
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

### Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers  X**  **TV  X**

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

- Local TV
- Bakersfield Californian

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- Government Assistance

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

N/A

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

**DATE:** Pat Clark/ City of Sacramento, District 7

**NOTES:**  
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**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

No answer.

a. What do you think are its best attributes and why?

No answer.

b. What do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

No answer

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live **X** Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

He chooses to live in the Delta area because he gets services from a full-service city while still enjoying a less-urban setting with many parks, the Sacramento River and generally a more rural setting. The community places a very high value on children and education – and this character is extremely attractive for other young families to move in so the character of the community has remained very stable over the 40 years it has been “developed.”

5. Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

Yes

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He thinks his community is unique because the Greenhaven-Pocket area is a master planned community within the city limits of a full-service city. They enjoy extensive services from a full-service city while still retaining a more rural setting with lots of natural features such as the Sacramento River, numerous parks and canals. Community expectations are very high. Families are focused on children, education, public safety and enjoying what they work so hard for. There is a high level of employment and a high number of professionals. The standards for community upkeep, property values are high.

8. Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes

9. What activities are important to your community and/or the ethnic group you represent (i.e. what cultural events, community group meetings, annual festivals, etc.) are important to your community)?

Family activities are important. Recreations, walking/jogging along the river, regional community and neighborhood parks are important. Community events are also important here.

Why do you think they are important?

No answer

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Greenhaven/Pocket is ethnically very diverse with no one dominant ethnic category. Leading categories include Asian-American and Caucasian but the main answer is that it is a surprisingly diverse community. Outside observers are often surprised by the facts. <http://zipskinny.com/index.php?zip=95831>

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Government is the primary form of employment. There is an extremely high percentage of residents who work for some level of government whether federal, state or local. The leading category is state employees.

### Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by the ethnic groups you've identified in your community?

No answer.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES  NO

- a. **If yes:** What groups?

Asian and Hispanic

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes, for food, for both, or some other reason?

RECREATION  FOOD  BOTH  OTHER

IF OTHER, LIST:

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons? Probably a combination.

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

N/A

YES            NO

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

No answer

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

No answer

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only to the ethnic groups you've identified in your community (i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_            NO \_\_\_\_\_

No answer

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  Newspapers  TV

Community organizations  Community events

Other (describe)  Internet

In general, Greenhaven/Pocket residents are highly educated and resourceful. They are avid consumers of information and wish to be highly informed about many issues. They are extremely wired, both at work and at home, and use technology in a sophisticated way. This is true of all ethnic make-ups in our community.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

No answer

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

No answer

18. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Thank you for coming out and speaking to our community in April 2009. We would like to invite DWR back for another community meeting in the fall.

19. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings in your community about the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) and/or the environmental review for the BDCP? If yes, please add your contact information in the space provided at the end of this survey.

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing BDCP process?

Yes, please add to any other email lists I'm not already on.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information? Yes.

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

DATE: 7/27/09

Name/Organization: Naplion Mardri, Former Mayor of Delano

NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He said that there needs to be a balance between farming and water distribution. He realizes that the Delta needs to be fixed and he does not think that all of the water should be pumped out. He believes that we need to achieve a balance in the Delta.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

Mr. Mardri is concerned with water going south toward L.A. He does not think it should be sent that far. He believes that Southern California needs to develop its own water source because it is going to need to be done eventually. He does not see a point in disrupting everything on Southern California's behalf when later down the road they will run into the same problems.

2. **Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO \_\_

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO\_\_

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO\_\_

d. Water quality **YES X** NO \_\_

However, he said that well water has much more contamination than water coming from the Delta.

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He is opposed to the movement for the Wetlands District to control the water and distribute it.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

### Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

No, he only comes to the Delta when he is passing through to another destination.

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Mr. Mardri believes that Delano is unique because any type of water disturbance directly affects everyone in the community. He said that some communities, such as Bakersfield, have access to as many as four different water resources. However, smaller communities, such as Delano, only have access to one water resource.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

The Harvest Festival, The Cultural Cinco De Mayo Celebration

Why do you think they are important?

He believes that these activities are important because they celebrate prosperity, however, without water there is no way for them to celebrate being prosperous. The events also help to preserve Delano's heritage, culture and lifestyle. He said that they may not be the biggest or the best events, but they are important events.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino and Filipino

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish and Tagalog

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: grapes, almonds, cotton, alfalfa, beef, cattle, oranges.

He said that there is a mixture of both large and small farms.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latinos and Filipinos are employed on the farms, however, it is mainly the Anglos that own and manage the farms.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

He said that everyone in the community goes to all areas of the community; there is no organization that is utilized more often than any others.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO \_ X \_**

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

N/A

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH X** OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**IF OTHER, LIST:**

N/A

- b. If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

**PREFERENCE X** CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

- c. If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

He said that most people do not fish in the Delta. They fish in the surrounding lakes, the aqueduct and the tributaries.

- d. If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

**YES X** NO\_\_

- e. If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

A lot of people fish in Lake Wollen and Lake Buena Vista.

- f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

Only a small group of people use the area for fishing. Those that do are Latino and that is only because the community is comprised of 90 percent minorities.

- g. If no:** Why not?

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?

- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_                      **NO \_X\_**

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- o Not enough interest?
- o Not enough money?
- o No leadership?
- o **Other reasons? He said that all ethnicities are included in each festival and activity.**

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_                      **Newspapers \_X\_**                      TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_                      **Community events \_X\_**

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**Those that get information via the newspaper do so through local newspapers.**

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He said that most people go to the County of Bakersfield health care and in emergency situations they go to the local hospital. The food bank distributes food to help those in need. He said that these locations are not convenient and there needs to be something closer or in Delano to help with low income residents.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino and Filipino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He said that if we needed more people to talk to that we could call him and he would put us in contact with them.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to

share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Email:

**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/28/09

Name/Organization: Brian Wills, Wiseman Company, Director of First Impressions

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He does not feel like he has enough information to create an opinion about the Delta.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

N/A

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He does not know of any other issues going on in the Delta.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

No

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

No, he thinks that Fairfield is a just a normal, run of the mill town.

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that the Fourth of July is a big celebration in Fairfield. Mr. Wills also said that the Rotary is a big community group in Fairfield and they are very involved with the community.

Why do you think they are important?

Mr. Wills thinks that this event and community organizations are important to Fairfield because it brings the people of the community together. He said that there are more than 100,000 residents in Fairfield, yet it still maintains a small town feeling because community events allow for interaction with other community members on a different level.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He described his community as being very diverse with the main ethnicity being Caucasian followed by Latino, Black and Asian.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: wine grapes

Mr. Wills is not sure of the size of the farms in the Fairfield community.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

He does not know.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

He identified the restaurant named La Cabana as being owned and frequented by the Latino population. It is located in downtown Suisun City.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES  NO

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

He could not identify an ethnicity.

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION  FOOD  BOTH  OTHER

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons? N/A

**PREFERENCE** **X** **CULTURAL** \_\_\_\_\_ **ECONOMIC** \_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?

He is not sure of anyone who travels to the Delta for fishing, if they do he is not sure why.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

**YES X**      NO

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

The Marshlands located on the south side of Suisun City and Fairfield.

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

He said that it is mainly retired residents that use these areas for fishing.

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns? Yes, pesticides that live in the water.
- o Cultural prohibitions? none
- o Legal issues? No, all follow law with regards to fishing in the Delta
- o Economic forces? Yes
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES** **X**      NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

He is not sure of what these events are, but he does know that they occur.

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers** **X** \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)** **X** \_\_\_\_\_

He said that most people find out information about government programs through marketing materials distributed at libraries, civic centers and the Chamber of Commerce. While the city is pushing for their residents to use the Internet more often, not a lot of people do.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He was not aware.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

He was not sure and did not wish to speculate.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Norene O'Regan: Former city council, now works in real estate 707-429-8660

Mayrene Bates: County employee, 707-426-0748 (home number)

Ron Garland: Works in real estate 707-429-8660

Bill James: Editor of the local newspaper, 707-427-6983

Patty Jansen: leader in a nonprofit organization 707-864-8648

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

Name: Brian Wills

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/28/09

Name/Organization: Juan Montano, City of Parlier

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

**1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?**

Mr. Montano believes that some water from the Delta should be provided to the Central Valley because the Delta is a good source of water. The Central Valley has issues with droughts and needs some water to sustain itself.

**a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?**

N/A

**b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?**

N/A

**2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES \_\_\_ NO X

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES X NO \_\_\_

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES X NO \_\_\_

d. Water quality YES \_\_\_ NO X

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No

**3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?**

N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both

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If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. **Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?**

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other Yes

At times for his job

6. **Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

No, its just like other farming communities

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. **What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

N/A

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. **What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)**

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

N/A

**Why Do you think they are important?**

N/A

10. **What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

- Latino- 98%

11. **What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

- Spanish and English

12. **Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

Yes

a. **If yes: Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?**

Fruit, grapes, oranges, peaches

Most farms employ more than 50 people

b. **If yes: What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?**

Latino

c. **If no: What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?**

N/A

## **Delta Uses By The Community**

13. **Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?**

- City Hall

- Local Senior Centers

14. **Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?**

YES   X   NO

a. **If yes: What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply***

Latinos and Asians

b. **If yes: Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?**

RECREATION   X   FOOD   X   BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**IF OTHER, LIST:**

N/A

b. **If for food: why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?**

Mostly Asians fish for food.

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC   X  

c. **If for recreation: Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"**

Most stay local and don't go to the Delta

d. **If yes/follow up: Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?**

YES   X   NO \_\_\_\_\_

e. **If yes/follow up: Where are they?**

- California Aqueduct
- Shaver Lake
- Kings River

f. **If yes/follow up: Who are the primary users of these areas?**

Latino and Asian

g. **If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. **Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?**

YES \_\_\_\_ NO X

**If yes: What are the activities or events and where do they take place?**

N/A

**If no: Why not?**

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money? Yes
- No leadership? Yes
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. **In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:**

Radio \_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_

Community organizations X Community events \_\_\_\_

Other (describe)  X

- Senior Centers
- City Council Meetings
- Word of Mouth
- Mailers
- Utility Bill inserts

17. **For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):**

a. **Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?**

- United Health Care

b. **What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?**

Latino

18. **Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?**

No

19. **That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)**

No

20. **Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)**

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

Name: Juan Montano

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** People need to be more educated about water issues.

**DATE:** 7/28/09

**NAME/ORGANIZATION:** Ron Addington, Business Council of San Joaquin County

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**NOTES:**

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### **General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

It is dreadfully in need of repair and fast becoming a cesspool because of lack of freshwater circulation. This is how people in San Joaquin County feel.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

Ecology, environment, fisheries, recreation that Delta provides people, and the water supplies to various communities and farms.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

Delta Vision mentioned a lot of things that need to be done. Certainly the fact that pumps are shut down during certain parts of year, which restricts water flow. If you have a body of water that water comes in and instead of going through, it stagnates. It goes out to the Golden Gate to the benefit of no one. A lot of things being are proposed to fix the Delta. The California Partnership for San Joaquin Valley is a group established by an Executive Order of the Governor about 3-4 years ago now. It included eight counties in Valley. Water is one issue that the Governor wanted them to take a run at. It's been very successful. One member of the Board of Supervisors from every county sits on the Board, as well as one member from the Governors Cabinet, and eight business people. They have come up with a number of things that could be worked on. Over the last three years the water group has made great strides and the one thing they've decided is that there is no agreement on the peripheral canal and that they need to work on the things they all agree on. Ray Watson, the chairman of the water work group, he's representing the south of the

state. Fritz Grupe is co-chairing the Partnership group itself has been instrumental in bringing people together from San Joaquin County all the way down to Fresno. They have developed a good relationship with the Metropolitan Water District.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO

He is an engineer by trade and has done a lot of development adjacent to the Delta. He had to work with FEMA and Corps. He does not believe that there will be a catastrophic earthquake that will liquefy islands in his lifetime. That has never happened.

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO**

He does not know an awful lot about that. The little critter he has heard the most about is the food for those fish – the smelt. There are all kinds of science about the smelt. Are the pumps the culprit or are the bass, etc. the culprit? He feels no one is saying anything about the bass because the fishermen have a big lobby. He believes no one wants to touch the other fish as the reason for smelt heading towards extinction.

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO**

He believes he is not a good source of information on that topic. He knows a lot of people that fish in the Delta. Many complain about the quantity of fish going down.

d. Water quality **YES** NO

He believes water quality extraordinarily important. The City of Stockton has a Delta water project that has passed muster and has gotten permits. That project, which allows the City of Stockton to take water, is very important. The better the quality of the water, the less they have to treat the water. That's very important to the Delta and everyone who has a straw in the Delta. The quality in the Delta has diminished over time.

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He stated that the farmers and landowners and Reclamation Districts in the Delta – everyone that sees the Delta as an asset are terribly concerned about what a peripheral canal would do to the Delta. They are not necessarily in favor of the dual system – they think that's nothing but a subterfuge. They don't feel they have control over who makes the decision regarding if it works or not. There are 25-50

years of promises being made for the Delta that haven't been kept. There is a great deal of disinterest in hearing people - The Corps, the feds, DWR, the state of CA, etc. - promise things. It's pretty hard to convince them that the dual system would work. And, there are significant landowners that would be in court.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
      X      

He lives in Lodi. The Mokelumne River runs through his backyard. I work in Stockton.

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

### **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

He was born in Lodi in 1939 and has lived there ever since. He did a project adjacent to the Delta called Brookside. We had to shore up the levees to 100 floodplain designations.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

N/A

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

No. He didn't think so. He believes Stockton is more dependent on the Delta than some of the other communities. The Delta is used as a dumping ground for a lot of wastewater treatment facilities. The water dispersed in the Delta after treatment is better than any water in the Delta already. He believes that is because of regulations from DWR and other agencies. He believes Stockton is more dependent on the Delta for treated wastewater. The City of Lodi does similar things. So does Tracy.

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

They have a large boating community. Also, the Stockton deep water channel runs right through the heart of the Delta. He believes of the use of the deep water channel in the Delta is altered in some fashion because of new requirements that would be bad for our community and for fish.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes. His kids live in Lodi and so do his 5 grandkids

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

They are very Christian community – there are lots of special Church events. The Annual Lodi Grape and Wine festival attracts people from all over Northern California. Lodi is the grape capitol of the world. There is the Obon Festival – a Japanese festival - every year. They have October Fest at Mickies Grove Regional Park. There are a lot of activities – the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events, Lodi Lake events 5-6 times a year, etc.

Why do you think they are important?

N/A

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He stated that in Stockton there are quite varied demographics. There are Germans, Italians, Oriental, South Viet Nam, and Cambodia. Not is not a large black community percentage-wise, but they have done well. There are a lot of Swedish, English, and Caucasian. Caucasians are a minority now.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English. Beyond that, if you go into the schools, you will find teachers who struggle with English as second language students. He runs another company called San Joaquin A+, it's an educational organization trying to help the younger grades. It's in Stockton.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes. Percentage wise, agriculture might be 25 percent or higher. It's cyclical also – the unemployment rate in SJ County fluctuates as agriculture does. Cities, counties, hospitals – the public sector could make up another 25 percent of wage earners.

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Cheerios – there is a General Mills plant in Lodi. There is a Nummi plant in Fremont – Toyota and General Motors joint venture. Agriculture products include cherries, apples, asparagus, walnuts, almonds, etc. The valley is the breadbasket of the world.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Small business is the primary form of employment and the state of California out of one side of their mouth says we need more jobs. On the other side they put in taxes and regulations that push small businesses out.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Yes, Papa Pablos restaurant in Lincoln Center. Stockton has a large Greek population that regularly have lunch and dinner there. There are some fine Italian restaurants that attract the Italian community – many of them are farmers that live here and farm out in Linden. A huge oriental population eats at Dave Wong's on March lane. Then there are a lot of Thai and Vietnamese restaurants.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X              NO \_\_\_\_\_

It's their history. He thinks it's great. They use the Deep water channel and 14 mile slough.

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*
- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH   X   OTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
It's their way of life.

IF OTHER, LIST:

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL  X  ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES NO

N/A

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

- g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

He declined to state

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers   X   TV   X  

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)   X

The Stockton Record is a major source. Also, the San Joaquin County Council of Governments is a source of information. All the cities put out a newsletter that is mailed with utility bills, etc. Some get information from local radio and TV stations. They don't have a TV station in Stockton but they have people that cover Stockton from Sacramento and other places.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

San Joaquin County is the major provider of social services. He stated that they have put together an organization called the Community Partnership for Families. It was a result of problems people were having getting service from the County. Low income people had to try to find a way (e.g. transportation) to get to an office that might provide food stamps, or go to another office for health care, etc. The City said it didn't make sense because of lack of transportation. They looked at putting together some community centers where county and other agencies could put services where the people are located and get out of the "ivory tower." Its been very successful. It's most successful in Stockton. Most facilities are in the south Stockton area, and they have one in Lodi, one in Tracy, and one in Manteca. They have created a program where a lot of lower income people don't even realize they qualify – they help them fill out the appropriate forms. The County now looks at it as an adjunct to services they provide.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

He didn't know. He could speculate - it might be Hispanic? They are the greatest population of non-white that live in Stockton.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

SJ County A+ - Sue DePolo. 209-462-6183.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

DATE: 7/28/09

NAME/ORGANIZATION: [REDACTED], Clarksburg landowner

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[REDACTED] spearheaded the DPC appeals for the old sugar mill and won both. Lives in Clarksburg.

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### General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

It needs attention.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

Its best attributes are exactly why the Delta Protection Act was created – for tourism, to preserve the estuary, among other things. As population grows, it is essential that urban people have the opportunity to visit. It's so close.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

I think farmers have to be ensured of water and I think ecosystem has to be repaired.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO

Yes. The main issues are identified by the Delta Protection Commission and national press as most serious area in nation. We need to take this very seriously.

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES** NO  
Critical issue.

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES NO  
I don't know. According to Wanger, it's critical. But, I'm not a biologist.

d. Water quality YES NO  
The ammonia Sacramento dumps into the River every day – I think it's quite serious. It causes a threat to food, wildlife. It's a serious threat. That water has to be pure as it is used as water source.

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

The threat of a peripheral canal. I don't object. I think it's needed. But, there should be upstream storage to ensure the flows remain the same. If they don't remain the same, then everything we mentioned will be affected negatively. I don't think urbanization is a threat.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_ In Clarksburg

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

It's our home. We like the solitude. We like the peaceful nature of the small town. I think small towns are not subjected to some of the trials of large urban areas. I grew up in Philadelphia – I treasure this way of life. I think it's important that it continues. The economy is vibrant here. Grapes produce 25% of the county's economic revenue. The towns are vibrant – people, churches, camaraderie. I could go on and on. Some say the towns are dying. There is a charter school that was developed by the local parents.

**5. (ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

Most definitely. Nothing like this exists in California. That's why when John Cain suggested it become a Natural Heritage Area, I think that's the main reason why. This community was founded in 1849 and it hasn't changed too much. The people that really want the change are the people who are interested in selling their land for great profit.

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

The people. The beauty. The agriculture.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

You know, our house is large and my husband and I are getting older. Eventually we'll have to make a change in lifestyle to compensate for our age. So, probably not. Ideally, I'd like to. I don't think it would be possible.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

The Library is the most successful in Yolo County despite the size. The Clarksburg run is nationally advertised and recognized every fall. Courtland has the pear fair. I think our agriculture – our community is particularly important. We have water rights guaranteed to us. This allows farmers to continue to farm. Our farmers are the most important asset.

Why do you think they are important?

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian. Hispanics. On Halloween for example, Hispanics have more of a culture with Halloween. They come from all over the District. We have a lot of Chinese, Japanese. I've lived here for 13 years, and I've never seen/heard of ethnic turmoil.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish and English.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

You know, it probably is. But, I think recently – in the past 15 years – a lot of Sacramento business people have moved here. A lot of people who work for the Government have moved here. It's more of a bedroom community, but farming is still primary.

- a. If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Sugar beets, tomatoes – they used to be primary. It's primarily grapes now. I think there are about 25,000 acres of grapes. Bogel winery is one of the largest in the nation. That's a real testament to our warm days and cool nights. However, grapes are viable, but the soils will grow almost anything. People are getting into pomegranates and cherries.

- b. If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

### Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

The Sugar Mill is a wonderful grape crushing area. They have events there. There should be more of that. Delta Vision indicated – we need more bed and breakfasts, ecotourism. Jeff Hart – Hartland is his company – runs an ecotourism business out of the Delta.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Most come from Sacramento. Although, my neighbor spends his whole life in the boat. As recreation, large numbers utilize the river for that. It is a mix of people.

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

- b. If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

- c. If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

- d. If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES            NO

- e. If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

- f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

**g. If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?

- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
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## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)  X

The County supplies the information. There's a local advisory committee here – they send emails.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Delta food bank. Local churches are very good. Catholic Church – Father Madigan. Our local community church – it's some offshoot of a Protestant based faith – has a lot of outreach programs specifically to Hispanics. But, I don't think there's anyone starving here.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

██████████ – Walnut Grove. ██████████. He's under contract to DWR for native levee restoration. He has a wonderful nursery. Also, the new owners of the Sugar Mill – Koyman Properties.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Already get Delta E-news.

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes. ██████████

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## Contact Details

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Email: 

**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

DATE: 7/29/09

Name/Organization: Mike Ennis, Tulare County BOS, District 6

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

### 1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Ennis is concern about a potential earthquake in the Delta. If an earthquake were to occur it could cause levee failure which would result in the loss of water. He also concerned about safeguarding fresh water from salt water.

a. **Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?**

A strong water resource and the people of California need water.

b. **Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?**

The levees need to be repaired and there needs to a system that provides water from the Delta to the Central Valley

### 2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO \_\_\_
- b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO \_\_\_
- c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO \_\_\_
- d. Water quality **YES X** NO \_\_\_
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

It is important to remember that people are more important than fish.

### 3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. **Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?**

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

No, just to Sacramento on business meetings

6. **Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. **What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

About 80% of jobs are within the agriculture industry

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. **What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)**

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- Cinco De Mayo- Every May mostly attended by Latinos
- The Veteran's day parade- November, attended by a mix of ethnic groups

**Why Do you think they are important?**

No reason, just local events

10. **What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

- Latino- 65%
- White- 35%

11. **What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

- English
- Spanish
- Many residents are bilingual

12. **Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

Yes

- a. **If yes: Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?**

Citrus, dairy, corn, alfalfa, cotton

Most farms employ less than 50 people

b. If yes: What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino- about 80%

c. If no: What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

Mexican markets. Two of the biggest ones are El Progreso and Country County market

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES  X  NO

a. If yes: What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Latino

b. If yes: Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

N/A

RECREATION  X  FOOD   BOTH   OTHER

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food: why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?**

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation: Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"**

Most stay local because it is more economical

d. **If yes/follow up: Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?**

YES X NO\_\_

e. **If yes/follow up: Where are they?**

Kaweah Lake

f. **If yes/follow up: Who are the primary users of these areas?**

Latino

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. **Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?**

YES \_\_\_\_ **NO X**

**If yes: What are the activities or events and where do they take place?**

The Tulare County Flea market is very well attended. The majority of attendees are Latino.

**If no: Why not?**

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money? Yes**
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## **Information and Communication**

**16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:**

**Radio X Newspapers X TV \_\_\_\_**

Community organizations \_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_

- **K100 Radio**
- **Porterville Recorder**
- **Valley Voice Newspaper**

**17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):**

**a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?**

- **Family healthcare Clinic**
- **The ER**

- b. **What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?**

Latino

18. **Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?**

The CEO of the Porterville Chamber of Commerce

19. **That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)**

Yes

20. **Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)**

Yes

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/29/09

Name/Organization: Peter Vander Poel, Tulare Co BOS Dist 2

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Poel believes that water is the key to the future of California. A great source of water is the Delta so he believes this resource should be utilized to benefit the state.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

He believes the best attributes of the Delta are water, agricultural resources and shipping canals.

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He feels many residents and businesses want to keep all the water from the Delta in the Delta region, however, areas around the state need water as well.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO \_\_

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO\_\_

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO\_\_

d. Water quality **YES X** NO \_\_

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

Sometimes meets up with friends to boat, but not on a regular basis.

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

The fact that the community needs water is concerned about the current water supply and also concerned about water quality issues.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

The Ag expo in the city of Tulare is very well attended by people throughout the state. It brings a mix of ethnic groups and is held annually in February.

Why do you think they are important?

The event brings people together from all over the state and even the world to learn about agriculture, it is very well attended.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

Spanish

Many residents are bilingual

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: Milk and other dairy products.

Most farms employ less than 50 people

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Most farm workers are Latino. Most owners are Caucasian.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

Many residents go to Proteus which provides employment and community services.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES  NO

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Latino

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

N/A

RECREATION  FOOD  BOTH  OTHER

**IF OTHER, LIST:**

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_ X \_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES\_\_\_ NO\_X

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

- g. **If no:** Why not?

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o **Economic forces? \_ X \_**
- o Other reasons?

The closer the location the cheaper it is to go to.

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_X\_ NO \_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

The Tulare County Flea market is very well attended. The majority of attendees are Latino.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest? Yes
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

**Radio**  **TV**

Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)**

The local newspaper – Visalia Time Delta  
Local TV stations  
Social networking like Facebook and Twitter

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Tulare County Health and Human Services and area hospital emergency rooms.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Trish Steven, Director of the Tulare Co Farm Bureau (already on list to contact)

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Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/29/09

Name/Organization: Steve Worthley, Tulare County BOS, District 4

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

The Central Valley needs water. Mr. Worthley is concerned about water rights and environmental issues that might block the valleys ability to get water.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

A great source of water for the state.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The Department needs to deal with water rights issues. They also need to address water quality issues. In additional the Department should address any habitat concerns. Right now it seems people are just talking about more water, but not addressing the issues.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES \_\_\_ NO X

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES \_\_\_ NO X

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES \_\_\_ NO X

d. Water quality YES \_\_\_ NO X

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

No

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both

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**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

**4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?**

N/A

**5. (ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

No

**6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

**7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

The community has a large Latino population and is also very dependant on agriculture for jobs.

**8. ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

**9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)**

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- Dinuba has an annual raisin festival in September which is mainly attended by Latinos
- Woodlake has an annual rodeo in May that is mainly attended by whites and Latinos

**Why Do you think they are important?**

They good events for families to attend. They also provided public educational opportunities about local services.

**10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

- Latino

**11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

- English
- Spanish
- Many residents are bilingual

**12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

Yes

**a. If yes: Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employee less than 50 people or more than that?**

Citrus, peaches, and dairy

Most farms employ less than 50 people

**b. If yes: What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?**

Latino

**c. If no: What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?**

N/A

**Delta Uses By The Community**

13. **Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?**

The Walmart in Dinuba. Reese foods is also a very larger employer within the community.

14. **Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?**

YES  X  NO

a. **If yes: What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply***

Asians

b. **If yes: Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?**

N/A

RECREATION   **FOOD**  X  BOTH   OTHER

**IF OTHER, LIST:**

N/A

b. **If for food: why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?**

N/A

PREFERENCE   **CULTURAL**  X  ECONOMIC

c. **If for recreation: Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"**

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up: Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?**

YES   **NO**  X

e. **If yes/follow up: Where are they?**

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up: Who are the primary users of these areas?**

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. **Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?**

YES \_\_\_ NO  X

**If yes: What are the activities or events and where do they take place?**

The Tulare County Flea market is very well attended. The majority of attendees are Latino.

**If no: Why not?**

- **Not enough interest? Yes**
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## **Information and Communication**

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  X  Newspapers  X  TV  X

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

- The local newspaper – Visalia Time Delta
- Local TV stations

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- Low cost health clinics
- County services
- The workforce investment board

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Chris Kapahim, Manager of the irrigation District, 559-358-8228

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. **Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)**

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

Name: Steve Worthley

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/29/09

Name/Organization: Torm Nompraseurt, Project Manager, Asian Pacific Environmental Network

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Torm is concerned about the fish that are being killed through the pumps in the Delta. He is also worried about the levels of mercury that are being measured in the fish. His other concern is that pollution from farms is running off and polluting the water in the Delta region.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He is not exactly sure how to fix anything in the Delta.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO\_\_\_

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES\_\_\_ **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO\_\_\_

d. Water quality **YES X** NO\_\_\_

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He wants to make sure that we are aware of issues with the levees and dams. He is concerned that if they fail it will be more catastrophic than hurricane Katrina.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

### Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends - He has a lot of family that lives in the Stockton area.
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He thinks that the Laotian community is unique because their lives revolve around fish and fishing. It is a way of life and is how they lived back home. Because of the economy and low-income, the fish that they catch is used as food. If the fish disappear or are contaminated then that directly impacts the Laotian community.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

He said that the Laotian community is a very close knit community that provides a lot of support for each other. Fishing is very important to the Laotian community not only for economic and cultural reasons, but also for creating a social outlet for them. The fish that are caught are sometimes used to provide for more than one family. He thinks that the Laotian community has adapted well to the Western culture because some now celebrate Christmas as a festival; however, they also celebrate their own festivals such as the Laotian New Years, Laotian weddings, baby showers and funerals. He said that the Laotian culture is different from the Western culture because they have to invite everyone they know to everything that they host, where as in the Western culture you can pick and choose who you would like to invite.

Why do you think they are important?

These events are important because they uphold a way of life, culture and a social network.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Torm said that Richmond was very diverse but that the primary ethnic make up is Black and Latino. There are a few Asians and only about 10,000 Laotian in the West county of Richmond.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

In the general Richmond population, English is predominately spoken. However, in the Laotian community Lao and Mien are the most frequently spoken languages.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Prior to coming to America, farming was the largest form of employment for the Laotian community. However, now they cannot afford to buy or lease land so they are no longer farming, but they still garden to grow certain vegetables and herbs.

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

A lot of people in the Laotian community are employed by construction, restaurants, house keeping and general service work.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by *(Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10)* ?

He said that the businesses on 23 Street and the businesses located on McDonald Street are most frequented by the Black population or the Latino population. There is also one Laotian business located on 23 Street.

The Laotian population goes to small Laotian grocery stores; there are about nine of them in the Richmond area, the two or three Laotian restaurants, and the one or two Laotian gas stations.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X   NO   X

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

The Laotian, Vietnamese, Chinese, and occasionally Black and Latino populations

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ **FOOD** X \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
(He could only speak for the Laotian community, not all of the other ones.)

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ **CULTURAL** X \_\_\_\_\_ **ECONOMIC** X \_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

**YES** X \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

- Richmond Shoreline
- Centerville area
- San Pablo Dam

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

Laotian and Vietnamese

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?

- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES**   X                        NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

He said that none of the events hosted in Richmond are specifically for one culture, however they are most frequented by the same culture as the one hosting the event. The Black population celebrates Juneteenth, the Latino population celebrates Cinco de Mayo, and the Laotian population celebrates the Laotian New Year.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

### Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_  
**Community organizations**   X   Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)**   X

Torm said that it is very difficult to get information to the Lao community because many don't read, write or speak English, so media is a waste of time. He said that the best way to get information out is through Laotian churches, leaders and grocery stores.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He said that there are not many options for government services in West Richmond. However, should someone need assistance they go to the Richmond Health Clinic or the Doctor Medical Center. Those with insurance usually use Kaiser.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

He could not answer this question.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Lao Family, Chaosan SaeCho, in the Oakland office, 510-533-8850  
Lao Khmu Stockton Association, Robert Khoonsrivong, located in Stockton, 209-981-2761

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Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/30/09

Name/Organization: Leslie Fay, Fairfield Chamber of Commerce, CEO

NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

She did not feel well-versed on the subject, however, she acknowledged that the Delta is in trouble and there needs to be a lot of attention paid to it.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

She thinks that the positive attributes of the Delta are that it is a significant water resource and it attracts people and businesses to the area.

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

N/A

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO X**

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

She does not know of any other issues going on in the Delta.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Both       X

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

*She chooses to live in the Delta area because it is where her job has taken her.*

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

*N/A*

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

*Yes*

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

*She thinks that her community is unique because of its location. It is close to the Suisun Marshes and the Marina.*

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

*No, she does not see her family remaining in the Fairfield area of the Delta region because she said that the cost of living is too high.*

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She said that the events that are important to her community are: the Tomato Festival, the Candy Festival, the Art & Wine Festivals, and the Festival on the Marina.

Why do you think they are important?

Ms. Fay thinks these events are important to her community because they bring in revenue and they contribute to the quality of life.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino followed by Asian and Filipino.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

She said that industry work is the main employer of people living in the Fairfield community.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

She said that she did not know of any businesses or locations that the Latino population frequented.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ She is not sure.

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION X FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?

She said that people don't usually fish in the Delta because it is too far away.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES                      **NO X**

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

Other water areas that those living in Fairfield use are Puta Creek, Suisun Marsh and the Bay Area.

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns? Yes, pesticides that live in the water.
- o Cultural prohibitions? none
- o Legal issues? No, all follow law with regards to fishing in the Delta
- o Economic forces? Yes
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES**   X                        NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

She could only name the Celtic Nations Festival which is held near but not in Fairfield.

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers** **X** **TV** **X**

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

She could not name anything specific but she was aware that there are a lot of places that help support low-income residence through the county and the city.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

She was not positive but she guessed it would be the Latino population.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

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19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/30/09

Name/Organization: Lue Yang, Executive Director, Fresno Center New Americans

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Lue said that because he works with a community revolving around social work he does not know enough about the Delta to formulate an opinion.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

N/A

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES\_\_\_ **NO X**

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO\_\_\_

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO\_\_\_

d. Water quality **YES X** NO\_\_\_

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He thinks that everyone is stuck in a difficult place because while the fish are important to protect as a species, we also must worry about saving the farmers. The people need water too, so it is a tough decision to make.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other - He said that he comes to the Delta to go fishing. He has been to the Delta more than 10 times.

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He thinks that his community is unique because it is not very well educated on the issues in the Delta even though a lot of people farm and fish. He thinks that his community needs to learn a lot more.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

Mr. Yang said that recreational activities such as fishing, farming and social gatherings are important to the Asian community. He thinks that the Delta is important to the Asian community because it provides fishing, depression relieve, clean water and water to support a community. He also said that clean air is important to the Asian community.

Why do you think they are important?

Mr. Yang thinks these events and activities are important to the Asian community because the Asian community tends to isolate itself from the mainstream culture and taking part in these events exposes the mainstream culture to the Asian culture.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He said the primary ethnicity in Fresno is Caucasian, then Latino, then Asian followed by Black.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

In the Asian community the following languages are spoken: Hmong, Cambodian, Lao, Vietnamese, Korean, Indian and Chinese. Mr. Yang said that there are more than 30,000 Hmong living in Fresno County and about 70% of them speak Hmong in their homes.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

He said that farming is a primary form of employment for most of Fresno, but he speculated that only about 10 percent of the Asian population farm for a living.

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Asian population in Fresno farm: cherry tomatoes, bok choy, green mustard, green onions and green beans

The mainstream Fresno population farms: lemons, oranges, plums, apples and cotton. Mr. Yang said the Asian population is not familiar with these types of crops so they are not active in farming them.

He also said that the Asian population tends to farm smaller crops ranging between 2 acres and 20 acres and the other farms seem to be between 100 acres and 1,000 acres.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

He does not know.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

A lot of people in the Asian community are employed by assembly production jobs, manufacturing jobs and about 10 percent have professional jobs.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Mr. Yang said that most Asians frequent grocery stores that sell fresh produce such as: the Golden Bowl, KC Supermarket, Asian Supermarket, RN Supermarket, Bingo Supermarket and Luang Supermarket.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X        NO   X  

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

The Asian population

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ **FOOD** **X** BOTH \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ **ECONOMIC** **X**

He said that most Asians in Fresno have lost their jobs so they have no income and fishing can provide a sure way to put food on the table.

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

Mr. Yang said that people go to the Delta to fish for bass stripers and cat fish.

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

**YES** **X** NO \_\_\_

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

- San Joaquin River  
- Kings River

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

The Asian community

- g. **If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES**   X                        NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Mr. Yang said that the Latino community has a big celebration for Cinco de Mayo, though he has never attended. And the Asian community has big celebrations for the Hmong New Year, Chinese New Year, Cambodian New Year and the Lao New Year.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers**   X        **TV**   X   (However, he said by the time the newspapers and TV are reporting on information it is too late to do anything about it.)

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_      Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe) \_\_\_X\_**

Mr. Yang said that most people find their information through interactions with government providers, such as government officials, the City of Fresno, and events that connect people directly. They very seldom use the Internet.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He said that most people receive government services through programs such as CalWorks where the community depends on the program for job assistance, motivation and coaching. He also said that there are other organizations that help to provide social services.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

The Latino population.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He just recommended speaking with the ethnic leaders in each community.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **Contact Details**

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/30/09

Name/Organization: Woody Fridae, City of Winters

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Fridae is concerned about the water supply in the Delta. He is concerned about the need for water with the region and flood protection.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

There are many wildlife benefits within the Delta. These are great areas for wildlife to flush and for individuals to enjoy watching the wildlife. It is also a great agricultural area.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The area could easily flood and salt water is moving into the Delta which is bad for agriculture, water quality, and native wildlife.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO \_\_

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES \_\_ **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO\_\_

d. Water quality **YES X** NO \_\_

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Issues concerning fairy shrimp and Swanson hawk. Both are endangered species.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**  
Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

Mr. Fridae and his wife have recently gone on a train ride of the Delta to do nature viewing and also visited some preserves within the Delta.

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

It is the gateway to Peter Creek. There are also a lot of nature areas and native fish in the lakes and streams.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

Festival de la Familia- mostly attended by Latinos, every September

There are numerous youth programs that provide homework help, art classes which are mostly attended by Latinos and take place through the year.

Why do you think they are important?

They provided family fun and are also a great source of educational information for the community.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino- 40%  
Caucasian- 55%  
Other- 5%

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English  
Spanish  
Many residents are bilingual

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. If yes: Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: Walnuts, various nuts, peaches

Most farms employ less than 50 people

- b. If yes: What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Most farm workers are Latino. Most owners are Caucasian.

- c. If no: What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

Latino grocery stores are a good place to outreach to people. Mr. Fridae recommended El Peplo, La Doda and La Tendondelious within his city.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_ NO **\_ X \_**

- a. If yes: What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. If yes: Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

N/A

RECREATION \_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**IF OTHER, LIST:**

N/A

b. If for food: why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

c. If for recreation: Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. If yes/follow up: Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES\_\_ **NO\_X**

e. If yes/follow up: Where are they?

N/A

f. If yes/follow up: Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. If no: Why not?

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES **\_ X \_** NO

If yes: What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Many families have Quinceañeras at the community center

If no: Why not?

- Not enough interest? Yes
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  Newspapers  **TV**

Community organizations  Community events

**Other (describe)**

Community access station  
City Web site  
The Chamber of Commerce

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

**The Winters Healthcare Foundation**

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

**Seniors (mix of ethnic groups)**

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

**Bill Davis, lead doctor at the Winters Healthcare Foundation**

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

## **Contact Details**

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/29/09

Name/Organization: Dilenna Harris, Council Member City of Vacaville

NOTES:

## General Delta Related

### 1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Ms. Harris feels the state of the Delta is really bad. She feels like she and her constituents are not being heard by the Department of Water Resources. She feels like the Department is putting fish before people. She also feels the Department hasn't explained to the public where the water moved from the Delta will go.

a. **Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?**

It is a great water resource and provides a strong water supply. It also offers many recreational opportunities.

b. **Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?**

The Department needs to clearly define the issues within the Delta and explain those issues in layman's terms. They also need to do more outreach to the community.

### 2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES \_\_\_ **NO X**

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO \_\_\_

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES \_\_\_ **NO X**

d. Water quality YES \_\_\_ **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

She is concerned about all the regulations. She feels the water treatment regulations are too high. The regulations are hurting, not helping.

3. **Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?**

N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ **Both**  
          X          

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

### **Understanding Community Character**

4. **Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?**

- The quality of life
- Close to recreational opportunities
- The strength of the agricultural industry

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

N/A

6. **Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. **What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

The quality of life, the community family activities, the strength in agriculture, the respect for the environment

**8. ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

**Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?**

Yes, Ms. Harris' family lives in the Delta and she has strong ties to the community.

**9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)**

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- Farmer's market, every Saturday from May to Sept- Mix of ethnic groups
- Creek walk, every Friday from June to August- Mix of ethnic groups
- Christmas tree lighting, every December- Mix of ethnic groups

**Why Do you think they are important?**

- Since of community
- Fun family activities

**10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

- Latino- 30%
- White/Other- 60%
- Asian- 5%
- Black- 5%

**11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

- Spanish
- English
- Bilingual

12. **Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

No, but it is large

a. **If yes: Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?**

Walnuts, Tomatoes, Grapes, Corn  
Most farms employ 50 or less

b. **If yes: What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?**

It is a mix

c. **If no: What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?**

Ms. Harris could not think of a specific industry. It is a mix.

### **Delta Uses By The Community**

13. **Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?**

All the major businesses/employers Ms. Harris could think of were employed and frequented by a mix of races. These businesses were Biotech, Genetech, Novartis, State Farm, Kaiser, North Bay Health and Mareoni Fruits and Nuts.

14. **Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?**

YES \_\_\_ **NO X**

a. **If yes: What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply***

N/A

- b. **If yes: Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?**

**RECREATION** **X** **FOOD** \_\_\_ **BOTH** \_\_\_ **OTHER** \_\_\_\_\_

**IF OTHER, LIST:**

N/A

- b. **If for food: why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?**

N/A

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

- c. **If for recreation: Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"**

Good fishing

- d. **If yes/follow up: Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?**

**YES** **X** **NO** \_\_\_

- e. **If yes/follow up: Where are they?**

Rio Vista, Bethal Island, and Susuan

- f. **If yes/follow up: Who are the primary users of these areas?**

Mix

- g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?

- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

Did not know

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES X NO \_\_\_\_

If yes: What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

- Kwanzaa celebration around Christmas, mostly Black
- The Asian community holds festival throughout the year, but Ms. Harris isn't sure when they are or where they take place.

If no: Why not?

- o Not enough interest?
- o Not enough money?
- o No leadership?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

### Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_ Newspapers X TV X

Community organizations \_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_

Other (describe)   X  

- Chamber of commerce
- City Web site

**17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):**

**a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?**

- Health and Human Services provided by the city
- The City is currently building a county services center
- Local nonprofits

**b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?**

- Latino

**18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?**

- The Executive Director for the Solano County Farm Bureau
- Bob Jones at the Vacaville Store House (local nonprofit)
- Colleen Erdes at the Opportunity House (local nonprofit)

**19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)**

Yes

**20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)**

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7-9-09 NAME/ORGANIZATION Dennis Lee - Central Valley Asian American Chamber of Commerce

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### General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He feels it is a big concern in the area. One concern is fishing in the Delta.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

The best attributes are that the area allows for farming and recreation.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

Declined to answer.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

If residents have homes in the area, they are aware of it.

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**

He said it depends on if they are environmentalists. There are a lot of different opinions in the area. He is not very familiar with these conditions.

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES NO

see above

d. Water quality YES NO

He thinks there is more of a concern of water quality than fish species.

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Farming is an issue.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ **Both**       X      

He works and lives in the Stockton/Lodi area.

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

### Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

He laughingly said he is stuck there. No, he has been there most of his life. It gives him access to different areas and the Delta is close by.

5. Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o **Recreational** - He has gone boating a little bit.
- o To visit family or friends
- o **Other** - Sometimes they drive through the Delta to get to other places such as the Brentwood area. He drives through the area to travel for business. He has a publication that is distributed throughout the Delta (Asian Pacific American News & Review.) The Delta is also home to a lot of Chinese and Asian history. Locke and Alta especially are areas with a lot of history and culture.

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

No

If yes, go to question 7. If no, skip to 8

No more than any other Delta community. He did not understand what was meant by the Delta or if Stockton is part of the Delta. He thinks of it as more east to west than north to south, Stockton being the west side of the Delta

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

The area is ideal for recreation access. The Port of Stockton and the Port of Sacramento helps out on the business end.

8. Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes

Do you come from a family of local residents?

Yes. The Delta is part of who they are.

9. What activities are important to your community and why do you think they are important? *(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Tourism is important. Plus the growth of asparagus is prominent with the asparagus festival.

Are there any important festivals or cultural events attended by members of your community?

Yes, people like the Pacific Rim Street Festival held in Old Town Sacramento and the Asparagus Festival held in Stockton in April.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

It is a very diverse community. In terms of percentages he is not sure. There are so many different types of people.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Filipino, Cambodian, Hmong (new immigrant group) and Chinese/Japanese

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

He didn't really know. He said there are lots of small businesses. A lot of Hmong people have small farms.

a. **If yes:** Do you know some of the farms in your community, what kind of crops or goods they produce, and approximately how many people they employ?

Some of the more notable crops are asparagus, cherries, wine, grapes, dairy, and there is a little bit of poultry. Someone else could probably get better information from someone else. He said there is definitely a move towards more agrotourism.

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

**At this point Mr. Lee wanted to get off the call. When asked if I could finish up later he asked me to email him some follow up questions.**

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

### **Delta Uses By The Community**

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by *(Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10)* ?

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES            NO

e.    **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

f.    **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

g.    **If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify city/location)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_                      NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?

- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else that you think we should talk to about these issues?

**There was another company that was doing some focus groups that we were a small part of. I can't think of their name but they were out of the East Bay.**

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

DATE: July 9, 2009  
NAME/ORGANIZATION Benjamin Saffold – Development Director  
for Gospel Center Rescue Mission Stockton

NOTES:

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## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He worries because he knows they are second only to New Orleans in security risk for flooding and water disasters.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

There is the history. Waterways in Stockton go further inland from the Bay and are historically positioned right at the foothills. Railways waterways are a vital part of transportation and commercial history.

The biggest asset is his proximity to the foothills and the Bay Area. Stockton is very central and has access to lots of entertainment and recreation opportunities.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

No answer

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO X**

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He knows they are currently getting sprayed for west Nile virus. Development may have effected the ecologically health of our area. There are definitely different pollution issues that are pressing.

**Occasionally I catch articles in the paper about this stuff, but in general I don't follow them. Those residents that I serve have more pressing things to worry about.**

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ **Both**       X      

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

He was born and raised there. He has worked in other areas including a 12 year stint in Sacramento, but he found himself going back there after living in other places because it is his home and he has a lot of ties there. Also because he works in the nonprofit sector, he wanted to give back to his own community.

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

It is his home.

5. Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

Not really. Sometimes he passes through on his way to the bay area. He sometimes uses the Altamont Pass to get to Bay and his is also a fan of the two lane highway (State 4).

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no, skip to 8

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

History, recreation and potential make his community unique. They are a commuter city; he would rather be a destination rather than a place on route. They have both 99 and 5 which is unique. A lot of people are familiar with Stockton for passing through.

8. Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

He plans to be there the rest of his life.

9. What activities are important to your community and why do you think they are important? ***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

This is a point of need. They are a pit-stop not a destination not much of an emphasis on events or point of destination. Rich diversity culturally and ethnically, are not fully appreciated. Barrio Fiesta (Filipino culture) Annual Pow-Wor tribal Chinese/Vietnameses New year are a promising start. He believes they should invest more resources to celebrate our diversity. Stockton used to have highest concentration of Filipino community.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Hispanic and Asian cultures are growing. The community is too diverse to name a few. Hmong and other South East Asian are also large populations.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

The Delta is an agricultural community. California is the world's bread basket.

**a. If yes:** Do you know some of the farms in your community, what kind of crops or goods they produce, and approximately how many people they employ?

No answer

**b. If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Hispanic and Asian

**c. If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

No answer

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Predominantly none, but there is a high concentration of Mexican restaurants.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Not that he knows of.

**a. If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

No answer

**b. If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

N/A

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

**b. If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

N/A

**c. If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

No answer

**d. If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES NO

N/A

**e. If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

**f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

**g. If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?

- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify city/location)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- o Not enough interest?
- o Not enough money?
- o No leadership?
- o Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

**Ethnic Radio**   X        **Ethnic Newspapers**   X        TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe) \_\_\_X\_\_\_** Disadvantaged rely on agencies (non-profits) for information, Bi-Lingual Weekly, El Concealio – Hispanic information very helpful for translating and Cambodian Center for Families

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Homeless Healthcare – organization called Care Link. Community Medical Centers. Service homeless shelters in Stockton

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Hispanic and too many Asian groups to name.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Councilwoman –Susan Eggman  
Task force to develop 10 year plan

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Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

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## **NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

DATE: 8/10/09

Name/Organization: Adam Peck, Workforce Investment Board,  
Director

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He does not know how he feels about the current state of the Delta.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

N/A.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He said that he cannot follow the specific details of what is going on, but there is a Congressman in the community that is very concerned about water deliveries to the west side of the Valley. He said that water delivery is a big issue in the agricultural interest groups.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

He only drives through the Delta on his way to other areas.

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Mr. Peck thinks his community is unique because of the high proportion of agriculture products that come from the area. He said that it is unique because it is always the number one or number two agriculture producer in the state and the nation. He also said that the area is unique because the large number of low-income residents and low education rate create economical obstacles in the community.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that the community is very active in youth sports and all of the recreational areas are used to their maximum. He also said that because the Sierra Nevada and the Sequoia National Parks are so close, people visit these areas for recreation as well. The community in Visalia is also very involved in engaging the community in town issues and planning.

Why do you think they are important?

Mr. Peck thinks these activities are important because it allows the area to be family and community oriented. He said that the primary interest of those in the community seems to be to have their kids involved in the community.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

About 58 percent of the population is Latino with Caucasian next and a small percentage of South East Asians.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes, about 30 percent of the community is employed by agriculture, another 30 percent by the government so about 50 percent of the non-government

employed jobs in the area are agriculture related if not directly in the agriculture industry.

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: #1 dairy, #2 citrus (oranges, lemons), walnuts and grapes

He said that there is a mix of large and small farms.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Mr. Peck was not certain, however, he guessed that agriculture labor is mainly comprised of Latino workers and the owners vary in ethnicity and culture.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

El Progreso Market (new, large Hispanic foods market)

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

He does not know anything about fishing in the area.

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

N/A

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES **NO X**

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

The community uses Lake Kuweah and Lake Success to fish, water ski, Jet Ski etc. (local water sources that the community uses).

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

He said that the whole community uses these areas.

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns? Yes, pesticides that live in the water.

- Cultural prohibitions? none
- Legal issues? No, all follow law with regards to fishing in the Delta
- Economic forces? Yes
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                      NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

He could not think of specific events, but he said that the Portuguese, South East Asian and Latino populations put on events that are specific only to them.

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X                      Newspapers   X                      TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

He said that Spanish radio is big and there is a channel that is specifically targeted toward farm workers, though he could not think of the station. Also, he identified the Visalia Times Delta and the Valley Voice as the community's larger newspapers.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Mr. Peck said that low-income residents use the County health clinics and the Family Care Health Network.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Trisha Steven, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Director, Jesus Gamboa and Paul Saldona (already contacted all of these people except Paul).

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Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/11/09

Name/Organization: John Corkins, Research for Hire

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He thinks there has been an overreaction by environmental groups and the government to put unrealistic ideas about water for this time in California.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

He thinks the Delta's best attributes are that it is a recreation outlet, it is the habitat for wildlife and it is the lifeline of water through the state when used properly.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He thinks that there needs to be a lot of levee work on the Delta. Also, he thinks that the department should look into an east side peripheral canal which seems to be the most logical fix and it will send more water downstream and mitigate environmental issues.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He said that the condition of the levees is very critical and it is going to be a huge problem if El Nino occurs, and it looks as though it may.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

No

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**  
Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

He only drives through the Delta when he has to come here for work.

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Mr. Corkins thinks that his community is unique because they have good ground water quality on the east side of the San Joaquin Valley, however, the water quality is rapidly degrading since the community is over drafting its water reserves.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that the agriculture is the most important activity to the community; it is also the main income source. He also said that the dams and the water sources are an important source of recreation for community members.

Why do you think they are important?

Mr. Corkin thinks that these activities are important to the community because water is critical to the community's survival. Agriculture is the community's number one income source with recreation as the second income source.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

About a fifty-fifty split between Latino and Caucasian, however, Latino is slightly higher.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

There are about 270 crops produced in the area.  
Crops: dairy, citrus, almonds, grapes

He said that most of the farms are smaller.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Mr. Corkin was not certain; however, he assumed that Portuguese were very involved in the farming community.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

He said that the Latino population frequents the Mexican restaurants, packing houses and trucking companies.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** **X**

He does not know anything about fishing in the area.

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

N/A

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?

N/A

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?  
YES NO

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

- g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns? Yes, pesticides that live in the water.
- o Cultural prohibitions? none
- o Legal issues? No, all follow law with regards to fishing in the Delta
- o Economic forces? Yes
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                      NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

He said that the Latino population puts on several events such as the Cinco de Mayo celebration.

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers**   X                      TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)**   X  

He said that people read the local newspaper and browse the Internet.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Mr. Corkin said that low-income residents use the County health clinics.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Donnette Carter, Chamber of Commerce (already contacted)

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Yes

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Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/11/09

Name/Organization: Matt Rexroad, Yolo County Board of Supervisors  
District 3

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Rexroad feels there is no stability within the Delta. He is concerned about the regulations within the Delta on water use and habitat issues. He is also concerned about too much water going down to Southern California.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

It is a great recreational resource

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The potential project might have a very negative effect on Yolo County. It might also negatively impact wildlife. He is also concerned about the State making land use decisions that should be made by Counties. Land use issues and decisions should stay local.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Mr. Rexroad is concerned about habitat easements, flood easements and regulatory restrictions on farmers.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both? **N/A**

**Live** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work** \_\_\_\_\_ **Both**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

**N/A**

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o **Recreational YES**
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

**Yes**

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

**Mr. Rexroad believes his community is unique because of the architecture of the buildings in his district, the community's diversity, and the fact the community has high employment in the private sector.**

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

The Christmas parade in December and the Yolo County Fair in August brings out a mix of ethnic groups.

Why do you think they are important?

Those events define the community.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian and Latino

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish and Russian

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Tomatoes, grapes, nuts and alfalfa

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Caucasian and Latino

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Taco Trucks are frequented largely by the Latino population and well as Walmart.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

He believes that all ethnicities around the area use them equally.

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES                    **NO   X**

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

He was not sure.

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_                    **NO   X**

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

He was not sure.

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers** **X** TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**The Woodland Daily Democrat is good source of information. So are the internet and blogs.**

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

**Mainly through County services and local emergency rooms**

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

**Caucasians, Latinos, and Indians**

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Marlin H. "Skip" Davies, Woodland Mayor 530-908-1781

Art Pimentel, Woodland Vice Mayor 530-681-8501

Carol Souza Cole, Woodland Unified School District 530-666-2097

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/11/09

Name/Organization: Anna Martin, UC Cooperative Extension, Stockton

NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

She said that the Delta is in danger of falling apart and there is a danger of levee breaks. She thinks that the Delta is important to urban living, tourists and the general quality of life.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

She said that it is amazing how much the Delta intertwines through the Stockton area. She thinks that the Delta is beautiful, a great recreation resource and makes city living feel like its closer to nature.

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

Ms. Martin said that they need to fix the state budget before they can fix the Delta. She also thinks that they need to bring in experts and specialists with research-based information about how to go about fixing the Delta.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
Both       X      

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

Ms. Martin grew up in Rio Vista and when she got tired of the wind she moved to Stockton. She likes being near recreational outlets to do fishing etc. Also, her husband got employed in Stockton, so they stayed.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

She visits the Delta to work, visit and for recreation and stress reduction.

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She thinks that Stockton is unique because of the amount of collaboration the city's residents have among each other. She said that this doesn't happen as much in other counties as it does in Stockton. The collaborative atmosphere helps with health in the community because it creates a livable community.

And the Delta promotes health in the community because it allows for the recreation and potential for livable space.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes, she can see herself and her family remaining in the area for years to come because she likes it there. Her daughter and grandchildren live there and it is only two hours away from both the mountains and the ocean, and only a half hour from the Delta.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She said that recreational activities are very important to her community. They enjoy activities such as walking, biking and boating. She also said that they value events such as the County Fair, Ag Venture Days, Health Fairs and the Mayor's Hike and Bike.

Why do you think they are important?

Ms. Martin thinks these events are important to the community because they provide a sense of nature and improve the health of the community by promoting family living and healthy welfare.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish and English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: asparagus, tomatoes, dairy, grapes, olives, grains and rice

She believes that most of the farms are larger farms.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

She said that there is a small group of South East Asians involved in the farming industry, but other than that the farmers are usually Caucasian, Italian and Portuguese.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

Rancho San Miguel (Hispanic food store)  
Mexican restaurants

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES X NO \_\_\_

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Latino and South East Asian

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

RECREATION  FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**IF OTHER, LIST:**

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

She thinks that people fish in the Delta because it is closer to home, and while they fish other places too, the Delta is cheaper because it is closer and for many people it is tradition because they grew up fishing in the Delta.

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES  NO

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

Woodward Reservoir, Lake Berryessa, and ocean fishing

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

She said that it is a mix between Caucasian and Latino

- g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?

- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES **X**      NO        

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

She said that the Hmong and Cambodian communities host a New Years celebration every year. Also, the Latino, Filipino, Portuguese, Italian and Jewish communities put on various cultural events. While none of the events exclude anyone, they target their particular community.

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- o Not enough interest?
- o Not enough money?
- o No leadership?
- o Other reasons?

### Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio **X**      Newspapers **X**      TV **X**

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) **X**

Stockton Record/ local Lodi newspaper  
Internet

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Ms. Martin said people use the Human Services Agency, Healthy San Joaquin, Community Medical Centers, County Hospitals and emergency rooms.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Ms. Martin said that San Joaquin is a county that has a minority as the majority population; however, she believes that Latinos and Caucasians are equally in the low-income bracket.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Mr. Canevari (Retired UC Department adviser)

Paul Berdaul – UC Department Adviser

Joe Grant – UC Department Adviser

\* All at same number: 209-953-6100

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/11/09

Name/Organization: Jeannie Bruins, Council member, City of Citrus Heights

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

The Delta needs more attention and a strategic plan moving into the future.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

The great amount of wildlife and agriculture in the Delta

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

Growth in the Delta can't get out of hand. The wildlife and agriculture resources need to stay in the area. Also water distribution is an important issue. Water is needed to sustain the Delta.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

She believes all alternative water conservation measures need to be explored. She also believes it's important that Northern Californians don't pay for any projects. Southern California should have to pay for the project if they are the ones benefiting.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_ **NO**

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational **YES**
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She believes the city is unique because it is only 12 years old. It is already built out so there will be no more growth. The city has a great sense of community. The city administration was also very smart with money so they are not in as bad of a financial situation as many other cities are right now.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Slogova festival- has been put on hold but was mostly attended by Russians  
Sunday Fun Day- in September mostly attended by Caucasian  
Red White and Blue Parade- in July mostly attended by Caucasians

Why do you think they are important?

The events bring the community together.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Mostly Caucasian

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Retail Sales

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

Sunrise mall is frequented by all ethnic groups.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

He believes that all ethnicities around the area use them equally.

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES                      **NO   X**

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

She was not sure.

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_                      **NO   X**

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

She was not sure.

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers** **X** TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)** **X**

Ms. Bruins believes a lot of community leaders get information from the City's Web site, the monthly city newsletter and through homeowner association meetings and newsletters

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

The ER

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Caucasian

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

N/A

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No already gets information

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No already gets information

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS: N/A**

DATE: 8/11/09

Name/Organization: Len Augustine, Mayor, City of Vacaville

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He is concerned about the future of the Delta. He worries the non Delta residents will make plans for the Delta that will negatively impact Delta residences. He is also concerned about how global warming will impact the Delta

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

That it is naturally beautiful and a great natural resource

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

There needs to a very open process regard the canal. The people of the Delta need to have their voices heard.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He believes more water storage is needed and DWR should not only focus on fixing the levees. He also believes the current waste water regulations are too strict. He understands that we have to protect fish, but we also have to protect humans.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
      X      

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

His family has been in the Delta area for over 75 years. His children live in Vacaville. He also likes that it has a lot of great things to do.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

N/A

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He believes it is a very family oriented town. Everyone is very friendly and everyone works well together. It is a very unified community.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Creek Walk- In September attended by a mix of ethnic groups  
Music Concerts- Throughout the summer every Friday. Attended by a mix of ethnic groups  
Christmas Tree Lighting- In December attended by a mix of ethnic groups  
Senior Days- Various times throughout the year. Attended by a mix of ethnic groups  
Fiesta Days- Every May, mostly attended by Latinos

Why do you think they are important?

The events bring the community together. They are a great way to spend time with family and friends

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Mostly Caucasian and Latino, but there is also a population of Blacks and Asians

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

One of them. It is very large, but not the primary form of employment

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: fruit, nuts, tomatoes, sunflower seeds

Mr. Augustine wasn't sure if most farms employ less than 50 people or more.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

He believes it's a mix, but mostly Asians and Latinos.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Other large forms of employment are technology, healthcare, Travis Air Force base and the jail.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

No

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

He believes that all ethnicities around the area use them equally.

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

**RECREATION X** FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

N/A

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

Many people go to Lake Berryessa and Rio Vista

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES            **NO   X**

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

- g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

**N/A**

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons? **YES**

**The community is very diverse**

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

**Radio X** Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ **TV X**

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe) X**

Other organizations Mr. Augustine described include Vacaville Magazine, the City Web site, grassroots outreach such as posting information at the post office and local stores, and town hall meetings. He also said the City run television station and radio station are a good source of information for residents.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Many receive healthcare from the area hospital emergency rooms. The city is currently working with the County to build a one stop social services center however it is still the planning stages. Local churches also provide support services.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

N/A

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **Contact Details**

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/11/09

Name/Organization: Ted Gaebler, City Manager, City of Rancho Cordova

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Gaebler did not have an opinion

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

Mr. Gaebler did not have an opinion

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

Mr. Gaebler did not have an opinion

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO X

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO X

d. Water quality **YES X** NO X

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He believes Southern California is trying to steal Northern California's water.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both? **N/A**

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ **Both**  
          **X**          

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

Because this is where his job is located.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

N/A

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Rancho Cordova is a new city. The population is currently approximately 65,000 and it is growing. The city also faces many issues such as transportation.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

No, Mr. Gaebler would like to move to the bay area. He believes it offers a better mix of culture, a better climate, and different political views.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- Eppies Great race happens every July, and has a mix of ethnic groups
- International festival in the fall, a mix of ethnic groups attends
- There are events throughout the year at the speedway. They are generally attended by Caucasians.
- The annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July festival is attended by a mix of ethnic groups

Why do you think they are important?

They showcase Rancho Cordova as a positive destination location. They add to the economic wealth of the City and also provided positive PR.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Asian, Caucasian, Ukraine, Filipino, Koran, and Latino

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

N/A

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Most local jobs are at the steel plant, in government or in the educational field.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

N/A

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

He believes that all ethnicities around the area use them equally.

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO  X

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X        Newspapers   X        TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_      Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)   X  

The local weekly newspaper the Grapevine Independent. They also get information from the City's Web site.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

N/A

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

N/A

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities

discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Curt Haven, City's Economic Development Director, 916-851-8700 and Cyrus Abhar, Public Works Director, 916-851-8700

That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

19. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS: N/A**

DATE: 8/12/09

Name/Organization: Mark Ross, City Council Member, City of Martinez

NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Ross feels there has been a dramatic downturn in the state of the delta. He believes that climate change has resulted in a reduction of water in the Delta.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

It is a great source of drinking water and provides economic benefits to the region. It also provides a great area for recreational activities and a wonderful area for wildlife.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The water flow has not been protected and there is water diversion throughout the area.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Mr. Ross is concerned about water intrusion in the Contra Costa water supply.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both? **N/A**

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational **YES**
- To visit family or friends
- Other

Fishing and boating

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

No

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

N/A

Why do you think they are important?

N/A

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

75% are Caucasian and 25% are Latino or African American

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Most residents work either the professional or industrial fields.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Local ethnic restaurants

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

He believes that all ethnicities around the area use them equally.

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

**d. If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

**e. If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

**f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

**g. If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers X** TV \_\_\_\_\_

**Community organizations X** Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe) X**

The Internet

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Mainly through County services

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Caucasians

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Linus Eukel, Executive Director of the Muir Heritage Land Trust

That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

19. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/13/09

Name/Organization: Don Tatzin, Mayor, City of Lafayette

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Tatzin is concerned about the current state of the Delta. His top concerns are about water quality, levee failure and wildlife issues.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

Mr. Tatzin thinks the Delta is great water supply. It's also a great place for agriculture. It has an interesting natural setting and great wildlife.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He believes the state needs to work to protect the environment, prevent salt water intrusion in the Delta and be thoughtful about future development plans.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO X

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO X

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO X

d. Water quality **YES X** NO X

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Mr. Tatzin believes the state needs to concern the harm that abandon boats cause. They leak hazardous materials into the water. The state should also not use safe funds to fix the Delta.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both? **N/A**

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**  
Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational **YES**
- To visit family or friends
- Other

Sometime to bird watch.

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

It is a quite small community within the bay area.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- Art and Wine festival in September- Mix of ethnic groups
- Fun Run- October- Mix of ethnic groups
- Lafayette Arts and Science festival- June- Mix of ethnic groups
- School fundraisers- year around- mix of ethnic groups.

Why do you think they are important?

It gives people the opportunity to get out, have fun, get to know their neighbors, and be educated about public projects.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Most Lafayette residents work in the bay area. Many of their jobs are professionals. Within Lafayette most of the jobs are retail, auto repair, and educationally based.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Libraries, City offices, schools, and ethnic grocery stores.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X   NO \_\_\_\_\_

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Caucasian

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION   X   FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

They do fish in the Delta because it is easy to get to.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES   X   NO \_\_\_\_\_

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

The Lafayette Reservoir.

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

Caucasian

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO   X  

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

**Radio**   X        **Newspapers**   X        **TV**   X  

**Community organizations**   X        **Community events**   X  

**Other (describe)**   X  

Many residents get their information from the internet and the City's Web site.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Mr. Tatzin believes most people receive information about low income programs from housing projects, county services, MediCal and Medicaid, County hospitals, and various senior programs.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Caucasian

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

**Teresa Garder, President, Lafayette School Board, 925-927-3500**

That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

**Yes both Mr. Tatzin and his administrative assistant Joanne Robbins should be added.**

19. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

**Yes both Mr. Tatzin and his administrative assistant Joanne Robbins should be added.**

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/13/09

Name/Organization: Joanne Ward, Council member, City of Hercules

NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Ms. Ward knows a lot people are talking about the state of the Delta, but she doesn't have an opinion about the Delta.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The Department needs to focus on water storage options and have a strong plan in place for the future.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO X**

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO X**

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both? **N/A**

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

No

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

The city of Hercules has over 200 different ethnic groups.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as*

*cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

The annual Cultural Festival, which brings out a mix of ethnic groups, and events hosted by nonprofits throughout the year.

Why do you think they are important?

It helps people better understand other ethnic groups and cultures.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

40% Filipino, 10% Caucasian, and 50% and mix of other ethnic groups including Black, Latino, and Asian

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Tagalog, Spanish, Chinese, English, and many individuals are bilingual.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

The city of Hercules is a commuter town; so many people that live there do not work there. However, the city has grown in the bio chemical sector and in commercial retail.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Many Filipinos own accounting firms. There are also some Asian restaurants that many Asians and Filipinos frequent. They include Choko's Cuisine, Shisen Sushi.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO  X

He believes that all ethnicities around the area use them equally.

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

N/A

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES                      **NO   X**

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o **Other reasons?**      Lack of interest.

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_                      **NO   X**

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- **Other reasons?** There are not a lot of events within the community. There are some events that come up based on political issues. However, the Council member could not name any.

### Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ **Community events   X**

**Other (describe)   X** The quarterly magazine the Herculean, quarterly redevelopment newsletter published by the city, quarterly chamber newsletter and once a year there is a newsletter by the city about upcoming community events

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Through the affordable housing department and information from city employees

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Filipino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking

for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

The City's Public information officer, Michelle Harrington, 510-799-8200

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes- home and city e-mails

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes- home and city e-mails

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A



DATE: 8/13/09

Name/Organization: Alan Christensen, City Manager, City of Arvin

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He is not that familiar with the Delta, but he feels okay with the current state.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

N/A.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO X**

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES X **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES X **NO X**

d. Water quality YES X **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Mr. Christensen thinks we need to concern local city's needs for water supply.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both? N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

**Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

No

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

It is similar to many other communities in the Central Valley. They face socio/economic issues and have a large population that works in the farming sector.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as*

*cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

N/A

Why do you think they are important?

N/A

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish and English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Carrots, almonds, potatoes, onions, and peaches

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

A grocery store known as the Ranch market, Mexican restaurants and mini markets are all frequented by the Latino population.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

**RECREATION X** FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

No they stay local.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces? Yes**
- Other reasons?

**It is too expensive to travel.**

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

**Community organizations**   X   Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Many people get information through the Dolores Huerta Foundation. They are a local non-profit.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Most receive health care through low cost clinics and nonprofits. A large one in the community is Clinica Sierra Vista.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

N/A

That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your

community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

19. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/13/09

Name/Organization: Norene O'Regan, Former City Council Member,  
City of Fairfield

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

She knows that there needs to be work done on the Delta. She tries to stay up with current events in the Delta and she feels that people tend to go overboard in one direction, which in turn leads to overcorrection. She thinks that all of the affected parties need to be involved in the Delta issues.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

The Delta's best attribute is its beauty and its water supply.

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

Ms. O'Regan feels that the state has created too many different water entities that have conflicting interests. She thinks that there needs to be one body to govern the water with respect to regional input but they still have the ultimate decision making power. She said that since large areas of the state were developed on land that is essentially a desert, there needs to be a core water authority. She thinks that areas surrounding bodies of water should have first preference or water rights before others. She also thinks that most water resentment comes out of the fact that a lot of northern Californian water is shipped to other parts of the state.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

She said that she is not sure if this idea is part of the project, but she has heard a lot of controversy about the intent to reclaim lands that were once submerged as one resolution to fixing the Delta. She thinks that this is a mistake and believes that it is possible to achieve a harmonious answer.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
    X    

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

### Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

Ms. O'Regan said that Fairfield has the perfect climate. She was born and raised in Boston, and believes that the climate in Fairfield is very temperate. In 25 years she has only seen the temperature drop into the freezing zone eight or nine times, and she has only seen it snow once. She also likes that Fairfield is centrally located and you can get to any part of the state by taking local highways.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**  
Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

N/A

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Ms. O'Regan thinks that her community is unique because it is centrally located between San Francisco and Sacramento, so you have access to everything. She also thinks it is unique because Fairfield houses the Jelly Belly and Budweiser plants.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

(Forgot to ask question)

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She said that Travis Air Force Base is very important to the community, as well as boating, water sports, fishing and other outdoor related activities. She said that organizations such as the Cordelia Rotary Club, put on several events that are important. Some general community events that Ms. O'Regan finds important to her community are the Annual Pumpkin Patch, Child Haven's functions, Waterfront festival, Tomato Festival and Creek Walks.

Why do you think they are important?

Ms. O'Regan thinks that it is economically important to have activities that are free or very inexpensive for the community to participate in. She also thinks that volunteer work is important so that people can give back.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

She said that Fairfield is an ethnic checkerboard. In recent years the Caucasian ethnicity has dropped below 50 percent. Some of the larger ethnic populations in the area are Filipino, Latino, Vietnamese and Indian.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, however, most jobs ask or require that the applicant be bilingual because there is such a large Spanish speaking population.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes, agriculture is a large employer for Solano County, however, not directly in Fairfield.

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Solano County crops: grapes, walnuts, almonds, corn, hay and tomatoes.

She said that most of the farms are small and family-owned or operated.

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

Red Brick Pizza – Minority owned, although not sure what ethnicity. The majority of nail salons in the community are Vietnamese oriented. There is a large one located in the Waterman Shopping Center.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

She knows that there are areas that are more used for fishing by minority ethnicities, although she is not sure who these users are.

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION X FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?

Ms. O'Regan thinks that people fish in the Delta because it is close and convenient.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES X NO

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

She said that she sees large groups fishing in the marshes located along Highway 37.

**f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

She is not positive, but she said that most people look like they are Latino.

**g. If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES**   X   **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

She said that there is a Latino ballet dance group as well as a Polynesian dance group that are comprised of their respective ethnicity.

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers \_\_X\_\_** TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**The local newspaper is the Fairfield Daily Republic.**

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

**Because Fairfield is the seat of the County, people come to Fairfield to get help from the County and the Solano Health Partnership, which has essentially replaced MediCal.**

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

**She speculated that most low-income residents in Fairfield are Latino based on her experience while volunteering in the community.**

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

**She said that if we had her name then we probably contacted all of the people that she would recommend.**

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Email:

**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/14/09

Name/Organization: Don Kuehne, Council Member, City of Hercules

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Kuehne is concerned about water quality issues in the Delta.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

The Delta is a great water resource.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The Department needs to remember how important agriculture is to the Delta.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO X**

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO X**

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Mr. Kuehne wants to make sure that the Delta remains fresh water based and a good water supply source.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both? **N/A**

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both

\_\_\_\_\_

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

N/A

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

The community he represents is very proactive in environmental aspects including water conservation and environmental issues.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- The annual community educational conference in April- Mix of ethnic groups
- The Cultural Festival in June which also has a mix of ethnic groups.

Why do you think they are important?

They provide a sense of community, family fun, and provide community information.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Asian, Caucasian and African American

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Hercules is a bedroom community to other bay area cities so most jobs are not within the city. However the two top employers within the city are retail and biomedical jobs.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Local restaurants and grocery stores

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

He believes that all ethnicities around the area use them equally.

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

**d. If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

**e. If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

**f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

**g. If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO  X

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?

- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

The city is very diverse so activities are mainly mixed.

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV   X    
 Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (describe)   X  

The city Web site and city mailings

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Local non-profit healthcare centers.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

He did not know.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Shirley Gotelli, Executive Director of the Hercules Chamber of Commerce-  
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That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

19. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/14/09

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Ms. Ulikma feels the Delta is in trouble. She is concerned about the environment and the degradation of the land. She is concerned that people see the Delta as a water well for the State.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

She believes it is a great water supply and a great natural resource.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

She thinks there are major issues with the current water flow. She is also concerned that the Delta will be drained dry. In addition Ms. Ulikma is concerned about the salt water intrusion in the Delta.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Ms. Ulikma thinks the Department should be concerned about the stability of the levees, water contamination and the removal of water from the Delta.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both? **N/A**

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

N/A

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Contra Costa County is inland as opposed to most other bay area Counties. They rely on the Delta for water. They have a strong travel corridor. In terms of the make up of the area she represents it is very diverse. She also noted that most of individuals that live in her district work in industrial fields and that there are numerous refineries within her district.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

There are many Filipino events, but she could not think of any specific ones. She also noted that there are many historical events through out the year that draw a mix of people.

Why do you think they are important?

They are good family activities.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Filipino, Indian, Caucasian, Latino, Asian, and Black

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Tagolan, English and Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Industry is the primary form of employment

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

No

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Asian

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH X OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC X

N/A

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES   X        NO \_\_\_\_\_

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

The Carquinez Strait

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

Asian

g. **If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X        NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

She is not sure of the exact ethnic events, but she knows they are ones that do take place throughout her district.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

**Radio**   X      **Newspapers**   X      **TV**   X  

**Community organizations**   X      **Community events**  
  X  

**Other (describe)**   X  

- City's Web site

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Through non-profit organization and private clinics.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

N/A

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/14/09

Name/Organization: Steve Salomon, City Manager, Visalia

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Salomon believes the Delta is an important part of the State's water system. He noted it one of the largest ecosystems and that the whole system needs to be improved.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

He stated that it is a beautiful area full of wildlife and nature. He also said it is very unique compared to other areas throughout the state.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The Delta needs to fix as a whole, not piecemealed. The legislature and Department of Water Resources needs to look the whole range of issues. They also need to upgrade the discharge system.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

The Department of Water Resources needs to really focus on the issue of salt water intrusion.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both? **N/A**

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends **YES**
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

The sense of community. The fact that the City knows its personality. The progressive planning that has taken place within the city.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- The Hispanic roundtable has events throughout the year that are generally attended by the Latino community
- Every Sunday there is a farmers' market at the Sequoia mall. It draws a mix of people.
- The city hosts downtown concerts every Friday night during the summer which has a mix of people attend
- Every December there is the Candy Cane parade on Main Street. It brings out a mix of the community.

Why do you think they are important?

The events bring together the community. They are also great family events. The events have also helped the downtown area prosper.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

50 % Latino; 45 % Caucasian; 5% Other

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Citrus, nuts, and dairy

Most farms have less than 50 employees

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Portuguese, Caucasian, Latino

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Mexican Restaurants like El Progreso are frequented by the Latino population.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X** \_\_\_\_\_

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO  X

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

Its not local

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                        NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Southeastern Asian community members take part in the New Year celebration which happens in February. The Latino community takes part in the Cinco De Mayo events that happen throughout the city in May.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers   X**      TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_      Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

- The Valley Voice Newspaper
- The Visalia Times Delta
- Spanish newspapers

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- Calworks
- Low income food stores
- County Health Department
- Salvation Army
- Non-profit

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- SOPAC, McCarthy Mulholland, Executive Director of the Sequoia Riverlands Trust (559) 738-0211
- Alex Peler, City Attorney for Visalia, 559-636-2000
- Robert Aguilar, Hispanic Community Leader, (559)733-3725

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/14/09

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He thinks that the Delta is an a poor state.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He has found that there are conflicts between the farmers and the Delta users,  
overall he thinks that the Delta is treated poorly/

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO X**

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware  
of?

He thinks that levee failure have impacted the environment and the farm  
workers are afraid of speaking out because of law enforcement. The church is  
the only organization that goes out and helps them.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

o **Recreational**

o To visit family or friends

o **Other – events / weddings**

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Within the Delta there are certainly lower income families and more isolated linguistics. They have special insight to the land and they know more about the topography and ground that is special. The state policy makers could benefit from their innate knowledge and experience.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that community finds the cultural events such as Dia de Guadalupe, 16 de September, and other festivals to be important. He also said that a place for family events and fishing is important is important to the community too.

Why do you think they are important?

Fishing has been a way of live for people, for recreation and for some it is all they can afford. Family is important to Latinos. Community events are important, especially for men that come to work – they need to feel supported by their culture or they will be too homesick.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino, however, in the Delta there are many people from Michoacan and Oaxaca Mexico.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish/ Mixteco/ Triqui

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: cotton, asparagus, wine, but asparagus more than the rest.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Hispanic

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Construction, dry walling, service, industry farming are also large employers.

### Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

No comment

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO\_X\_**

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

**RECREATION** **X** FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER

IF OTHER, LIST:

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

He thinks people fish in the Delta because they have access and no harassment from law enforcement.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES                    **NO**    **X**

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

N/A

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES**       **X**                          NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Quinceñera, weddings, family engagements, barbecues, festivals such as the asparagus festival.

**If no:** Why not?

N/A, unaware

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons? Does not know of any events

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

**Radio**   X                        Newspapers                             **TV**   X  

Community organizations                             Community events       

**Other (describe)**   X                        Word of mouth, church, school

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a.        Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

People receive assistance at community health centers, county clinics.

b.        What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Southeast Asian and Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Herman – he will call back, can't remember his last name or phone number.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/14/09

Name/Organization: Salvador Santillan, California Hispanic Resource Council, Sacramento

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Santillan feels that the Delta could possibly be improved.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

He feels that the Delta's best attributes are its location among the different communities between Sacramento and West Sacramento and the size of the Delta.

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

It has potential for possibilities, not only recreational but once cleaned up it can be developed around different communities for recreation as well as for businesses that will help the local economy.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO X**

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Mr. Santillan is also concerned with the levees as well as the need to travel far distances to cross from one side to the other.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

o **Recreational**

o To visit family or friends

o Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He thinks his community is unique because of the opportunities to enjoy the in the Delta such as recreational activities and business opportunities where work, leisure and family can all come together.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that cultural events, family events, educational events such as health fairs, job opportunity fairs and sports are all very important to his community.

Why do you think they are important?

He feels that these activities are important because they provide recreation, socialization and family bonding. People can get to know others in the community. Community activities are good for physical, mental, emotional health.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

White /Latino / Black / Asian / Russian

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English / Spanish / Chinese / Russian / Hmong / Vietnamese

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?
- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Retail / Government

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Big retailers such as Wal-Mart, Target and fast food restaurants.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X   NO \_\_\_\_\_

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Vietnamese / Hmong / Blacks / Hispanics

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH   X   OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL   X   ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

He thinks that people fish in the Delta because it is a hobby, it is close by and it is very big.

**d. If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES                    **NO   X**

**e. If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

**f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

**g. If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES**     **X**                        NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?  
Cultural events are held at parks. They also attended concerts and dances at Arco Arena, state fairs, and local theaters.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?

- o No leadership?
- o Other reasons? Does not know of any events

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X   Newspapers   X   TV   X  

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)   X   Word of mouth.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He said most low income residents get assistance through community organizations and community clinics.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Blacks and Latinos

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Local Chambers of Commerce

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your

community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Email:

**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/17/09

Name/Organization: Duane Chamberlain, Yolo County Board of Supervisor

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

The state needs to stay out of the Delta. He believes the State is wasting water. He believes the government needs to stay out of the Delta.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

Mr. Chamberlain believes the best attributes of the Delta is the water, the wildlife, the agricultural resources and the recreational opportunities.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

Mr. Chamberlain believes there needs to more water storage in the Delta. He also thinks the State needs to work harder to maintain the levees. In addition he is concerned about lack of water for residents and agricultural businesses within the Delta. Finally he stated that the canal project might be okay, but only if the state constructs more water storage.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Mr. Chamberlain believes with the increase in the state's population the state should not waste water. The state needs to have a clear plan about what

they are going to do with the project and not have another "CalFED" problem on their hands.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both? N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

### Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

N/A

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

The valuable agricultural land, the amount of food produced in the area, the community's need for water, the large Latino population.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- The earthquake festival which has a mix of ethnic groups
- The almond festival which has a mix of ethnic groups
- The Di Day Las Ninos which is mainly attended by Latinos
- The County Fair which has a mix of ethnic groups that attend

Why do you think they are important?

The events are fun and fuel the economy.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

40% Latino and the rest of the population are made up of Caucasian, Asian, and other groups.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Tomatoes that will be canned, alfalfa, rice, wheat, grapes.

Most farms have less than 50 employees

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino and Caucasian

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

- Latino grocery stores (Latino)
- Costco in Woodlake (Mix of ethnic groups)

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X        NO \_\_\_\_\_

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Hmong

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ **FOOD**   X      BOTH \_\_\_\_\_    OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ **CULTURAL** **X** **ECONOMIC** **X**

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

**YES** **X** NO \_\_\_\_\_

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

Sacramento River and Putah Creek

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

Hmong

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES** **X** NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Familia De La Festival, did not know month the event takes place. Mostly attended by Latinos.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X                        Newspapers   X                        TV   X  

Community organizations   X                        Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

- Spanish radio
- Spanish newspaper
- The newspaper the Valley Voice
- The television station Telemundo
- Spanish Churches (mostly Catholic)
- Schools
- Winters Newspaper

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?
- Churches
  - Neighbors
- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- Christy Right at the Woodland Chamber- 530-662-7327

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Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **Contact Details**

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/17/09

Name/Organization: Winston Ashizawa, Sacramento Japanese Methodist Church

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He feels concerned because the Delta is on the decline.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

He thinks that the Delta's best attributes are its beauty and its importance to the fisheries.

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He thinks that we need to keep urbanization out of the Delta. He is torn over the dilemma about protecting the islands from flooding because of the expense, but he thinks having the islands is good. He thinks that it is a losing battle due to the natural deterioration that form geological matter and sink the islands which causes more levee and reclamation work. We are artificially trying to maintain the area which may be a bad idea. He wants to know who we think we are determining what should be preserved artificially or not, and how does it play into the larger picture of the environment say 20,000 years from now? He thinks it is about preserving natural species and not man-made areas.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO\_\_\_

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO\_\_\_

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO\_\_\_

d. Water quality **YES X** NO\_\_\_

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Mr. Ashizawa knows some friends that bought a second home in Rio-Vista in a Senior Community and he does not think that this type of urbanization is good for the area because the residents are so far away from stores etc. that they are increasing transportation carbon, wearing the roads, requiring roads to connect them to the world. He does not think that Yolo or Solano County should be permitting building in these areas.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?  
Both

Live \_\_\_\_\_ **Work**       X       **Both**  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

### Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

Originally Mr. Ashizawa came to the area because he was able to enjoy skiing, hunting and fishing. He liked the balance between urban areas and the proximity to outdoor recreation. Now, he stays in the area because he has been here for so long. (Lives in Carmichael, works in Sac)

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**  
Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

N/A

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

He does not think that Carmichael is unique; however, he does think that the Asian community is unique.

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He said that many Asians come from farming communities so they are able to appreciate the agriculture community better. He also said that many of the Asians living in Sacramento used to live in areas immediate to the Delta such as Walnut Grove, so they have a better understanding of the area.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes, mainly because his family is in the area.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that annual church festivals are important to the Asian community. He also said that organizations such as the Asian Community Center are important.

Why do you think they are important?

Mr. Ashizawa thinks that these groups and activities are important because of the human and cultural services that government sources can't provide. He also said that all of these groups are nonprofit and must rely on the donations and good will of those who volunteer, so friendship building and bonding is very important.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

In both Carmichael and the Japanese communities English is the primary language.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

He said that most people are employed by the government.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Asian Community Center, Oto's Grocery Store (Japanese), CAPITAL (he could not remember the acronym, but he said that it is mainly Asian organizations that are very politically aware)

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X   NO

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Asians, because in the Asian culture fresh fish is valued and fishing is an enjoyed sport. He knows quite a few Asians who fish for sport and the fish that are not consumed can be given to family and friends as a gift.

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH X** OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

There is less and less fishing occurring because of issues with Fish and Game and the difficult resale of fish. Also, most fish that would be caught can be purchased fresh, without the process of having to catch it.

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

**PREFERENCE X** CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

He believes that people fish the Delta because they are after a certain type of species that they can't find in other areas.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES NO **He doesn't know**

He said that the Asian population goes to the Bay Area, but not to use the water, only to see family.

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

**f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

**g. If no: Why not?**

He was not familiar with any areas that certain ethnic groups may use or not use.

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES**     X                          **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Asian Church Festivals  
Asian Community Center Fundraiser, attended by Asians  
Asian Sports Foundation – Crab Feed and Basketball program (basketball actively supported in Japanese/Chinese community)

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons? .

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers \_\_X\_\_** TV \_\_\_\_\_

**Community organizations \_\_X\_\_** Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_ Internet \_\_\_\_\_

**News papers: Sac Bee**

**Community Organizations: Asian Community Center (they have a newsletter that reaches six thousand to eight thousand Asians in the Sacramento area. The newsletter is read pretty much cover to cover)**

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

**He said that it depends on what the particular need is. For those who are non-English speaking they contact Donna Yee at the Asian Community Center for information regarding referral services. However, the organization is targeted toward seniors.**

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

**Rancho Cordova: Korean**

**North Sacramento: Hmong**

**South Sacramento: Filipino and Chinese**

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

**Donna Yee, CEO Asian Community Center: 916-394-6399 ext 127**

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Yes

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Yes

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/18/09

Name/Organization: Grant Deary, NorCal Beverages

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He is very concerned about the Delta. He said that it is an abundant estuary of natural resources that serves the needs of greater Northern California. He does not think that the Delta should be tapped into to fulfill the urban demand and growth of Southern California. He said that the demand and growth in Northern California alone has already created challenges, and to send the water to Southern California would be a disaster.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

He thinks that the Delta's best attribute is that it is a reliable supply of water that serves agriculture, businesses, residents and wildlife in the community. Also, that it provides a natural habitat and a source for recreation.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

Mr. Deary thinks that we need to have more water storage facilities upstream. With the growing population in the state there needs to be more water conservation and storage facilities to capture water and ensure a healthy flow through the Delta for fish.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He said that we should be aware of levee enhancements for flood policies and that there is a moratorium on building and development in the area due to the levees.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work     X     Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

### Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

Mr. Deary chooses to work in West Sacramento because his family's business has been rooted there for more than 75 years. He also said that he loves the natural resources and abundance in the area.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Mr. Deary thinks that West Sacramento is special because is it surrounded by natural resources and water. He also said it is very diverse and maintains a mixture of agricultural, industrial and residential areas.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes, if the environment stays business friendly. He thinks he will remain in West Sacramento because its physical location in relation to his customers is key.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

West Sac on the Go  
Neighbor's Faire  
Any type of recreational water activity

Why do you think they are important?

Mr. Deary thinks that these activities are important to the community because they provide a venue by which the community can share in natural resources of the area. Because of this, West Sacramento is deeply connected to Sacramento County through the water ways.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

60 percent Anglo  
30 percent Latino  
10 percent everything else

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: rice, wheat, wine grapes, tomatoes, corn, sun flowers and alfalfa

He assumed that most farms were smaller.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Mr. Deary assumed Latino.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

He could not think of any.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES  NO

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

He said that there is an Asian population that does a lot of bank fishing. He also said that the Hmong population fishes from the banks and does not obey the Fish and Game limit laws. He said that he is aware of some poaching that goes on during the bank fishing.

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH \_ X\_** OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ **CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_**

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?

He said that most people fish in the Delta because they are sport or recreation fishing. He also said they go to the Delta for commercial guiding.

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?  
YES **NO X** Didn't know of any

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

- g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**   X  

Does not know of any specifically but he assumes that they go on.

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

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Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)**   X  

He said that people get information through the City of W. Sacramento and local representatives, the County Board Members, and the state of California.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Mr. Deary said that people would go to the City for help.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

He didn't know.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Dan Ramos – Ramco Enterprises 916-372-6170  
Andy Wallace- Wallace and Kuhl (already on list to contact)

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/18/09

Name/Organization: Koua Franc, Hmong Women Heritage Association

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

She thinks that there is very little discussion and awareness involving the Hmong community, so she wants more information regarding the Delta before she can make a decision about it.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

N/A

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** **NO X**

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
      X

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

She chooses to live and work in the area because there is a large Hmong population and her job works with mainly Hmong people. She also likes the nice weather.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She thinks that the Hmong community is unique because their language is very treasured and is passed down from generation to generation. Anytime there is any outreach done to the Hmong community it is very important that someone who speaks Hmong is there. She also said that the Hmong community is very tight knit, and in 2004 there was a whole new influx of Hmong refugees into the Sacramento area.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes, because she works in the Delta region and it is a central place that is close to Sacramento, Northern California and Yosemite.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She said that fishing is very important along with agriculture and boating.

Why do you think they are important?

She thinks that these activities are very important because they bring back old traditions. The Hmong are naturally agriculture people.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

She said that Sacramento is very diverse and there isn't really any one primary ethnicity. She said that there are areas within Sacramento that have a higher concentration of certain ethnicities, but it depends on what part of the town you are in.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Hmong, however, most speak English as well

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No, however, she does believe that it is a type of employment for the Hmong community in Sacramento.

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

She thinks that farming is hobby type of activity for the Hmong population where they grow for consumption not money. She said that most of the Hmong living in the region are living below the poverty line and receive government aid or some other type of assistance.

### Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

The Hmong population resides in South Sacramento and a small portion in North Sacramento. She said that there are small Hmong grocery stores in these areas where most Hmong do their shopping.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ **She doesn't know**

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

She said that the Hmong use the areas, but she is not sure that they use them any more often than any other ethnicity.

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH X** OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

**PREFERENCE**\_\_X\_\_\_\_**CULTURAL**\_\_\_\_ **ECONOMIC**\_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

She does not know if people use the Delta more than any other place and she isn't sure why they use the Delta.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES            NO            Not sure

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

Other areas that are used for water related activities and fishing are the American River, the Sacramento Rive and the Stockton portion of the Delta.

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

She doesn't know who uses these areas specifically, she just knows that they are used.

g. **If no: Why not?**

N/A

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                      NO       

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

She said that the Hmong community celebrates the Hmong New Year, which is a three month celebration, they attend the South East Asian summer sports events, the Water Festival in Stockton (mainly attended by Cambodian) and the Fresno South East Asian Sports Tournament (Fresno has the largest Hmong community).

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X                      Newspapers           TV       

Community organizations           Community events       

Other (describe)   X  

They use Hmong radio, 1430 AM KJAY and outreach efforts through communities such as the Hmong Women Heritage organization. From there information is passed on by word of mouth and other organizations that are part of the Hmong Women network.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

She said that most of the low income residents use MediCal and attend the Pacific Medical Clinic located off of Florin Road. She also said that most people attend the County clinic off of Stockton Blvd. and the other County services.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Within the South East Asian population, the Hmong community has the highest number of low income residents. Within all of Sacramento, Ms. Franc assumed that Black or Latino would be the lowest income.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

She recommended that we contact the Sacramento Hmong New Year Committee, Lance Fang, she didn't have his number only his e-mail: lance\_fang@yahoo.com

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Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all

interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **Contact Details**

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME/ORGANIZATION** Gary Hexton, Delta  
Elementary Charter School

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**NOTES:**

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## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He feels that they certainly have done something to the fishery there. That concerns him. He thinks that he probably doesn't have a lot of information. He is worried about its future.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

He thinks the Delta is one of the few remaining interior Delta's in the world. He also thinks it serves as a filter between there and the bay. He thinks that's an important function. There are a lot of people who live on and enjoy the lifestyle the Delta makes possible for them. Lots of employees and employers around there. Notable the vineyards. They'd be impacted by change.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He thinks we need to look carefully at stringent measures to conserve water. Through conservation elsewhere we can have a positive impact where we are. Whatever your belief is, we sometimes forget that there are lots of creatures out there that don't get to vote – fisheries for example – that we forget about. Another issue about farm waste going into the system. Not sure if we need to control pesticides/herbicides we're using.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

He used to be a superintendent in Robins (out of Woodland) – and he said that levee failures are a big problem in that area. A lot of work has been

done recently on the levees. There is a big debate about allowing or not allowing trees.

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES NO

Just what he has read. Those fisheries have more or less disappeared. He knows that over the years, the size of fish caught has diminished as well.

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES NO

He doesn't feel that he knows much about that. He does know there is a problem with them getting caught in the pumps. He knows they are important for the rest of the fish in the environment.

d. Water quality YES NO

He doesn't know specifically. He knows pesticides and herbicides are an issue at times.

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Recreation, as a transportation is an issue. It's the lifestyle on the river that's important – need to maintain that. Nothing worse than in LA when they've taken concrete and made these awful things. He can't imagine looking down at PC and thinking it's a good thing.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ **Work     X** \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

He loves the area and his community is so incredible. These little rural communities have a sense that we've lost in this country. He said we need to maintain it where it exists.

The community's school started because Clarksburg Elementary was scheduled to be closed due to declining enrollment. The parents got together, planned a school. It's their 3<sup>rd</sup> year. K-6.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

He does not. His son fishes and boats just off the shore. Mr. Hexon commutes 38 miles.

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

It's very intimate. Everyone knows and supports everyone else. They have a 10 person board in the community. Many of them don't even have children in this school. But, they feel so strongly about the needs of the community that they come together to commit time, energy and resources. For example, if the school needs a load of dirt, they call a farmer, and he makes it happen. It's amazing.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

No answer

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

There's the Clarksburg Run. It's a big deal. He worked at it last year. It's one of the best of all the marathons. Thousands of people come and participate. Wineries draw a lot of people. The library has a fundraiser every year. The community is working on some things as a school. The community has just created English advisory committee – there will be another one on Wednesday. The school is going to do a Mexican Independence Celebration. They are enthused about maintaining their culture. There are about 65 percent English learners at this school. Only Mexican-Spanish that is spoken here. The school does a lot that other schools can't do. The school does music, instructional assistance, etc. They are able to do this because they are charter. The schools has a garden, etc. Project-based education. All the teachers are all certified/credentialed to encourage children to speak their native language, not English. They are trained to teach them, but not at the expense of the English-speaking children. The goal is to meet everyone's needs.

Why do you think they are important?

No answer

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

The school's population is 63 percent Latino, 37 percent Caucasian and 2 percent Black.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish, English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Absolutely

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Mostly grapes, however, here are pears and plums too.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

No answer

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Wineries are another major form of employment.

### Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

The school purchases all of its oil/gas from Ramos oil. There's Hussicks hardware store – deli and wine and a little grocery store in the area. There's a place called the Dinky Diner – a trailer where you get the best hamburger you'll ever have.

Of course, there's the post office.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

He is sure they are. He does not read too often about drowning.

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Either Asian or Hispanic

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH \_X\_** OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Just living on the river. It's certainly had an impact on the climate – six or seven degree difference on the river.

IF OTHER, LIST:

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

In the case of his son, it's a preference. Mr. Hexon does know there are a lot of people who do it for economic reasons. He knows there is a lot of illegal fishing – those who might take sturgeon to get the eggs.

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

Yes, he does. Or he did. He hasn't been lately because bass and salmon fishing has been curtailed.

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES            NO

N/A

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

- g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?

- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

### Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Currently, there is a huge community effort to do whatever can be done to maintain the Delta. And to deny some of that grandiose plans to transport water south. They get a lot of information from local committees, legislators and the media. The community has a great network but it is probably more specific to the Caucasian population. He expressed a desire to involve other ethnic groups.

He thinks there are ethnic papers, but he doesn't think they are readily available in the community.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He believes they go to Woodland.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Other.

He said: If we lose this community, and communities like this, we will lose forever this incredible asset. It's a throw-back to a time when things were far better – families knew one another, they took care of one another's children. I don't see that in urban areas. The environment of course is important.

19. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

It might be Paul Gingler at the High School. Don Finocinnio. Mark Pruner.

Greg Rowsey. He works for DWR. His wife works at the school.

John Bianchi – lifelong friend of his. Farms thousands of acres of rice. 916-759-3259.

Dave Richter – he's on a big committee at the state. Reach him through his wife, at Robin's school.

20. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes [Ghexom.desc@gmail.com](mailto:Ghexom.desc@gmail.com)

21. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No answer

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Email:

**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

DATE: 8/19/09

Name/Organization: Dennis Smallie, Downtown Stockton Alliance

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He believes that we need to preserve the water ways to have enough water for the community. He also thinks that we need to prevent the salinization of the Delta. He says he feels very territorial about the Delta's uses.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

He thinks the Delta's best attributes are that it provides a destination in the community to enjoy the water ways and wildlife and is a huge water source.

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He does not feel informed enough about the Delta issues to know how to fix it. However, he knows that the issue is whether or not to divert water or runoff to other areas in California, and he thinks that this will cause salinization in the Delta because less fresh water would be coming in.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
    X    

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

He chooses to live and work in the Delta region because he has grown up there and he lives in the community. As a boater and occasional fisherman, he likes that he has access to the water ways.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

No, he thinks that other communities have similar situations and issues.

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes, because he likes the area and the community and he loves the water and where he lives.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that special events, cultural events, sporting events and concerts are all important to the community. Specifically, events such as the farmer's markets, Art Walk, Evening in the Plaza, Octoberfest, Taste of San Joaquin and the Asparagus Festival are important to the Stockton community.

Why do you think they are important?

Mr. Smallie said that these events are important because people want to celebrate Stockton, have fun and enjoy themselves. These events make Stockton a destination and lure people into the community. This helps the local economy because it puts money back into Stockton.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

#1 Caucasian

#2 Latino

However, he described Stockton as very diverse.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

#1 English

#2 Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: walnuts, cherries, asparagus, tomatoes and corn

He said that there is a range in farm size both large and small.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Mr. Smallie said that those who are employed by the agriculture industry are mainly Latino and those who own the farms are mainly Caucasian.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

He said that the El Cancun located in downtown Stockton is owned and operated by the Latino community. He said that for others we should contact El Concilo, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the Mexican-American Chamber of Commerce.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X   NO \_\_\_\_\_

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

He said that because about 17 percent of the Stockton community is Asian, a higher portion of the Asian community uses the water ways for fishing than when compared to the other cultures that may have a high population percentage. However, he said that everyone enjoys that water ways equally.

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ **FOOD**   X   BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Smallie believes that the Asian population is fishing for food, while the rest of the population using the water way are fishing for recreational purposes.

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ **CULTURAL** \_\_\_X\_\_\_ **ECONOMIC** \_\_\_X\_\_\_

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?

He thinks that people fish in the Delta because it is known for its salmon fishing and in general it is a good place to fish.

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

**YES X**                      NO

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

Paradise Point (West of I-5 off 8 Mile).

Along the banks of the river by Lads, at the end of Mount Diablo

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

Asian Community

- g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns? Yes, pesticides that live in the water.
- o Cultural prohibitions? none
- o Legal issues? No, all follow law with regards to fishing in the Delta

- o Economic forces? Yes
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                      NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

The Hmong, Vietnamese, Chinese and South East Asian culture celebrate their respective New Years. The Sikh community holds special events and the Latino community holds events such as Cinco de Mayo and Latino parades. The Black community holds the Juneteenth event and events surrounding MLK Jr.

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- o Not enough interest?
- o Not enough money?
- o No leadership?
- o Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)   X

He said that people get information from the Chamber of Commerce, the City and County government and San Joaquin Council Of Governments.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):
- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

HSA – Human Services Agency

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

He assumed Latino based on the fact that there is a high percentage of Latinos in the population; however, based on the percentage of people in the Black community, most are in the low income range.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Mark Martinez (already contacting)  
Bobby Bivins – NAACP Stockton Chapter  
Denis Lee – Asian Chamber of Commerce  
Greg Flosom – City of Stockton Redevelopment

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/19/09

Name/Organization: Dr. Quesada, Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He said that he knows that the area is very important to the community for drinking water and recreational use.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

He said that the Delta's best attribute is that it is available at any time of the year for fishing, water skiing, sailing etc.

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

N/A

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
      X

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

He lives and works in the Pittsburg/Delta area because of its proximity to surrounding areas. He is close to the Delta, San Francisco, Tahoe and the mountains. Also, he thinks that it is a wonderful place in general to live.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He thinks that Pittsburg is unique because the community is able to utilize the water and the region, and take full advantage of the Delta.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes, he can see himself staying in the region because his grandparents and parents are still there; he has a very strong tie to his family.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that there is always something going on in the area. Events by the Delta, such as the Seafood Festival are very important to the community because they showcase the Delta and the community.

Why do you think they are important?

Mr. Quesada thinks that community events are important because it is a great way to showcase the area and growth in downtown Pittsburg. It also sheds light onto the city of Pittsburg so others can see it is a nice place.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He said that his community is very diverse, probably the most diverse city in Contra Costa County. He said that there is a high Latino population as well as a high Black population. But there are all types of cultures like Italian and Filipino.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

He said that Pittsburg is full of small to medium sized industrial plants such as Costco, Spiral Pipe Plant etc, so most people are employed by the industrial field.

### Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Las Superior – Latino  
Mi Pueblo - Latino

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ He didn't know

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

RECREATION \_\_\_ X\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**IF OTHER, LIST:**

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

He says that most people use the Delta because of its availability and proximity to the area.

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES **NO X**

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

- g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES \_X\_** NO \_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

He said that there are several organizations and events in the community that host cultural events. One of which is the Filipino March of Batan and the Latino mariachi events. He said that most events are Filipino or Latino and while the events don't exclude any culture/ethnicity they are mainly attended by the respective ethnicity.

Attended by the general community are events like Hot Summer Nights, Saturday Farmers Markets and Thursday Car Shows.

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers**  \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)**  \_\_\_\_\_

Most people read the Contra Costa Times. Also, the City of Pittsburg sends out a free e-mail to all of those who sign-up for information that is going on within the city, including news stories.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Most low income residents receive help at the County hospital located on the corner of Leeland and Loveridge.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

He said it is hard to say because the community is so diverse, but he thinks that the majority of low-income residents are Latino or Black, though there are some very affluent Latinos and Black within the community as well.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Matt Rodriguez – Assistant City Manager

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

## Contact Details

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Email:

**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/19/09

Name/Organization: Mayra Cuevas, Tax Express,

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

She feels that the Delta could use improvement, especially for farmers in the surrounding areas.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

She thinks that the Delta's best attribute is that it feeds the Central Valley and provides for agriculture.

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

She thinks that in order to fix the Delta the farmers need to make the decision. She also thinks that the levees need to be reinforced and people should have more access and say what goes in the Delta.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO X**

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

She feels that levee conditions need to be reinforced and farmers need to decide how to fix the delta.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Both

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**  
Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

o **Recreational**

o To visit family or friends

o **Other - Business**

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She thinks her community is unique because there are a lot of Latinos and farm laborers that are feeding of the Delta and are very close to the community.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes because she has a self employed business established there.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She said that her community values parenting resources, education, recreation and jobs.

Why do you think they are important?

She thinks that these activities are important because of cultural reasons.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Predominantly Hispanic

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: tomatoes, asparagus, cherries, cucumbers.

The farms employ more than 50 people.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Hispanic

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

### Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

She said that the Latino community frequents Charter way, the Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd. area, Wilson Way, El Dorado Market and Solarios Market.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X   NO \_\_\_\_\_

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Asian

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH**   X   OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

**PREFERENCE**   X   **CULTURAL**   X   **ECONOMIC**   X  

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

She thinks that people use the Delta because it is easy access.

**d. If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

**YES**                      NO

**e. If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

She said people also use the Marina in downtown Stockton and Lewis Park.

**f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

Latinos and Caucasians

**g. If no: Why not?**

N/A

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES**     X                          NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

People attend events like Cinco de Mayo downtown by the Marina and the park.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons? Does not know of any events

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

**Radio**   X                        Newspapers                             **TV**   X  

Community organizations                             Community events       

**Other (describe)**   X                        Word of mouth, church, Latino supermarkets

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a.        Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

She said that a lot of the Latino community does not receive assistance because they are afraid of law enforcement. For health care go to medical clinics.

b.        What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latinos and Asians

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking

for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Gene Azevedo 209-609-4981

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes.

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 7/19/09

Name/Organization: Susan Curry, Spanish Speaking Citizens, Oakland

NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Susan does not know enough info but want it to be healthy and clean

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

She said that it reaches a lot of places.

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

Susan feels it needs to have regulations on water beds and development such as housing and commercial

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES NO X

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES NO X

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES X NO

d. Water quality YES NO X

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Both

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**  
Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

Susan does not go to the Delta.

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She feels that her community is very urban, lots of immigrants, 3<sup>th</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> generations, mix of recent and longer time residents.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Susan feels that the activities important to her community are family time, community events, safety, education, work, health care, nutrition

Why do you think they are important?

She said that cultural and generations are important because these things are quite universal and bring better opportunities.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

80% Latino – 80% (Mexican and 20% central American)  
15% African American  
15% Asian

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

She feels that the primary languages spoken in her community are Spanish, English, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?
- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?
- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

She feels that the primary form of employment is Service Industry and construction

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Susan identified specific businesses owned or visited by the top ethnic groups in her community:

- Mi pueblo grocery store chain
- Walmart
- Smaller Hispanic stores

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X                        NO       

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

She feels that Asian, mostly Southeast Asian ethnic groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others.

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION        FOOD   X   BOTH        OTHER       

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE        CULTURAL   X   ECONOMIC   X

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

She feels they also use the bay and irrigation canals

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES NO

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

N/A

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES  X  NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

She feels the activities are Dia de los muertos festival, 5 de Mayo, Soccer games, and Flee markets.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons? Does not know of any events

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X   Newspapers        TV   X  

Community organizations        Community events       

Other (describe)   X  

She feels that walk ins to her organization and front desk.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Susan said that individuals receive services in the Clinica de la Raza.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

She feels that the Latino & African American groups make up the largest percentage.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Susan named off a couple of organizations that she feels would be interested and the are the following:

Visionary Home Builders of California  
La Clinica de la Raza – Ignacio Ferrey  
Unity Council  
Rising Sun Energy  
Greenlighting Institute

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes – [Scurry@ssf.org](mailto:Scurry@ssf.org)  
address:  
1470 Fruitville Ave.  
Oakland, CA 94601

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** [N/A](#)

DATE: 8/20/09

Name/Organization: Helen Thomson, Yolo County Board of Supervisor

NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Supervisor Thomson believes the Delta is a mess. She thinks the proposed legislation is a mess and there is not enough money to fund the proposed project.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

She stated some of the best attributes are a strong agricultural industry, the beautiful natural resources and the water supply.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The potential project requires more money than the state has to construct it. The plan put forward by the BDCP will have a large economic impact. The state is focusing on the interest of the fish not the people.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

The Supervisor is also concerned about the economic impact to the region, how it will impact her residences, and how it will impact farmers and farm workers.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both? **No**

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational **YES**
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

Wine tasting and going to local restaurants.

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

It's an urban community with a large population. It is the home to UC Davis so there are many young people in the community and also many academics.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

- Farmer markets on Saturday afternoons, year around, brings a mix of ethnic groups
- Cinco De Mayo Festival in May, generally attended by Latinos
- Festivals at UC Davis, attended by a mix of ethnic groups, mostly students.
- UC Davis football games, attended by a mix of ethnic groups, mostly students.

Why do you think they are important?

The events bring the community together, people have the opportunity to see their friends and neighbors and it helps the local economy.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian and Asian

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish, Russian, and international languages are spoken at the University.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Individuals employed at UC Davis, Cache Creek Casino, government jobs, and small businesses

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

- Local chambers are attended by a mix of people

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X   NO \_\_\_\_\_

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Asian

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ **FOOD**   X   BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ **ECONOMIC X** \_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

**YES X** NO \_\_\_\_\_

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

Knights landing and in West Sacramento

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

Asian

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES X** NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

She could not identify any particular events but did state that some do take place.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X                        Newspapers   X                        TV   X  

Community organizations   X                        Community events       

Other (describe)       

- The Sacramento Bee
- The Aggie Newspaper

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- County Services in Woodland

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

## Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- Gary Sandy, UC Davis Government Relations Department, 530-752-9795
- The Executive Directors of the Yolo County Chambers of Commerce listed here <http://www.yolocounty.org/Index.aspx?page=1282>
- Denise Sagara with the Yolo County Farm Bureau. Her number is (530) 662-6316

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Already on the list

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Already on the list

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/20/09

Name/Organization: Michael Reagan, Solano County Board of Supervisors

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

The Supervisor feels it isn't stable and he has concerns about the levees

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

Mr. Reagan believes the Delta is a great agricultural resource, it has important historical communities, great recreational opportunities including fishing and boating, it provides inland shipping waterways, it is a great water supply for the State, it is a destination resort area, and is a geological benefit to the region.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

There needs to be levee improvements and general maintenance is needed.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Mr. Reagan is also concerned about salt water intrusion and waste water out flows.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both? **N/A**

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational **Yes**
- To visit family or friends
- Other

To boat, fish, and general recreational activities

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

The county is focused around agriculture. It has maintained a good balance on growth. The soil is also very rich in Solano County.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- The Rio Vista Bass Festival every September which brings a mix of ethnic groups
- The Portuguese festival in Rio Vista in August every year, mostly attended by individuals that are Portuguese

Why do you think they are important?

Recreational opportunities.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian, Latino, Filipino, Indian, and Asian

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish and Togolese

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Military employment and industrial work.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

- Ethnic grocery stores (generally frequented by the Filipino and Latino communities)
- Community churches- Catholic churches frequented by Latinos and Caucasians; Indian temples frequented by Indians

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X** \_\_\_\_\_

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

No reason that he is aware of

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X                        Newspapers   X                        TV   X  

Community organizations   X                        Community events  
  X  

Other (describe)   X  

- Local newspapers (Vacaville, Suisun, Fairfield)
- Chamber events
- Local TV news
- The local libraries

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- County Services/ County Health Centers
- ERs
- Family Resource Centers

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino and Black

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- Executive Directors of local Chambers of Commerce.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/20/09

Name/Organization: Paul Saldaña, Tulare Economic Development Corporation

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He is not sure that he understands what is going on in the Delta, so he doesn't know how he feels.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

N/A

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO\_\_\_

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO\_\_\_

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO\_\_\_

d. Water quality YES \_\_\_ **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He just stated that water needs to be available to agriculture.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

No

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Mr. Saldona thinks that his community is unique compared to Delta communities because it is further away from the Delta so it feels different impacts. They do not have direct access to the water so they aren't as concerned about the fish and environmental impacts; they are most concerned about the availability of water.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that jobs are the most important thing to their community.

Why do you think they are important?

N/A

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, some speak Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

He said that they are the second largest agriculture county in the country.

Crops: fruits, nuts, oranges, dairy and corn although there are hundreds of crops

Both large and small farms

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Most owners are Caucasian and most laborers are Latino.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

He did not name specific businesses, but referred to several cities that are almost all Latino. Cities: Farmersville, Woodville, Lindsay and Dinuba

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES  **NO**

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

**RECREATION**  **FOOD**  **BOTH**  **OTHER**

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE  CULTURAL  ECONOMIC

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES\_\_\_ **NO X** Didn't know of any.

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

Areas the whole community use: Lake Success, Lake Kuhwea, Tule River

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

The whole community

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons? He said that everyone celebrates the same holidays and attend the same activities.

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

**Community organizations** \_\_X\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)** \_\_X\_\_

**Internet**

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Mr. Saldona said that there are lots of aid organizations in the area, but only named the Family Health Care Network.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

**Latino**

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities

discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

No

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

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## Contact Details

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Email:

**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A



DATE: 8/20/09

Name/Organization: Carol Souza Cole, Clerk, Woodland Unified School District

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

She thinks that we need to be managing what goes into and out of the Delta. She also thinks that we need to be conscious about what we are doing so that the habitat isn't harmed while keeping in mind that there are cities that depend on the water in the Delta. She thinks that we need to foster a way to allow agriculture and the Delta's health to be compatible.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

She thinks it is a wonderful water resource.

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

She doesn't know what should be done to fix it, however, from her personal viewpoint; she is not excited to see water shipped to Southern California. She doesn't think that the Delta should be looked at as a savior for Southern California. She thinks that they need to grow and re-strengthen themselves, and then she said to look at what they (Southern Californians) did to Mono Lake. She also said that we need to be aware of the Central Valley and protect the agriculture. If we send water there, it should stay there.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO\_\_

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO\_\_

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO\_\_

d. Water quality **YES X** NO\_\_

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

She said that the community is under a lot of pressure to clean up the water output from the treatment centers. In Woodland, the water being pumped from the ground has such a high mineral content that the water would not meet the standards to be pumped into the Delta. She thinks that it is ironic that the ground water that is being used in people's homes meets all of the human use standards but not the standards for environmental use. She said that the water contains very high levels of boron.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
      X      

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.  
Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

She originally moved to the Delta area because of her work in agriculture, and lives there because of her current job.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**  
Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

N/A

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Ms. Cole thinks that Woodland is unique because economically, ethnically and educationally, the community is very diverse. She thinks it represents the face of what California is today. This diversity presents challenges. She said Woodland is not homogeneous like Davis, it is very diverse.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes, she thinks that she will live her life out in the Woodland area because she is very connected to the land, the people and the environment.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Yolo County Fair  
Softball/baseball/school athletics  
Small but mighty arts community  
Volunteering (most organizations run on volunteers, Meals on Wheels, Toy Library, Community Care Car etc)

Why do you think they are important?

She thinks that these activities are important to the community because it is what people like to do. It is an outlet and an activity that they are interested in.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Ms. Cole said that in the school community, about 55 percent of the students are Latino, 43 percent Caucasian and the remaining percentage is Eastern Indian and other cultures.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, however, it is easy to find an area where Spanish is spoken in the community.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Not anymore, however, residents in the area will still describe Woodland as an agriculture community.

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

She said that most people are employed through the government or healthcare. The Woodland Unified School District has about 1,000 employees.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Holy Rosary Church – Interacts with the Latino population most frequently  
CAF- community minded group or information and education activists  
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Latino Community Council

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ She doesn't know

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION   X   FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

They eat the fish they catch too.

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

People use the Delta because it is close.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES            NO

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

Areas that community members use outside of the Delta: Lake Almanor, lakes in the Sierras, Lake Shasta and the ocean for ocean fishing.

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

General community members

**g. If no: Why not?**

N/A

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X   NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

In Woodland, every event is attended by everyone. However, there are events such as the Festival de la Familia that are targeted toward a certain culture, but everyone still attends. In reference to how the Delta affects the culture of the community, she said that there are a number of artists in the region that are inspired by the Delta.

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers** **\_\_X\_\_** TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)** **\_\_X\_\_**

Daily Democrat, Sacramento Bee and the Davis Enterprise  
People in the community are beginning to use the Internet and blogs as a source of information. The County Web site is also accessed regularly for government program information.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

CommuniCare Health Care Clinic, however, it has been affected by the state funding cuts.

They do not have a County hospital anymore, but the local hospital treats low income residents.

Unemployment office

First 5 Yolo

Children's Healthcare Program

Yolo Family Resource Center (also acts as a referral service)

The Food Closet (helps individuals, not large groups)

Yolo Way Farer (Helps with shelter and payment of utility bills)

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

She didn't know

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities

discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

League of Women Voters – Judy Simas, president 530-666-1811

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Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A



DATE: 8/21/09

Name/Organization: Scott Haggerty (Alameda Co BOS) and Dawn Arugula (Deputy Chief of Staff)

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Water contractors will be affected by water supplies and the lack of water conservation. Alameda County is upset that they are not considered a Delta County. They believe there should be six Delta Counties not five. They are also concerned about the effects that low water flows will have on recreation and water pollution issues.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

The Delta has great recreational benefits and fishing opportunities. It is a great water source for the region.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The county needs to take an official position on the state of the Delta. The stakeholders and government needs to stop studying the Delta and start implementing programs. There needs to be more conservation efforts. The Department of Water Resources needs to set out a clear plan. There also needs to be a clear environmental plan. Water supply for the State needs to be clearly stated and the Department of Water Resources need to do a better job of outreaching to the community and policy makers.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

- The Department needs to be more clear about water treatment regulations. It is also very important Alameda County is more involved. They are a Delta stakeholder too.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both? **N/A**

**Live** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work** \_\_\_\_\_ **Both**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

### **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

**N/A**

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational **YES**
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

**Yes**

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

The County depends on the water from the Delta. Their County is the "forgotten Delta County". They need water from the Delta

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- The Festival of Indian in Fremont- Every August, mostly attended by Indians
- The Festival of the Arts in Fremont- Every July, mix of ethnic groups
- Alameda County Fair- Every July, mix of ethnic groups
- Livermore Rodeo- Every July, mix of ethnic groups
- St. Patrick's Day Festival, Dublin- Every March, mix of ethnic groups
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration- Fremont, mix of ethnic groups
- Wine festival, September- Livermore, mix of ethnic groups

Why do you think they are important?

They are great community events and provide family friendly activities.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian, Latino, Filipino, East Indian, Chinese

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Mostly English and Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Cattle, wine, olives, nuts, nurseries (flowers and plants)

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Portuguese, Caucasian, Latino, Japanese

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

- Ethnic grocery stores

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X** \_\_\_\_\_

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Mix of groups

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH X** OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

**PREFERENCE**  X  **CULTURAL**  X  **ECONOMIC**  X

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

Did not know.

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

**YES**  X  **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

The San Francisco Bay, Shadow Creek, Beard Staging Harbor, Ardenwood Creek

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

Asian

- g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                        NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Could not identify any specific events other than the ones noted before.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)   X**

- The internet
- Email blasts
- City newsletters
- Information from the Chamber
- Information from HOAs

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- County services and free healthcare clinics

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino and Caucasian

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- Jeff Miller, Executive Director, the Alameda Creek Alliance, (510) 499-9185

- Dale Kaye, President/CEO, Livermore Chamber of Commerce, (925) 447-1606 x 202

- Chris Chandler, Executive Director, Livermore Valley Wine Growers, (925) 447-9463

- Karen Sweet, Sweet Livestock, 925-443-7692

- Rachael Snedecor, Director of the Livermore Downtown Association 925-373-1795

- Dr. Romesh Japra, Heads up the Festival of India, 510-797-7799

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Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

**DATE: 8/24/09**

**Name/Organization: Mike McGowan, Yolo County Board of Supervisors**

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**NOTES:**

## **General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Supervisor McGowan believes there are many issues that are currently affecting the Delta. He is concerned about:

- The satiability of the Delta
- Levee issues
- Land use and agricultural issues
- The lack of involvement of local government officials regarding the potential plans DWR has proposed and the fact that local governments don't feel as those their concerns are being heard
- The concern that too much water will be conveyed from the Delta and that the Delta doesn't have enough water for the whole state
- Who will govern the project if it moves forward
- The concern that Delta residence and business will become victims of this project

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

The Delta is a good source of water for the region. It is a great environmental resource for land, fish and plants. It has special communities within the region and numerous cultural resources. It also is a home to many businesses.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The Supervisor believes the Department needs to identify what should be done within the Delta to help restore fish and terrestrial species. He understands the Delta can't be completely restored and every island within the Delta cannot be saved (some may flood) but the Department should do their best to make the Delta whole again. He is also concerned about water quality and water flow issues. He believes it is important that the Department works with the community regarding agricultural and environmental issues. He believes the Department hasn't done enough outreach to the Delta communities. He is also concerned about the current infrastructure of the Delta.



6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

The region has a great sense of community and kind, friendly people.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

There are various events hosted throughout the year and attended by various ethnic groups. The Chamber of Commerce has more details.

Why do you think they are important?

They are fun family events that provide a strong sense of community.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian, Latino, East Indian, Russian

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish, Russian

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Wine, grapes, alfalfa, tomatoes, asparagus, and pears

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latinos

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

- Ethnic grocery stores

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X** \_\_\_\_\_

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other

reason??

**RECREATION** **X** FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

- c. If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

Its close

- d. If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

**YES** **X** NO \_\_\_\_\_

- e. If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

The Sacramento River

- f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

Asian, Black and a mix of other races.

- g. If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?

- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO  X

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  X  Newspapers  X  TV  X

Community organizations  X  Community events  X

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

County services and healthcare clinics

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Russian, Latino, and Caucasian

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Christopher Cabaldon, West Sacramento Mayor, 916-617-4500

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/24/09

Name/Organization: Phoebe Seaton, CA Rural Legal Assistance Office

NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

N/A

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

N/A

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO X**

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both? **N/A**

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

N/A

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

No

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as*

*cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

N/A

Why do you think they are important?

N/A

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

75 percent Latino, 10 percent Black, 15 percent Caucasian

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish, and Hmong

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: grapes, fruit, nuts and citrus

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Latino grocery stores are frequented by the Latino population.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- **Economic forces?**
- Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

She did not know

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  X  Newspapers  X  TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events  X

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

She said most low-income residents find assistance through nonprofits contracted by the County.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

She suggested we contact Martha Guzman, California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, (760) 353-0220

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/27/09

Name/Organization: Roger Dickinson, Sacramento County, Board of Supervisor

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

The Supervisor is very concerned about the state of the Delta. He is concerned about the Delta's ecological health, salt water intrusion, the sustainability of the current state of the Delta, and general property concerns including islands within the Delta flooding.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

The Delta has a strong historical background. It also has great environmental attributes, a good water flow and a lot of recreational opportunities

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The Department needs work on restoring the environmental aspects of the Delta. They also need to make sure salt water intrusion stays at a minimum. The Department also needs to consider all the risks associated with any potential project.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

The Supervisor understands that water is needed for Central Valley and Southern California, he just wants to make sure any project considers the impacts to the Delta as well.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both? **NO**

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
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If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

### Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**  
Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational **YES**
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Mr. Dickinson's District is very diverse in terms of ethnic and socio-economic make up. It is also diverse in terms of land use. He has everything from urban communities and agricultural communities. He also has some of the poorest communities in the County.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- The Rainbow Festival, Sacramento, September, mix of ethnic groups, generally gay
- The North Highlands Jubilee, North Highlands, October, mix of ethnic groups
- Celebrate Natomas, September, mix of ethnic groups

Why do you think they are important?

The events build community, bring people together, have a positive feel, and give individuals a sense of belonging within their community.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Black, Latino, South East Asian, and Russian

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish, English, Hmong, South East Asian, Chinese, and Russian

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Government agencies

### Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

There are many African American churches, many ethnic restaurants within the community, and smaller chambers of commerce that represent various ethnic groups.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

N/A

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Could not identify any specific events other than the ones noted before.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

**Radio X**                      **Newspapers X**                      **TV X**

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_                      Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe) X**

- The internet
- Social Media
- Regional ethnic newspapers

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

The receive services from Medicaid, County services, County Healthcare, CalWorks, and government food stamps.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Black

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- Sacramento City Council members
- Mark Manoff, North County Community Services Team (916-263-0656)
- Cortez Quinn, Roger Dickinson's Chief of Staff and a member of the Twin River

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **Contact Details**

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/28/09

Name/Organization: Andy Wallace, Wallace and Kuhl

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Wallace feels the Delta is not broken. However, he is very concerned about the water quality in the Delta. He is mostly concerned about the salt water intrusion.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

The Delta has a strong sense of community; it is a rich agricultural region and also has great recreational opportunities.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The Delta needs some minor levee work. The state also needs to control the amount of water taken from the Delta.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Water flow issues, water quality issues, and flood concerns. Particularly, the fact that the Department is considering flooding Clarksburg.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live     X     Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

Mr. Wallace lives in the Delta because all of his family is there. He enjoys the community and also has many friends within the area. He also stated that generation after generation of individuals come back to the Delta to raise their families. He also said that the Delta has a community that has a culture that is unique to any other cultures in the State.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

N/A

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

It is a farming community. It has a lot of recreational opportunities and it is a great place to live and work.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that the following events/activities are important to the community: high school sporting events like football games, Friday nights in the Fall (mostly attended by Latinos and Whites), 4<sup>th</sup> July Celebrations (mix of ethnic groups), Clarksburg County Run (held in November, attended by Caucasians), and the Christmas Parade (attended by a mix of ethnic groups)

Why do you think they are important?

The events provide a sense of community and they make the area a great place to live. They add to the quality of life in the town.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino, Caucasian, Black, and Asian

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: Grapes, alfalfa, wheat, citrus, walnuts, corn, dichondra (grass)

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino and Caucasian

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Bogle winery, Husicks (restaurant), Binky's (restaurant), The Sugermill Winery, Shorties (restaurant), are all attended by a mix of people. Ethnic grocery stores are popular with Latinos and Asians.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X        NO \_\_\_\_\_

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Asian, Latino, Black

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH**   X   OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ **ECONOMIC  X**

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

The Delta is close

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO  X**

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

- g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

No reason

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES  X**  NO \_\_\_\_\_

- If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Church events are generally attended by Blacks.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe) X The internet**

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

**Through Sacramento County social services**

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

**Latino**

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking

for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He recommended we contact:

- Jeff Anderson, Yolo County Planner, 916-775-2107
- Steve Heringer, President of Reclamation District 999, 916-997-6051
- Bob Webber, Manager of Reclamation District 999, 916-775-2144

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

Mr. Wallace also stated that the Department of Water Resources is being very sneaky. They are trying to keep the public out of the process. They are not conducting outreach to the Delta communities and don't really care what happens to the Delta. They want to flood Clarksburg.

DATE: 8/3/09

Name/Organization: Vidal Gonzalez, Youth Specialist, La Familia  
Counseling Service

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Gonzalez said that he is not too familiar with the issues occurring in the Delta other than there are a lot of water resource issues and water rights issues. He said that he used to live down in southern California and he is for water rights.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

He said that the best attributes of the Delta are the wildlife it provides, the wetlands and the public green spaces.

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

N/A

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO X**

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He just reiterated the need for people in the Central Valley to receive water.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
Both       X      

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**  
**Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

Mr. Gonzales chooses to live and work in the Delta area because it is a beautiful area with access to nature, yet it is right next to a big city.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He thinks that his community is very unique because he does not think that there is any racial majority. He said that it is very rare to find an area where there is no racial majority and it is diverse at all levels.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Mr. Gonzalez said that he sees himself and his family living in the area for years to come because it is an area with a lot of opportunity and it is a good place to start a life.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that community action, community involvement, the Lantern Festival, local events, the census kick off and the organization CARES are all important to the Latino population. He also said that it is very important to the Latino population to have materials available in the Spanish language and they are always willing to participate when asked.

Why do you think they are important?

Mr. Gonzalez thinks that these events are important to the Latino population because it gives them ownership in a community. He said that they need to feel like they are part of a community and they need to feel connected by participating in social networks.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He said the he does not think that there is a primary ethnicity in the Sacramento area.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

He said that he thinks all languages are spoken in the Sacramento community, however, most of the materials that they receive translation requests for are Spanish and Hmong. He said that there is a very large South East Asian population in Sacramento.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

He said that rice is a big crop as well as orchard crops and fruits. He thinks that most of the farms in the Sacramento area are commercial farms that employ more than 50 people, and the closer you get toward Galt the more small farms begin to spring up.

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino and South East Asian, however, he said that most of the South East Asian population works in the canneries.

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

Mr. Gonzalez said to contact the Franklin Blvd. Association because all of the businesses on Franklin Blvd. are frequented by the Latino community and almost all of them are bilingual.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X   NO     

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

The Asian population

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH   X** OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ **CULTURAL**  X  \_\_\_\_\_ **ECONOMIC**  X  \_\_\_\_\_

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

Mr. Gonzalez said that people fish in the Delta because that is where the good fishing is.

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES                      **NO X**

They use the Delta.

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

- g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                      NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

He said that Cesar Chavez (Latino) and Martin Luther King Jr. (Black) marches are very large as well as the Lantern Festival (Asian).

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X                      Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_    TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations   X      Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Gonzalez said that we are dealing with a population that is very illiterate and while they may be able to speak Spanish, many cannot read. Thus, most people listen to local morning radio shows. He said that Bustos media owns most of the Spanish radio stations and they are widely listened to.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He said that most people are being sent to the emergency room if they are having a medial issue because most of the low-income health clinics have been shut down. Also, La Familia offers a low-income health care insurance for those under 18.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

The Latino and Black populations.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Kathy Tescher with the Franklin Blvd. Association. 916-455-2124

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **Contact Details**

Name: Vidal Gonzalez

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/31/09

Name/Organization: Alice Lai-Bitker, Alameda County Board of Supervisor

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

The Supervisor feels the Delta is in trouble. Habitat such as the Delta Smelt is in danger. There are also serious concerns about the stability of the Delta levees and the water supply.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

The Delta has great recreational opportunities and outstanding habitat.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

To fix the Delta you must fix the levees. The Department must address flooding concerns. She is also very concerned about the impacts that water being taking from the Delta will have on the region.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both? **No**

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other **YES**

Historical tours of Delta communities such as Locke and Walnut Grove

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

It is very diverse both ethnically and socio-economically

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- The Street Festival every year in August has a mix of ethnic groups, but mostly Chinese
- The Autumn Wine Festival every August has a mix of ethnic groups
- The Jam Festival in July has a mix of ethnic groups
- The Swordfish Festival in October has a mix of ethnic groups

Why do you think they are important?

The events bring people together. They are great outdoor activities. They provide a lot of fun for families.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

The County is about 50% Caucasian, 20% Latino, 20% Asian, 8% Black and 2% Native American

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish, and various Asian languages

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

The service industry, healthcare, manufacturing, and retail

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

- Ethnic grocery stores and ethnic restaurants

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X   NO \_\_\_\_\_

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Asian, Black, and Latino

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH**   X   OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

**PREFERENCE**   X   **CULTURAL**   X   **ECONOMIC**   X  

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

They generally go to the Bay because it is closer

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES  X  NO \_\_\_\_\_

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

The San Francisco Bay

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

It is a mix of groups

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO  X

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

Did not know

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X                        Newspapers   X                        TV   X  

Community organizations   X                        Community events   X  

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

- The Chinese community generally relies on ethnic newspapers, radio and TV

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- County programs

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Black, Latino, Asian, and Native American

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities

discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

N/A

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A



DATE: 8/4/09

Name/Organization: Allen Ishida, Tulare County Board of Supervisors

NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He feels the Delta needs improvements.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

- Great recreational resource
- Great water supply
- Great regional for agriculture

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He believes the Department of Water Resources needs to develop a better system to distribute water throughout the state.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO \_\_
- b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO\_\_
- c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES\_\_ **NO X**
- d. Water quality **YES X** NO \_\_

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

The water supply system from the Delta to the Central Valley is too small.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_ **No**

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. **Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?**

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

No

6. **Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?**

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. **What would you say makes your community unique or special?**

The strong agricultural industry and the need for water. Most of the water for the community is provided by the San Joaquin River.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. **What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)**

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- The annual agricultural expo in February. It is attended by a mix of ethnic groups.

**Why Do you think they are important?**

It is the largest agricultural show in the nation. It's a great educational resource for the community and provides a large economic stimulus for the region.

**10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?**

- Latino

**11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?**

English, Spanish and Hmong

**12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?**

Yes

a. **If yes: Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?**

Dairy and citrus

Most farms employ less than 50 people

b. **If yes: What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?**

Most farm workers are Latino. Most owners are Caucasian

c. **If no: What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?**

N/A

**Delta Uses By The Community**

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

The Friday night farmers market in Lindsay

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES  X  NO \_\_\_

a. If yes: What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Hmong, but there is also a mix

b. If yes: Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

N/A

RECREATION \_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_ BOTH  X  OTHER \_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. If for food: why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE  X  CULTURAL  X  ECONOMIC \_\_\_

c. If for recreation: Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. If yes/follow up: Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES  X  NO \_\_\_

e. If yes/follow up: Where are they?

Kaweah Lake

f. **If yes/follow up: Who are the primary users of these areas?**

- Hmong

- Latino

- White

g. **If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. **Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?**

**YES**   X                        NO   \_\_\_  

**If yes: What are the activities or events and where do they take place?**

- Hmong New Year, January - Hmong

- Cinco De Mayo Festivals, May - Latino

**If no: Why not?**

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X                        Newspapers   X        TV       

Community organizations             Community events       

Other (describe)       

- Valley Voice
- Fresno Bee
- KTIP- Radio Station in Porterville
- KMJ- Radio Station in Fresno

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- Private Health Care Facilities

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

- Latino
- White

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- Tulare County Farm Bureau CEO

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. **Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)**

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

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## NOTES/QUESTIONS:

- There needs to be more outreach about the project to the community
- Water quality issues need to be addressed.

DATE: 8/4/09

Name/Organization: Donnette Carter, Porterville Chamber of Commerce, CEO

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Ms. Carter feels that there needs to be a release of water for agriculture because in the Central Valley, water equals food and jobs. She does not think that people outside of the Central Valley realize what the impact is on those who can't farm due to lack of water and job loses because they can't farm. She believes in protecting the environment, but when it comes to fish over people, she thinks that people win.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

The fact that it provides water to several areas is its best attribute.

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

She thinks that we need to make more water available where it is most needed.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

She thinks that people need to realize the impact that Delta water has on agriculture and the loss of jobs.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

### Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

No, she does not visit the Delta.

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She thinks that Porterville is unique because of its location at the entrance to the Sequoia National Forest. The greatest amount of traffic visiting the forest must go through Porterville. However, similar to other Valley towns, Porterville is excellent for families and has a good quality of life.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Ms. Carter said that recreation is very important to Porterville. She said activities such as sporting events, water sports, off-road vehicle events, hiking, biking and music are extremely important to the community.

Why do you think they are important?

Ms. Carter said that these activities are important because they create a healthy quality of life and engage the youth in activities which help keep them on a straighter path.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latinos makes up about 55 percent of the community.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

She said the primary language is English even though there are a lot of bilingual and monolingual Spanish speakers.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: grapes, citrus, cotton, corn, wheat, hay, olives and nut varieties

She said that for the most part farms employ less than 50 people. She also said that the area has a lot of packing houses.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Farm owners: Caucasian                  Laborers: Latino

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

### Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

She said restaurants such as El Tapatio and El Progress Market are frequented by the Latino population. She also said that the El Futuro Credit Union has a client base of 95 percent Latino and was started by farm workers. Ms. Carter named dress shops such as Yessennis and Paris Boutique as areas that the Latino population patronizes.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X                    NO \_\_\_\_\_

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Latino and Filipino

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH   X   OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE\_\_X\_\_CULTURAL\_\_X\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_X\_\_

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?

She doesn't know that people go up to the Delta for fishing.

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES X NO

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

Lake Success, Kaweah Lake, Tule River and many people go canal fishing or fishing in the man-made lake.

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

She thinks that combinations of people use these areas. Some are residents and others are tourists using the water ways for recreation. She also said that there are some areas that are more heavily populated by Latinos and Filipinos than others.

- g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns? Yes, pesticides that live in the water.
- o Cultural prohibitions? none
- o Legal issues? No, all follow law with regards to fishing in the Delta
- o Economic forces? Yes
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                      NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Ms. Carter said that there was a Filipino group that used to put on cultural events, they disbanded but now they are becoming active again. She also said that the Commission Honorifica Mexicana America is a Latino group that is very active in the community and puts on events such as Cinco de Mayo and the September 16<sup>th</sup> celebration. There are several Portuguese events that happen in surrounding communities as well.

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X                      Newspapers   X                      TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)   X                      Internet

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Ms. Carter said that low-income residents go to the County offices and there are a couple of nonprofit organizations that also help out.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino due to the farm worker population, however, there are high populations of Caucasian residents that are also on aid.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- Workforce Investment Board: Adam Peck, director, 559-713-5213
- Research for Hire, John Corkins, 559-784-5787
- MGM Farm Labor Contracting, Louie and Maria Martinez, 559-781-8442
- Porterville City Manager, John Loolis, 559-782-7466
- Porterville Council Member, Felipe Martinez 559-782-9500

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/4/09

Name/Organization: Manual Cunha, Neisi Farmers League

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Cunha believes the Delta is broken. He believes regulatory constraints have hurt the Delta. He feels more water should be provided to the rest of the state from the Delta.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

The Delta provides a good water supply, especially for agriculture. It also is a great habitat for wildlife.

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The Delta has been misused and it has too many regulatory restrictions.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Mr. Cunha thinks we should consider the economic benefits the Delta can provide the State.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

No

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

He has traveled to the Delta on business trips.

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

His community is very based around agriculture. They are very reliant on water.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

The major community event is the annual Agricultural Trade show in Tulare.

Why Do you think they are important?

The show is a good resource for farmers to learn about the most current techniques and tools for farming.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish  
English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Mr. Cunha feels that the major crops are almonds, grapes and tree fruit

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Mr. Cunha could not identify any businesses, but did say schools and the California Water Latino Collision are a good way to educate the public about water issues.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X              NO   

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Mr. Cunha believes that the ethnic group is the South East Asian group.

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

RECREATION               **FOOD**   X              BOTH               OTHER   

**IF OTHER, LIST:**

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

**PREFERENCE**  X  **CULTURAL**  X  **ECONOMIC**  X

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

Most stay local.

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES   NO  X

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

Most stay local.

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

Mr. Cunha feels it's a mix of groups.

- g. **If no:** Why not?

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces? **Yes**
- o Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES  X  NO

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

He could not think of any specific events.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

**Radio X Newspapers X TV X**

**Community organizations X** Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe) X**

A lot of people receive their information through the schools.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He feels these individuals receive services from the county services and food banks. They also receive them through other nonprofit organizations.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino and Asian

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Mr. Cunha recommended the following people:  
Ryan Jacobson, Local Farmer, 559-237-0263  
Mario Santoyo, California Latino Water Collision, 559-799-0701

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS: N/A**

DATE: 8/4/09

Name/Organization: Ron Rowlett, City Council member, Vacaville

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

N/A

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

N/A

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES\_\_ **NO X**

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES\_\_ **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO\_\_

d. Water quality **YES X** NO \_\_

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

No

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both

\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Vacaville is made up of a medium sized population (approximately 100,000) but it is very community oriented. The community is very tight knit.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Chamber events- Mix of ethnic groups  
Town Hall meetings- Mix of ethnic groups  
Concerts in the park- Mix of ethnic groups  
Movie nights in the park- Mix of ethnic groups

Why do you think they are important?

They are great activities for the family and make the community closer.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

No majority of ethnic make-up, it is mixed

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English  
Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?  
Hay, Alfalfa, and vegetables  
Not sure how the average number of employees on farms
- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

The Saturday Farmer's Market

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_ **NO \_ X \_**

a. **If yes: What groups?** *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. If yes: Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

N/A

RECREATION \_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH \_X\_** OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**IF OTHER, LIST:**

N/A

b. If for food: why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

c. If for recreation: Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. If yes/follow up: Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES\_\_ **NO\_X**

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no:** Why not?

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_ **NO \_X\_\_**

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

**If no:** Why not?

- o Not enough interest?
- o Not enough money?

- o No leadership?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe) \_\_\_ X \_\_\_**

**Outreach efforts by the City**

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

**Social Services, County assistance**

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

**Mix of ethnic groups**

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

**David Tompkin, Vacaville Water Department, 707-469-6412**

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your

community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## NOTES/QUESTIONS:

N/A

DATE: 8/4/09

Name/Organization: Trisha Steven, Tulare County Farm Bureau,  
Director

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Ms. Steven thinks that the Delta is in a very fragile and crucial state. She thinks that it needs major solutions to be provided by the state because the Delta is in a state of despair.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

She thinks that an isolated conveyance system of a bypass canal system needs to be determined. While she is not in favor of seeing the Delta's agriculture and farms diminish, she thinks that the region needs to be stabilized by channeling water downstream that is not connected to the ecological and species issues.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

She said that the environmental opinions released about the smelt and other species are causing huge issues for everyone who receives water south of the Delta. Because of the limited water supply coming from the pumps, hundreds of residents lack the water they need due to pending ecological issues. She

thinks that getting fresh water to southern areas of California via an isolated conveyance would solve this issue. She realizes that the Delta has to be part of the solution and things cannot be fixed on its own. She believes that there needs to be a comprehensive solution to get the pumps back up and pumping to the capacity at which they were built to operate. Ms. Steven said that farmers in her area made decisions on what crops they were capable of planting this year based on the preliminary water allocations. However, when the water allocations changed so did the farmer's crop results. Tulare County is getting less and less water each year and the underground water supply is over drafted. She said several farmers are coming to her and explaining that they are personally spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on wells to provide their farms with water and are coming up with very little. Ms. Steven says that they cannot expect anyone to cripple the Delta for the benefit of another region of the state, however, there needs to be more water conservation, dams built and above ground and below ground water storage occurring to avoid crippling any part of the state.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

Ms. Steven comes to the Delta region during business travel and to visit friends that live in Clarksburg and Walnut Grove.

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She thinks that Tulare County is a unique community because it is on the east side of the San Joaquin Valley. At the foothills citrus crops are produced, on the west side of the county runs directly through the middle of the Central Valley down highway 99. Because the County backs up to the eastern side of the foothills, 50 percent of their water is received from the Friant Water Authority. Water is more stressed in Tulare County because of the court rulings that allowed water to be redistributed to a dry river, thus creating unique problems related to the need for water to be pumped from the Delta.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Ms. Steven said that agriculture and farming are the number one activities in Tulare County. She also said that because of the high population of Portuguese, Dutch (90 percent or more of the dairies are owned/ worked by the Portuguese and Dutch) and Latinos, events such as going to church and quinceneras are also very important.

Why do you think they are important?

Ms. Steven thinks that farming is important because one in every three jobs in Tulare County is an agricultural job. Also, for everyone \$1 that is made on their agriculture, \$3 is placed into the economy. Every merchant in the community is affected when agriculture is struggling. Also, the Dutch, Latino and Portuguese go to church regularly because it is part of their culture and they have very close family structures.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

She identified over half of the population as being Latino, with Anglo making up the other percentage. She said there are few to no Asian or Black communities living in Tulare County.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

She said that the primary language is English, however, more than half of the population also speaks Spanish and the Dutch and Portuguese also maintain their native languages.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Ms. Steven said that in Tulare County there are 43 different types of crops that produce \$1 million each year. She said that the milk and dairy industry is the number one industry that produces \$1 billion each year. Following that the citrus industry, which produces \$590 million per year, then the cattle industry, which produces \$5 million each year.

She said that more than 5,600 farms in the county that are less than 50 acres in size and 750 farms employ more than 50 employees. However, there are 4,000 farms that employ less than 50 people.

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Caucasian and European immigrants

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

She said that the TDES hall is frequented by the Portuguese community, the Roma Lodge is used by the Italian farmers, Catholic churches are frequented by the Portuguese community and the Latino community, and the Dutch attend the Christian Reform churches.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Latinos

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION X FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?

She said that people go to the Delta in order to fish for particular types of fish.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

**YES X**      NO

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

Other water areas that those living in Tulare County frequent are Lake Kaweah and Lake Success (which were built by the Army Corp of engineers), Kaweah River, Kern River and Kings River.

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

She said that all residents use these water areas. However, she said that the white population is more likely to go further up into the mountains for water skiing, wake boarding etc, while the other populations are more likely to use the water ways on the valley floor because they are closer.

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns? Yes, pesticides that live in the water.
- o Cultural prohibitions? none
- o Legal issues? No, all follow law with regards to fishing in the Delta
- o Economic forces? Yes
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                      NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

She said that the Portuguese celebrate siestas and in the Latino culture they attend bull fights, Mexican rodeos and celebrate quinceneras.

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

**Community organizations** **X** (Such as the Farm bureau)

Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)** **X** Internet

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

**Ms. Steven said that low-income residents in Tulare County use the CAL Works program to receive medical and social assistance.**

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

**Latino**

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

**Allen Ishida (we are already planning on contacting him)**

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

**Yes**

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/5/09

Name/Organization: Laurel Firestone, Community Water Center,  
Director

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

She said that the Delta seems to be in bad shape and that it is affecting residents all over California and the ecosystem.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

She is not sure what needs to be done to fix the Delta.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

She just said to remember that a lot of people rely on the Delta as a water supply.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

She has only driven through the Delta on her way to other areas.

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

What makes her community special is that they work in communities that are reliant on ground water. Farmers use the ground water supply if they are unable to use the surface water and that directly impacts the drinking water that comes from ground water. The quality of the water from the Delta also impacts the ground water in the community.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Ms. Firestone said that it is important to the community to be able to use clean water for domestic needs and to have safe drinking water in the home and work.

Why do you think they are important?

She thinks that it is important to the community because having clean water is a human right.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

The communities that they work in are 70 percent to 90 percent Latino.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes, however, it is not just actual farming but packing houses too.

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: citrus, stone fruit, dairy and grapes

She said that there are a range of large and small farms.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

She said that the laborers are Latino and the dairy owners are Portuguese and Dutch.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

She said that this area does not really have a community center and most are lucky to have a corner store. So, most information is received via Spanish radio and T.V. She also recommended posting information in local post offices.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Not a lot of water in the area. Most people do illegal fishing in the irrigation canals.

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES            **NO X**

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

Water resources are too far away for people to visit.

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns? Yes, pesticides that live in the water.
- o Cultural prohibitions? none
- o Legal issues? No, all follow law with regards to fishing in the Delta
- o Economic forces? Yes
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                      NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

She said that most events happen in urban areas such as Fresno. She could not think of any specific events that are held in the area.

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X                      Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_    TV   X  

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_    Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)   X                      Word of Mouth

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Ms. Firestone said that people visit local clinics to receive health care and aid.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Ray Leon: She recommended e-mailing her to receive his contact information.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/6/09

Name/Organization: Matthew Park, Sanger Kern County Farm Bureau,  
Executive Director

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Park feels that something needs to be done in the Delta and that the current situation is not working. He said that there needs to be a new water management plan implemented.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He thinks that there needs to be a water conveyance structure that moves water either above ground or under ground. He also said that the fragile nature of the Delta makes the water source unreliable.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He said that he doesn't know of anything that isn't already being looked at.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

He does not visit the Delta.

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Mr. Park said that the community's location geographically in the Valley lends its self to agriculture and oil, which the area is abundant in both.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He described the area has having a strong sense of community where they value a recreational lifestyle and small town living.

Why do you think they are important?

He said that the recreational lifestyle is important and convenient because the ocean is not too far away and the lakes and rivers are within driving distance.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

The majority is Latino.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes, both agriculture and oil are the main employers.

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: dairy, cattle, almonds

He said that most of the farms are large farms.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

He said that the farming labor force is Latino.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

Mr. Park knows that there are several areas and businesses that are owned and frequented by the Latino community; however, he could not recall any specific names.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X** \_\_\_\_\_

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH X** OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

**PREFERENCE X CULTURAL X ECONOMIC X**

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?

N/A

**d. If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES                      NO                      He didn't know.

**e. If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

The water resources that people visit are Lake Isabella, Kern River and Buena Vista Lake.

**f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

He did not specify an ethnicity; he just said that they are used by community members and tourists.

**g. If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns? Yes, pesticides that live in the water.
- o Cultural prohibitions? none
- o Legal issues? No, all follow law with regards to fishing in the Delta
- o Economic forces? Yes
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                        NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Mr. Park said that there are Latino and Black celebrations held within the community, though he could not think of any specific names.

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ **TV X\_\_\_\_\_ (News Stations)**

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

**He knows that these services are offered in his community, he was just not aware of where and by whom.**

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

**He did not know.**

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

**He recommended that we speak with the Kern County Water Agency.**

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

**No**

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Email:

**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/6/09

Name/Organization: Nettie Inouye, Sanger Chamber of Commerce,  
CEO

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

She said that it is very unfortunate that the state has water, yet at the same time it is inaccessible to people.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

She is not sure what needs to be done to fix the Delta.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO X**

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

She said that she is not very familiar with the Delta, so she is not sure what is going on.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

She does not visit the Delta.

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She said that Sanger is unique because it has been designated as the nation's Christmas tree city. She also said that its location is unique because it is close to the coast and the mountains.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

The following events are important to the community of Sanger: Farmer's Market, Blossom Day Festival, Blossom Trail, Trek to the Nation's Christmas Tree, Toyland Parade and the Christmas Tree lighting.

Why do you think they are important?

She thinks that the Christmas events are important to the community because of their special designation as the Christmas tree city and the Blossom Festival is important because it allows the community to see all of the blossoms that they take for granted throughout the year.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: pecans, nectarines, almonds and grapes

She said that there is a mix of large and small farms

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

She said that the laborers are Latino and the owners are Caucasian.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

She said that because there is a high Latino population all of the businesses are frequented by the Latino community. She mentioned the small businesses in downtown Sanger and said that she could send a list of Chamber Members that would apply to this questions, she also said that most of the Chamber's members are listed on the Web site.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ She does not know anything about fishing in the area.

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

N/A

RECREATION \_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES            **NO X**            She didn't know.

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

The water resource that people visit is Kings River.

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns? Yes, pesticides that live in the water.
- Cultural prohibitions? none
- Legal issues? No, all follow law with regards to fishing in the Delta
- Economic forces? Yes
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                      NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

She said that the Latino community celebrates the Mexican Independence day, September 16<sup>th</sup>, which is usually hosted through the city.

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)   X**

People receive their government information through the City of Sanger.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

She does not know where people receive government or healthcare services.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

She did not know.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

She recommended that we speak with the City of Sanger (already on the list).

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

## **Contact Details**

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Organization: Sanger Chamber of Commerce

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 8/6/09

Name/Organization: Roman Romaso, Slavic Assistance Center,  
Executive Director

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**NOTES: There was a language barrier and I am not sure he understood all of my questions or that I understood all of his answers properly.**

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He said that he did not know anything about the Delta.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

He wasn't sure what the Delta's best attributed were.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

Not sure.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES\_\_\_ **NO\_X**

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES\_X** NO\_\_

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES\_\_\_ **NO\_X**

d. Water quality YES\_\_\_ **NO\_X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He said that he thinks there needs to be more information provided about what is going on in the Delta.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
      X

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

Mr. Romaso lives in Sacramento because it is a good place.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He thinks that the Slavic community is unique when compared to others because they have a different culture.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes, Mr. Romaso thinks he will stay in the Delta are because it is not a terrible place to live.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that community events that are important to the Slavic community are the Safety and Health Job Fair and the Ukraine Thanksgiving celebration.

Why do you think they are important?

Mr. Romaso thinks that these events are important because it is the best place to gather information about available services and job placement. They have been hosting the Job Fair annually for seven consecutive years.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He did not understand this question.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

He said that in the Slavic community they speak Ukrainian, Russian and Moldavian.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

He said that most in the Slavic community are in industrial and construction work.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Some of the stores he could recall were: Good Neighbor, M & M, Old European, KU, Bon Appetit, Citrus Plaza, Birchtree and a few others that were indiscernible.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X   NO   X  

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

The Slavic community

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH**   X   OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

**PREFERENCE**   X   CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

Mr. Romaso said that people fish in the Delta because they are trying to catch a different type of fish.

**d. If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X** \_\_\_\_\_

They use the Delta.

**e. If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

Areas that the Slavic community use are the American River and the Feather River.

**f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

**g. If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

N/A

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

He did not know.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Romaso said that they usually do not get information about government projects.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He said that most people have health insurance or they go to the medical clinics.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

It seemed as though he said Moldovian, however, when I asked him to restate he said 65 percent to 70 percent Caucasian.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

No

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/1/09

Name/Organization: Michael Martin, Mayor, City of Winters

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

The Delta is in disrepair. There are major levee issues that need to be addressed. The Department also needs to address how they are going to handle non native species in the Delta. He is also concerned about water quality issues such as the City of Sacramento dumping waste water into the Delta and salt water intrusion. He feels the Department doesn't consider the impact that urban water users have on the environment and the state's water supply. He feels the Department only focuses on agricultural water use.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

He stated the Delta is a great area for farming, open space and wildlife.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The Department needs to address water issues. They need to understand that water can't be diverted from the North to the South. There also needs to be more water storage and more flood protection. The Department needs to find a balance between agriculture and the environment. Some of his other ideas are constructing nuclear power plants and underground water reserves. He would also like to know how the project is going to be funded.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Non-native species and vegetation needs to be addressed.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both? **No**

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

### Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational **YES**
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

It is a lot like other Delta communities

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Like many other Delta communities they are agriculturally based.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- Community festival in September which is generally attended by Latinos
- Any events hosted by the Catholic Church throughout the year. The events are generally attended by Latinos

Why do you think they are important?

The events are important because they encourage residents to become more politically active and encourage individuals to volunteer in the community. Many individuals don't trust going into government agencies so it's also a great way to get information to the public about government projects/programs.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Walnuts, almonds, wheat, tomatoes.

Most farms have less than 50 employees.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

- Ethnic grocery stores and restaurants

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X   NO \_\_\_\_\_

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Asian

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ **FOOD**   X   BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

Economic reasons

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ **CULTURAL** **X** **ECONOMIC** **X**

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** **X**

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces? **Yes**
- Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES** **X** **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Ethnic Churches- based off the ethnic make up of the church it could be Latino, Asian or Caucasian.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers X** TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ **Community events X**

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- **The Winters Health Foundation**

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

**Latino**

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

N/A

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** He just wanted to state that channels are bad, the project will cost too much and there should be a focus on water storage.

DATE: 9/10/09

Name/Organization: Suzanne Mangum, Executive Director, Lodi House

NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

She said that she likes the Delta but does not feel good about water being diverted from it.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

The Delta's best attribute in Ms. Mangum's opinion is that it is a piece of peaceful, quiet nature.

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

She thinks that the Delta needs to be cleaned up and that everything in the bottom of the Delta needs to be dredged up.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES\_\_\_ **NO X**
- b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO\_\_\_
- c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO\_\_\_
- d. Water quality **YES X** NO\_\_\_
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
Both \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.  
Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational - boating
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She thinks that Lodi is unique because it is a very caring, generous community that takes care of its own.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She listed community events such as street fairs, farmer's markets, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event at the lake, the Grape Festival and the wine tasting events as activities that are important to the community.

Why do you think they are important?

Ms. Mangum thinks that these are important to the community because they raise money for the community, they bring people into Lodi and they bring the Lodi residents together to create a sense of community.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

She said that the Lodi community is pretty diverse but it is definitely made up of three majority groups, Caucasian, Latino and Middle Eastern.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: grapes, tomatoes, fruits, cherries and nuts.

She did not know the farm sizes.

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

She said that the farm workers are generally Latino and the owners are Caucasian.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

She said that the Boys and Girls club has a lot of Middle Eastern group members, the Family Partnership serves a large Latino population, and the Women's Center and the Lodi House serve all ethnicities.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_ **NO X**

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

(Fishing in the Delta)

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ **FOOD X** BOTH \_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

She isn't sure why people fish in the Delta.

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

N/A

YES NO

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

N/A

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X   NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

She named the local Buddhist church that hosts an Obon Festival, Cinco de Mayo, and she said that there is a pow wow held by a Native American group at Lodi Lake.

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers \_\_X\_\_** TV \_\_\_\_\_

**Community organizations \_\_X\_\_** Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**She said most people get their information from the Chamber of Commerce or the local newspaper, the Lodi News Sentinel.**

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

**Ms. Mangum identified the Salvation Army as an organization that helps low income individuals with healthcare; however, most have to go to Stockton to receive most social services and government services.**

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

She does not think that there is one ethnicity that makes up a large percentage of the low income community; she thinks that all ethnicities are in need across the board.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Richard Jones – Boys and Girls Club (already contacting)  
Mondavi Winery  
Langetwins Partners (grape growers)  
Ken Smith with F & M Bank  
Lodi Chamber of Commerce (already contacting)

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Email:

**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/10/09

Name/Organization: Toby Ross, West Sacramento City Manager

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He feels the Delta is threatened

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

Mr. Ross enjoys the wildlife that lives in the Delta and recreational opportunities the Delta offers.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The Department and legislature needs to have an objective approach when they are making decisions about the Delta. They need to think about the impacts that water conveyance will have on the Delta's habitat.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He is also concerned about impacts the potential project will have on the Port of Sacramento.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
          X

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

Mr. Ross' job brought him to the area.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational **YES**
- o To visit family or friends **YES**
- o Other

He bird watches in the Delta

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

The city is on the boarder of the Delta but has strong levees.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

No- his family has moved and he will move when he retires

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- There is an annual Neighborhood Fair in October that draws a mix of people

Why do you think they are important?

Many members of the public have a limited understanding about government projects and these events help educate the public.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

70% White/Latino, 30% other but mostly Russian

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish, Russian, Asian

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Industrial

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Russian Churches- Russians

Wal-mart- mix of ethnic groups

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES  X  NO \_\_\_\_\_

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Asian, Latino and Russian

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH  X**  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Ross did not know.

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

It is close and you don't need a boat to fish in the Delta.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES   X                        NO       

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

On the canal by Jefferson Blvd in West Sacramento

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

Asians

g. **If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES                             NO   X  

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?

- o No leadership?
- o Other reasons?

Did not know

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)  X

- Web sites

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- Local non-profits
- County services

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

He was not sure, but guessed that it would be Latinos and Asians

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

The Executive Director of the West Sacramento Chamber

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/11/09

Name/Organization: Nathan Magsig, City of Clovis, City Council

NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

The Delta needs to be reinforced. It needs to be used to convey water to the rest of the state

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

It is a great source of water

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The levees need to be reinforced to today's standards. They also need to be able to stand up to strong earthquake.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_ **No**

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o **Other YES for business**

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

**It has one of the largest unemployment rates in the state, but Fresno County (which Clovis is a part of) has one of the highest unemployment rates**

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as***

*cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- The Chamber of Commerce hosts an event called Big Hats Day in April- it brings out a mix of people
- Clovis festival takes place ever September. It brings out a mix of people

Why do you think they are important?

They are large events that bring out a lot of people

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino, Black, Asian, and Caucasian

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Citrus, peaches, almonds, tomatoes, strawberries, lettuce, blueberries, walnuts, cucumbers, eggplant, dairy

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

The Hispanic Chambers of Fresno and the Central Valley. Univision is owned by Latinos and frequently watched by the Latino population.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_ **NO X**

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_ **N/A**

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_ **N/A**

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ **N/A**

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

**N/A**

**f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

**N/A**

**g. If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

**Did not know**

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_                      **NO X**

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

**N/A**

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

**Did not know**

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  X       Newspapers  X       TV  X

Community organizations  X       Community events  X

Other (describe)  X

- The city's Web site

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- The housing authority
- County Services
- Habitat for Humanity
- State services
- The Work Force Investment (non-profit)

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latinos

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- Ray Appleton, radio personality in Fresno, did not have his number
- Congress member Devin Nunes, Did not have his number
- Bob Simpcamp (sp?) he owns a packing company in Fresno. His number is 559-299-2901

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your

community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

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## Contact Details

Name: Nathan Magsig

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/11/09

Name/Organization: Cameron Hamilton, Council member, City of Porterville

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

There needs to be a better balance. The Delta needs water but so does the Central Valley.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

It is a great water resource and also a strong economic source due to recreational activities

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

A third party needs to help find a balance between the environmentalist and economic water needs of the State.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He stated that the Delta Smelt is non-native so he is confused why they are being so heavily protected. He also stated federal law should supersede California law.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

No

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other **YES**

For business and recreational reasons

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

The city he represents doesn't need water from Northern California

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- The Irish Festival which takes place in May brings a mix of people
- The County Fair in May which brings a mix of people

Why do you think they are important?

They are fun social events. They also help educate the public about government programs.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino and Caucasian

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Oranges and nuts

The farms are a mix of businesses with 50 and more employees and 50 and less.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Ethnic grocery stores

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_ **NO X**

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

Most people don't fish in the Delta, they stay local

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o **Economic forces? Yes**
- o Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES  X  NO \_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Soccer games at community parks

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X        Newspapers   X        TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_      Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)   X  

- Outreach by City Council members

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- The ER
- Family Healthcare Network

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Caucasian and Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking

for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- Dennis Colmon at Sierra View,
- Rosa Carlson the President of the Porterville Junior College
- President of the Porterville Chamber

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Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS: N/A**

DATE: 9/11/09

Name/Organization: Don Saylor, City Council, Davis

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He said that he is very concerned about the state of the Delta.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

He thinks that the Delta's best attributes are its size, good water flow into the Delta, the large number of concerned citizens surrounding the Delta, the natural habitat that it creates for wildlife and it enables farming in the area.

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

Mr. Saylor thinks that the Delta needs to have an assured flow into the Delta so that the fresh water doesn't become saline. He thinks that there needs to be an equal split between maintaining the domestic habitat and agriculture. He concluded that the levees and the infrastructure of the Delta need to be upgraded.

2. **Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO \_\_\_

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO\_\_\_  
(however, he was not aware of the sturgeon)

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO\_\_\_

d. Water quality **YES X** NO \_\_\_

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He stated that the mercury coming out of Cache Creek into the Delta is an issue. He also said that the cost of upgrading and how the cost is

borne by local government, even though the regulations come from the state, is a concern of his.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
    X    

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

### Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

He chooses to live in the Delta region because of the quality of life and its proximity to the State Capitol. He also enjoys the presence of the university, education, agriculture, heritage and preservation of open space.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

N/A

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He thinks that the community is unique because of the location of the university and the manifestation of education, the vibrant downtown area, Farmer's Markets and the sense of community, which he attributes to

proximity of the university. He also thinks that his community is unique because farmland preservation and water conservation have always been hallmarks for the Davis community.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes, he sees himself remaining in the region for generations to come because that is his home, it is where his children grew up and where the people that are close to him and his family live. He loves the place.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Mr. Saylor said that the Davis community values hiking, biking, Picnic Day, the opening of school, sporting events, Duck Days, Bike Races and the Fourth of July celebration.

Why do you think they are important?

He thinks that these activities are important to the Davis community because they instill ritual and tradition; old friends return to the area, all of the activities include an outdoor element and usually some sort of special food. He believes that the activities help to bring people together.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He said that the Davis community is pretty diverse and has a global representation because of the university. The student population accounts for about 40 percent of the population. He said that there is a disproportionately large number of Asians among the student population. However, among the general population, the majority ethnicity is Caucasian with a small representation of other ethnicities. He said that there are fewer Black and Latino residents than the state average, but more Indian, Asian, Pacific Islander and Muslims than the state average.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

UC Davis is the largest employer in the community.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

He named several groups that would be good ethnic outreach areas such as the Davis Korean Church, Davis Islamic Church, Davis Chinese Christian Church, Davis Synagogue, rotary clubs, Kiwanas, Odd Fellows, UC Davis student government, and the two daily newspapers the Davis Enterprise and the UC Aggie.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ He did not know

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

RECREATION   X   FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**IF OTHER, LIST:**

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

He thinks that people fish in the Delta because it is close and easy to just hop on a boat and go, or they go for specific fish like salmon or bass when the fish are running.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES\_\_ NO\_\_ He was not aware of any

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

General areas to do water-related activities: Clearlake, Lake Berryessa, Cache Creek, Puta Creek, Folsom Lake, Lake Commanche, the American River and other streams going up into the Sierras.

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

The general Delta region community.

**g. If no:** Why not?

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES** **X**                      NO       

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Juneteenth Celebration  
African American Family Days  
Ramadan Celebration  
Davis India Association puts on several events pertaining to the Indian culture.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  X  Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV  X

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)  X

People are used to watching the public access TV channel and radio stations, as well as using the Internet and the local library branch's free publications.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He said that a lot of people use the Yolo County Continuum of Care, Sutter Hospital, Childcare Network and Childcare Referral System. He stated that most of the job services and mental health care providers are in Woodland because they are provided through the County. There are also services for seniors at the Davis Senior center that help to provide food for impoverished seniors.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

He did not know

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Jonathon London – Faculty at UC Davis

Ann Evans – Former Davis City Council that is very involved in the farming community

Tim O'Halloran – Yolo County Flood Control

Robin Colicko – Yolo Basin Foundation

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/11/09

Name/Organization: Felipe Martinez, City of Portville, City Council

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He believes there needs to be a 2 gate water system and more water needs to flow to central valley.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

It's a main water source for the state and can provide water to areas that need it.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

Clean water avenues need to be constructed. The Delta needs to be drenched correctly and outreach programs about water issues need to be conducted.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO X**

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO X**

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He believes the Department needs to stop studying the issue and start implementing the ideas.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work   X   Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

He was raised in the Delta area.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other **YES**

Business

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

There water source comes from a federal supply and they have dam issues.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- Irish Festival takes place in the spring. It has a mix of ethnic groups that attend.
- The Pow Wow festival takes place in the fall. It has a lot of Native Americans that attend.
- Cinco De Mayo festival takes place in the fall and is attended by a mix of ethnic groups, but mostly Latino
- In the fall high school football games bring out a mix of people

Why do you think they are important?

The events help inform the community about issues and government projects. They educate people that might not read the paper or watch the news.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

The primary ethnic makeup of the community is Indian, Spanish, Caucasian, Filipino and Hmong

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish, Indian, and Tagalong

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Citrus, dairy, fruit, and nuts

Most employ more but it is seasonal employment

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino, Caucasian, and Indian

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Ethnic grocery stores

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_ **NO X**

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ **N/A**

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

Did not know

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X            Newspapers   X            TV   X  

Community organizations   X            Community events   X  

Other (describe)   X  

- Spanish TV

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- Family Healthcare network
- Non-profits like CSET and Prodic
- Southside enterprise

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

## Latinos

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- A community leader at Toli river Tribal Council

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/14/09

Name/Organization: Maria Viramontes, Council member, City of Richmond

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

She is concerned about the health of the Delta

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

Ms. Viramontes believes the Delta is a great water resource. It also provides a wonderful wildlife habitat, agricultural resource and recreational opportunities.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

She believes there needs to be balance within the Delta to help sustain the area. There needs to be a better balance between agriculture and recreational needs. The levees also need to be improved.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Drought issues

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

N/A

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational **YES**
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

The city is by the bay and a water front community.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- Rosie River memorial event in June, Mix of ethnic groups
- Cinco De Mayo event in May, mix of groups but mostly Latino
- Juneth in June, mostly attended by blacks
- Waterfront event in September, attended by a mix of ethnic groups

Why do you think they are important?

The help build community and allow various cultures to intermix.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

It is very diverse, but mostly Latino, Black, Caucasian, and Asian

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and other Asian languages

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Industrial, commercial and shipping

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Small business on 23<sup>rd</sup> street are frequented by Latinos

The local mall draws all ethnic groups

Black churches are well attended

The farmers markets on Wednesday and Friday bring a mix of people

Local chambers draw a mix of ethnic groups

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Caucasian, Asian and Latino

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ **FOOD** X BOTH \_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ **CULTURAL** **X** **ECONOMIC** **X**

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

**YES** **X** **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

Marina Bay and North Richmond

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

Black, Latino, and Asian

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES** **X** **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Black church services

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ **TV   X**

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ **Community events   X**

**Other (describe)   X**

- Senior events
- Direct mail
- The City's e-newsletter
- The City's Web site

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- County healthcare
- Brookside clinic
- Local non profits

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latinos and Blacks

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- Black Chamber of Commerce  
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Merchants

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** There needs to be more thought about smart growth.

DATE: 9/15/09

Name/Organization: JoAnne Mounce, Council member, City of Lodi

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

She is concerned about levee issues within the Delta

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

She believes the best attributes of the Delta are the recreational opportunities and the wildlife.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The levees need to be rebuilt.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ **Both X**

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

Her job is in the Delta

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

N/A

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

There is strong sense of community, the city has controlled growth and it also has a strong wine industry.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as*

*cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She said that her community values: the Street Fairs held in October and May, attended by a mix of ethnicities, the Harvest Festival held in September and attended by a mix of ethnicities, and the County Fair held in September, attended by a mix of ethnicities.

Why do you think they are important?

They build a sense of community

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

50% Caucasian, 35% Latino, 15% other

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish, Indian

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: Grapes, wheat, vegetables

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino and Caucasian

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

N/A

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES  X  NO \_\_\_\_\_

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Asian

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH  X  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL  X  ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO  X

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

**f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

**g. If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

Did not know

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_                      **NO X**

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

Did not know

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

**Community organizations**   X                        **Community events**   X  

**Other (describe)**   X                        **Partnerships for Families (nonprofit),**  
**City Web site, utility bills**

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

**She said most people go to the County healthcare clinic and Partnership for families.**

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

**Latinos**

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

**Phyllis Grupe, Partnership for Families**

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

**Yes**

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/15/09

Name/Organization: Pete V. McCracken, Mayor, City of Porterville

NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He feels the Delta is not in a good state. There needs to be a strong plan to fix the Delta and it needs to be done soon.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

Agriculture and wildlife

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

There needs to be balance with how much water is needed for the Delta and how much water is needed for other areas in the state. Right now too many studies are going on and a plan needs to be determined

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO X**

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He is concerned about salt infiltration within the Delta

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_  
**N/A**

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

**N/A**

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

**No**

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

**Yes**

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

**It is right by the foothills. They also need water.**

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

**N/A**

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- There is a local fair the community has every June. It is attended by a mix of people
- There is also an Irish festival every April. It mostly attended by Caucasians

Why do you think they are important?

They encourage community involvement. The local fair also showcases the agriculture industry of the community through exhibits and the sale of produce

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

The primary ethnic makeup of the community is Latino, Asian, and a mix of other ethnic groups

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Citrus, alfalfa, dairy, grapes, vegetables

The amount of employees depends on the season. If it is harvest time it over 50 if it isn't it under 50.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Most farms are owned by Caucasians and worked by Latinos and Hmong

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

N/A

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_ **NO X**

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_ **N/A**

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_ **N/A**

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

**d. If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

**e. If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

**f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

**g. If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?

- o No leadership?
- o Other reasons?

Did not know

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X        Newspapers   X        TV   

Community organizations             Community events       

Other (describe)   X  

- Informational materials provided at City Hall

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- The ER
- The nonprofit Love Inc.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latinos and Caucasians

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Pastor John Eby, First Baptist Church (559) 784-1620

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/16/09

Name/Organization: Blong Xiong, Fresno City Council

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

She feels that the current state of the Delta is not good.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

There needs to be a better balance of what the water needs are versus the environmental needs.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

In order to fix the Delta, she feels that the Department needs to address the wildlife issues

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_ **No**

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

o **Recreational**

o To visit family or friends

o Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

The community is very involved in agriculture and needs water.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She said that the Cinco De Mayo festival, which is held in May and mostly attended by Latinos and the Hmong New Year, which is held in December and is mostly attended by Hmong, and very important activities to her community.

Why do you think they are important?

She feels these activities are important because they bring a sense of community and provide outreach opportunities.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

The primary ethnic makeup of the community is Latino and South East Asian.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish, and South East Asian

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: various fruits and nuts

The farms are generally smaller farms that employ less than 50 people.

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Mostly Latino work in the farming industry, but some Caucasians do too.

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Community Centers and Ethnic grocery stores

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES  X  NO \_\_\_\_\_

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Asians and Latinos

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH  X**  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

**PREFERENCE  X  CULTURAL  X  ECONOMIC  X**

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES  X  NO \_\_\_\_\_

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

She said that they go to local places, but didn't give exact place names.

**f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

**g. If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ N/A

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio X Newspapers X TV \_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events X

Other (describe) X Ethnic media

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

She said most low income residents go to County Services and nonprofits for assistance.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latinos and South East Asians

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

N/A

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/16/09

Name/Organization: Jane Day, City Council, Suisun City

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

She said that she is not pleased with the status of the Delta at all. She thinks that it needs to be cleaned up, but she is relatively pleased with what the Delta is producing.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

She thinks that the fact that the Delta is so useful is its best attribute. She also thinks that it is beautiful.

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

Ms. Day thinks that the Delta needs to be dredged.

2. **Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO \_\_\_

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**  
(however, he was not aware of the sturgeon)

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO \_\_\_

d. Water quality **YES X** NO \_\_\_

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Ms. Day just said that the wildlife in the Delta is much appreciated.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

No

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She said that the community is unique because they have the water. She also thinks that Suisun City is unique because it is an old town with a lot of new. Nine tenths of the town is under development and at one time the entire town was being redeveloped. She described the town as being small and diverse.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Ms. Day said that Suisun City values its annual festivals which are usually held on the water front, water recreation, baseball, bike races and kayaking.

Why do you think they are important?

She thinks that these activities are important to the public because they are public amenities.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

She described her community as being relatively diverse with a combination of Caucasian, Latino and Asian ethnicities.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, however, Spanish is a prominent language.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

She thinks that most residents leave the community for work and that the largest employer is Travis Air Force Base.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

She said that all residents use all businesses, none are specifically frequented by certain ethnicities.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ **She didn't know.**

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

**IF OTHER, LIST:**

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES\_\_ NO\_\_

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

- g. **If no:** Why not?

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES\_\_ NO \_\_ **She did not know.**

- If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

### **Information and Communication**

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_X\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_X\_\_

She said most people find their information on the Internet or through the Daily Republic newspaper.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

She said most go to the local food bank/social services center and get served once a week.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

She did not know.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

No

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS: N/A**

DATE: 9/16/09

Name/Organization: Stephen Souza, City Council, Suisun City

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Souza thinks that the Delta has some continual habitat problems that can only be fixed by looking at all of the issues related to water and habitat and then address them with a plan.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He thinks that we need to guarantee siphoning of water isn't done as it has been because of its negative effects on the water. He thinks that we need to protect the aquatic species that have been stressed due to fishing. He is also concerned about the run off from pharmaceuticals because there are no levels of testing by the State Water Control Board. He thinks that as we proceed we will find out that pharmaceuticals will be a much bigger issue than is being considered at the moment.

2. **Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO \_\_

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO\_\_

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO\_\_

d. Water quality **YES X** NO \_\_

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He does not think that the Delta of today looks like the Delta of yesterday and he believes that the primary levees need to protect the humans so they must be shored up or taken care of. He wants the levees upgraded to today's standards.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
    X    

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

### Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

Mr. Souza lives and works in the Delta area because he enjoys the beauty, nature and its proximity to so many attributes of the state, such as the Sierras and the San Francisco Bay. He thinks that the weather is fantastic and it is as close as he can get to surfing.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

N/A

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Mr. Souza thinks that Davis is unique because the community has a mind set of wanting to protect the habitat of the land they reside on and to protect agriculture through mitigation. He also said that Davis is the new home of the bicycle hall of fame and alternative transportation. Davis has the number one farmer's market for a city its size.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes, he sees himself remaining in the Delta region for years to come because of the nice weather and scenic attributes. He also said that the people are wonderful.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Mr. Souza said that the farmer's market, active and passive recreation activities, habitat trails and habitat areas are important to the Davis community. He also said that Davis has the highest number of swimming pools per capita.

Why do you think they are important?

These activities are important to the Davis community because they like to stay, happy, healthy and wise.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He described his community as mainly being comprised of Caucasians with Asians as the second prominent ethnicity.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, however, the community is incredibly diverse because of UC Davis.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

He thinks that the largest employer of the Davis community is in government or academia.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

He named the International House, which provides a gathering place for ethnic groups. He also said that there are numerous student groups on the UC Davis campus that are related to ethnicities.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

Not any one group uses the area more than others for fishing.

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

RECREATION \_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH X** OTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
However, it is mainly for recreation.

**IF OTHER, LIST:**

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ **CULTURAL X** ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

He said that he sees more subsistence fishing areas in the Knights Landing areas.

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

He thinks that people choose to fish in the Delta as opposed to other places because they do not need a boat. People can stand on the levee to fish or go to the sloughs. Other lakes and areas need a boat to do good fishing.

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES\_\_ NO\_\_

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

General area activity areas outside of the Delta: Lake Berryessa, Lake Shasta, Lake Oroville or other high mountain lakes.

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

The general Davis population may travel to these areas.

- g. **If no:** Why not?

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES X**                      NO    

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Mr. Souza said that Davis celebrates all activities and events. Some examples are Yom Kippur, Kwanza and Ramadan.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

### Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

**Radio X**                      Newspapers                          **TV X**

Community organizations                             Community events

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

He said that a lot of people utilize the Davis Community TV and public access radio stations.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He said that most low income residents go to the Davis Community Clinic for health care or the Emergency Rooms at Sutter Hospital and Woodland Memorial Hospital.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

First Latino, then African American then Caucasian.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He recommended speaking with the professors at UC Davis such as Sid England or Mitch Sears that works with the Habitat Conservation team in Davis [msears@cityofdavis.org](mailto:msears@cityofdavis.org)

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/16/09

Name/Organization: Larry Teixeira, Assistant Superintendent, Selma Unified School District

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He said that he thinks that the Delta is certainly controversial and that there needs to be a balance between the wildlife and those that use the Delta's water.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. **Negative:** what do you think needs to be done to "fix" it?

In order to fix the Delta, Mr. Teixeira thinks that we need to make sure that nothing is being dumped into the Delta or pumped out.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES\_X** NO\_\_\_

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES\_X** NO\_\_\_

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES\_X** NO\_\_\_

d. Water quality **YES\_X** NO\_\_\_

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No, just pay attention to water quality issues in the Delta.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

N/A

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.  
Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational – He has traveled to the Delta on a couple of occasions.
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Mr. Teixeira said that the community is unique because they are affected by the water cutoff, however, they are somewhat shielded because of their proximity to Fresno and the jobs available in Fresno.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Mr. Teixeira said that the community values the annual high school competition that they host each year, baseball (several professional players have come out of the area), wrestling, Latino holidays and patriotic holidays such as Veteran's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day etc.

Why do you think they are important?

He thinks that these events are important to the community because they are traditional; something that people's parents and grandparents can share with them.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

The primary ethnic group is Latino with a small population of Punjabi and Indian.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: grapes, almonds, peaches and nectarines.

He said that all of the farms are small farms.

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

He said most owners are Caucasian and most workers are Latino.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Wal-mart, Mexican restaurants such as Sal's Restaurant and the Auto Mall.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

He doesn't know because the area doesn't have a lot of fishers.

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

N/A

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES            NO            N/A

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

Areas that community members use outside of the Delta: Kings River

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

General community members

g. **If no: Why not?**

N/A

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                      NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Mr. Teixeira said that most events in Selma are Latino-based. He described a Mariachi Festival that is attended by Latinos, a Mariachi Festival held each

Spring at the middle school, and a car show that attracts the Latino population.

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X   Newspapers   X   TV   X  

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

The local newspaper is the Fresno Bee and he said most people pay attention to the PSAa and news announcements on TV as well.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He said most low income residents attend local health clinics or Selma Hospital for assistance.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

He was not sure but guessed that the Latino population makes up the largest percentage of the low income population.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He recommended we speak with DB Hueser (already contacting) Jeff Sheppard, a local attorney

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/16/09

Name/Organization: Mark Johannessen, Council member, West Sacramento

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He feels the Delta is in trouble. He thinks levee issues need to be addressed along with water supply issues. He is also concerned about earthquake issues, levee issues, water flow issues, and the flooding of islands.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

He believes the best attributes of the Delta are the recreational opportunities, wildlife, the open space, and that it is a great place for agriculture.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The Department needs to focus on land use issues, water storage, dams, flood protection, and the development of a comprehensive plan.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

A solid plan for the Delta needs to be created and the water end users should pay for the infrastructure.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
          X          

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

He likes living in West Sacramento.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational **YES**
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

It is a small community that is diverse. However it is also growing in size.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- There is a neighborhood fair in October of every year that is attended by all ethnic groups.

Why do you think they are important?

They help integrate the different groups within the community.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Russian, Indian, Latino, Caucasian

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish, South East Asian

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Industrial work and employment at the Port of Sacramento

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

He could not think of any businesses, but did state neighborhood associates are very popular in this area.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_ **NO X**

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_ **N/A**

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_ **N/A**

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_ **NO X**

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_                      **NO X**

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- o Not enough interest?
- o Not enough money?
- o No leadership?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV  X   
Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)  X

- Direct mail
- Door to Door outreach (grassroots)
- Inserts in utility bills
- The city newsletter (City Lights)
- Direct mail

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- N/A

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

- N/A

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- N/A

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Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/16/09

Name/Organization: Sam Derting, City Council, Suisun City

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Derting said that he thinks that the Delta needs some improvements.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

Mr. Derting thinks that water needs to stop being sent to Southern California and that the Delta's salinity issues need to be fixed.

2. **Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO \_\_

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO \_\_  
(however, he was not aware of the sturgeon)

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO \_\_

d. Water quality **YES X** NO \_\_

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He stated that he disagrees with what the Blue Ribbon Task Force would like to do and that is take farm land away from Solano County.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
    X

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

He thinks that the Delta is beautiful. He said that he lives across from a 100,000 acre marsh land and there is tons of wildlife in the area because of the Delta.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

N/A

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Mr. Derting thinks that Suisun City is unique because it is a water front community and the water front is the community's trade mark.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes, he sees himself remaining in the region for years to come because he loves it there and he enjoys fishing and the water front.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Mr. Derting said that Suisun City values boating, waterfront activities and baseball. The community holds several large baseball tournaments each season.

Why do you think they are important?

He said that these activities are important to Suisun city because they are part of the economics. Suisun City is a bedroom community and these activities draw people into the community and help the local economy.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He said that the community is predominately Caucasian with a pretty large Asian population.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

He said that most people are employed by the service industry and that a lot of people leave the area to work elsewhere because they are a bedroom community.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

He said that the best place to reach the Asian community is through local restaurants and the local fish market that caters to the Asian community.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES X NO \_\_\_

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

He said that Asian groups fish more often than others because of their culture.

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

RECREATION \_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_ **BOTH X** OTHER \_\_\_

He said while they fish for both, it is mostly for recreation purposes rather than food.

**IF OTHER, LIST:**

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_ **CULTURAL**\_\_\_\_\_ **X**\_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

He thinks that people fish in the Delta because they like the outdoors and they can bring food and drinks to the Delta and have a good time. He described the Delta as "good, cheap, fun."

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_ He was not aware of any

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

General areas to do water-related activities: Suisun Bay, San Pablo Bay, Sacramento River, and the San Joaquin River.

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

The general Delta region community.

- g. **If no:** Why not?

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Declined to answer

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Declined to answer

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Declined to answer

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Declined to answer

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

No

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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Organization:

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS: N/A**

DATE: 9/17/09

Name/Organization: Rob Schroder, Mayor, City of Martinez

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He believes the Delta is in jeopardy and is concerned about its current state. He worries about water supply and salutation level issues. In general he is concerned about the overall health of the Delta.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

He believes the best attributes are the wildlife, recreational, and natural resources within the Delta.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He believed the Delta's levees need to be fix and the Department needs to focus on the earthquake and flood issues within the Delta. He also thinks the Department need to factor in agricultural needs.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_ **No**

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational YES
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other YES- Business

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

That it is industry and factory based and that it is water front community.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- Italian Street Painting Festival in September attended by a mix of ethnic groups
- King of the County Food Event in early summer attended by mix of ethnic groups

Why do you think they are important?

They help the economy and are family friendly events.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian- 65; Latino- 25; Black- 5; Asian- 5

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish, Asian languages

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Government and industrial work

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

- Contra Costa Interfaith Council meetings are frequented by Latinos
- Contra Costa Hispanic Chamber of Commerce meetings are frequented by Latinos

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES  X  NO \_\_\_\_\_

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Latino

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH  X**  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ **CULTURAL  X**  **ECONOMIC  X**

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES   X                        NO       

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

The fishing pier at the Martinez Marina

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

Latinos

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                        NO       

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Meetings at the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

**If no:** Why not?

- o Not enough interest?
- o Not enough money?
- o No leadership?

- o Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X        Newspapers   X        TV   X  

Community organizations   X        Community events   X  

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- County Services
- State Welfare Programs

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

- Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- The Executive Director of the local Hispanic Chamber (Did not know name).

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/18/09

Name/Organization: Keith Conarro, City of Manteca Water Department

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He feels the Delta needs to be improved

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

He is concern about the amount of water supply the Delta can supply and also the impact the project could have on agriculture and recreation within the Delta.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He believed the Department needs to realize the Delta is not a reliable water source.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
          X

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

He likes the lifestyle of the Delta, the economic housing and his job.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

N/A

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

No

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- The pumpkin festival in September brings a mix of people
- The Earth Day celebration in April brings a mix of people

Why do you think they are important?

They are fun and educational.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian and Latino

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Retail

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

N/A

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_ **NO X**

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

He was not sure

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_ **NO X**

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers X** TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ **Community events X**

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- He did not know

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

- He did not know

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- No

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Already receive the emails

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Already receive the emails

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

Name: Keith Conarroe

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Email: N/A

**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/18/09

Name/Organization: Phil Larson, Fresno County Board of Supervisors

NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He thinks that the Delta needs repair and help. He said that the Central Valley definitely wants to help take care of the Delta.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

Mr. Larson thinks that the Delta's best attribute is that it is the key point for delivery of water throughout the state and that it allows shipping between Northern and Southern California.

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

Answered on next page.

2. **Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO \_\_
- b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO\_\_
- c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO\_\_
- d. Water quality **YES X** NO \_\_
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He thinks that we need to pay attention to and be accurate when referring to species. He also thinks that we need to address the water that never even makes it to the Delta. Mr. Larson said that there are 1,600 pumps without screens in the Delta, and those pumps need to be addressed too, not just the ones that pump water out of the Delta. He would like to see a balance and a comprehensive water plan that

includes off stream storage, Delta facilities, conservation, cooperation and water banking.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

### Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o **Recreational** – he has been to the Delta a couple of times.
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Mr. Larson thinks that his community is unique because the west side of Fresno (his district coverage) is predominately agriculture; therefore, the workforce in the area is probably less educated than other area. With a high rate of unemployment, 40 percent of residents are unemployed due to the

water shortage. All businesses that supply agriculture products and goods are also hurting because of the water situation.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Mr. Larson said that the Fresno community is very sports-minded, especially for the high school-aged children. So sports and youth activities such as baseball and Pop Warner football are important activities to the community. He said that parents and families are very involved in the youth activities; however, some of those activities are being curtailed because of the economic situation. He also said that the farmer's market is important to the community.

Why do you think they are important?

Mr. Larson said that these activities are important because parents are interested in seeing their children grow. They want their children to be educated and involved, so it is a natural thing that these activities would be important to the community.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

In District 1 the ethnic make up is about 51 percent Latino and the overall Fresno community is about 50 percent Latino.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, however, Spanish is very prominent.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes, two out of every five jobs in Fresno County are employed by the agriculture industry.

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: grapes, tomatoes, cotton, onion, garlic, lettuce, tree fruits and raisins.

He said that the average farm is about 300 acres and there are very few farms that employ fifty or more employees.

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Farmers: Caucasian

Workers: Latino

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

He did not name any specific organizations he just referred to libraries, schools and County offices.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES X                      NO \_\_\_

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

He is not positive but he assumes that the Hmong population uses the surrounding water bodies for fishing more often than others.

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

RECREATION X FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**IF OTHER, LIST:**

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES X NO \_\_

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

He said that some parks near the water such as Scaags Bridge Park and Love Lake Park, are used during ethnic events.

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

County residents and all ethnicities, however, some ethnic events are held in these areas though he couldn't name any specifically.

**g. If no:** Why not?

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES**   X                        NO   \_\_\_  

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Mr. Larson said that the Hmong community celebrates the Hmong New Year and the Latino population celebrates the Mexican Independence Day as well as Cinco De Mayo.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

**Radio**   X                        **Newspapers**   X                        **TV**   X

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Larson said that the average person in Fresno County does not know much about the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. However, in the conversations he does have in regards to the plan, people say that they want water storage in the area so they can have more recreation areas. He said that the most frequently read newspaper is the Fresno Bee.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He said most people go to the County for assistance or service programs. Most people in Firebaugh, Mendota and Kerman go to community centers for services.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He recommended speaking with the City Manager in Kerman and the Mayors in Kerman and Firebaugh.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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Organization:

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/2/09

Name/Organization: Cecilia Valdez, Council member, City of San Pablo

NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He is concerned about environment issues and water supply issues.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

N/A

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES NO

d. Water quality YES NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both? N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

N/A

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

The community is very low income

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as*

*cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- Heritage Days takes place in September and it brings a mix of ethnic groups
- Cinco De Mayo is in May and it brings a mix of ethnic groups
- Public Safety Day is in June and brings a mix of ethnic groups

Why do you think they are important?

They provide individuals with community information. They also provide a sense of belonging and community.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

50% Latino and the rest of the community is made up of Blacks, Caucasians, and Asians.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish, Filipino, and other Asian languages

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

The local Casino, hospital, and various small businesses

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

- Ethnic grocery stores and restaurants

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons? **N/A**

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

Not located close to the Delta

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                        NO       

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Soccer clubs- mainly Latino  
Concilio Latino- Community meeting once a month hosted by leaders in the Latino Community.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?

- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

No

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X                        Newspapers   X                        TV   X    
Community organizations   X                        Community events   X    
Other (describe)   X    
- Various grassroots efforts

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?
  - Brickside Community Clinic
  - The local ER
- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

N/A

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/2/09

Name/Organization: Linda Seifert, Solano County BOS

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

The Delta needs to be preserved

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

It is a great source of water for agriculture. It also provides a good habitat for animals and plants. It is also a great place for recreational activities.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The levees need to be strengthened. The Department also needs to make sure there isn't salt water intrusion. She also feels the habitat of the Delta needs to be protected.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO X**

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ **Both**  
          X

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

Her family is here; she likes the sense of community in the Delta; she likes the water way system of the Delta and the recreational opportunities; she also enjoys the fish and wildlife of the Delta.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

N/A

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

The diverse ethnic make up. The community resources such as agriculture. The low crime rate. And the fact that she represents a small town.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- The County fair-July- mix of ethnic groups
- Tomato Fair- September- mix of ethnic groups

Why do you think they are important?

They bring the community together.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian, Filipino, Black

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Did not know

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Did not know

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Seafood stores in Vallejo. Mostly frequented by Filipinos.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO  X

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

**d. If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO  X

**e. If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

**f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

**g. If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?

- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X        Newspapers   X        TV   X  

Community organizations   X        Community events   X  

Other (describe)\_\_\_\_\_

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

County services and non-profits.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

N/A

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

No

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/2/09

Name/Organization: Tom Butt, Council member, City of Richmond

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He feels the Delta is a mess right now.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

Mr. Butt believes the Delta is a great agricultural resource. He also thinks it is a good source of water. He feels it is a great environmental asset. He thinks there are some good development opportunities in the Delta and many companies have water interests.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

There need to be more leadership within the Delta. There also needs to be a long term plan established.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO X**

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both? N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

No

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

The community faces many socio-economic issues.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- Home front festival, takes place in October. A mix of ethnic groups attend
- Cinco De May takes place in May. Mostly attended by Latinos

Why do you think they are important?

They are traditional events that take place every year. Each year they are attended by more people.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

It is very diverse but mostly Latino and Black

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish, and Hmong

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

People are employed in the service industry and the public sector.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

- The Richmond business association and the Richmond chamber of commerce.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X   NO \_\_\_\_\_

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Black and Asian

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION   X   FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

They don't go to the Delta because they stay local.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES   X  

NO \_\_\_\_\_

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

Point San Pablo, Richmond

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

Black

g. **If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X  

NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Soccer leagues

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?

- o Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers** **X** **TV** **X**

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)** **X**

- Community TV Stations
- West County times
- Community Newsletters
- Mr. Butt's Web site- [www.tombutt.com](http://www.tombutt.com)

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- County services
- Non-profit organizations

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

**Latino and Black**

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- Local Government Commission's Executive Director Judy Corbett Ph: (916) 448-1198 x318
- The Bay Area Water Forum, Gina Bartlett, Forum facilitator at gina.bartlett@gmail.com (no phone provided)

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A



DATE: 9/21/09

Name/Organization: Brian Ward, Vice Mayor, Porterville City Council

NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Ward is very concerned about the current state of the Delta. He is interested in seeing how the potential projects are funded. He said that the Central Valley needs water and a big chunk of it comes from the Delta so it needs to be fixed.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He thinks that a balance between the environment and water needs to be found in order to fix the Delta. He would like to find a way to protect the habitat as well as get water to the farmers.

2. **Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO \_\_

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES \_\_ **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO \_\_

d. Water quality YES\_\_ **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Mr. Ward said that the West side of the Central Valley has been most impacted by the lack of water in the area.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

N/A  
Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o **Other** – He has only passed through the Delta while traveling.

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Mr. Ward believes that his community is unique because it is rural and an agriculture based community. When compared to other urban areas it is unique because the water impacts everything including jobs, which the community was already struggling with.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that patriotic activities such as Veterans Day Parade and the Reading Festival are very important to the community. He said that the community puts a lot of focus on children and family through events such as Music on Main Street, and learning and education fairs.

Why do you think they are important?

He thinks that these activities are important to the community because they signify community value. There are a lot of veterans in Porterville with a lot of focus on people looking out for their kids. He said that there is a lot of military support in the community.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He said that the largest ethnicity is Latino, then Caucasian, then Hmong and Lao, then Black.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, however, there is a large Spanish speaking population.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: oranges, corn, olives and grapes

He was unsure of the farm sizes but thinks that it depends on the season.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

He named the Hispanic Chamber of commerce, El Levante, Valardete, Family Health Care Network, Sequoia Medical Center, Wal-mart and the downtown shops are areas that the Latino population frequents.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_

N/A

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

RECREATION \_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

**IF OTHER, LIST:**

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES\_\_ NO\_\_

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

- g. **If no:** Why not?

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES X NO    

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

The Cinco de Mayo parade, Hmong New Year (though it is not held in the city) and Brew Fest to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio X Newspapers X TV    

Community organizations     Community events    

Other (describe) X

Mr. Ward said people read the Porterville Recorder or the local Spanish paper (he couldn't remember the name) or they find information through the City Hall and City Council.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He said people find assistance through Family Health Care Network, Sequoia Medical Center, Emergency Rooms and the Heritage Center, which is a local youth center.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He recommended speaking with Steven Tree, a past mayor, Ron Irish, a past council member and business owner, Dr. Gary McKeel, a superintendent and Dr. Snavley, the Porterville superintendent.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/21/09

Name/Organization: Mike Hudson, Suisun City Council

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He feels that the whole state of California is riding on the Delta and that we are building houses in the desert while the Delta is supporting them. He thinks that it is a mistake to turn any land back to a salt marsh and that there is no going back at this point. He thinks that turning the land back into a salt marsh will only drudge up more selenium and mercury.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

He thinks that the Delta's most positive attributes are that it provides a source of recreation, it is always in the top 50 places to hunt and fish, it can be used for commercial purposes for Bay-Delta towns and there is a possibility of a deep-water port in the area. He thinks that agriculturally it is the best land in California. Also, he said that there are a lot of leavings from the Gold Rush Days that could be reprocessed. He is mad that while Southern California is only one small part of the state, 20 percent for California's energy is spent sending water south.

b. **Negative:** what do you think needs to be done to "fix" it?

Mr. Hudson believes that we need to build more reservoirs and storage capacities. He thinks that the state is crazy for not building more dams. Dams would mean more recreation areas and more storage. The peripheral canal will damage the Delta because he believes that it is a poorly studied project and that legislation is trying to fix something that they don't fully understand. He feels that the project is a train wreck in the making.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES\_X** NO\_\_\_

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES\_X** NO\_\_\_

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES\_X** NO\_\_\_

- d. Water quality **YES X** NO\_\_\_
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He said that the islands seem to be sinking behind the levees. Because of the lack of access to the Delta, not all of the people in the area are familiar with it. Delta officials are worried about not having a voice in the process of fixing the Delta. He also brought up concerns about Highway 12, which is considered the local "blood alley." He said that it is inaccurate and hugely overused by traffic traveling to the Delta.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ **Both X** \_\_\_\_\_

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.  
Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

He chooses to live and work in the Delta area because he considers his standard of living to be high and thinks that the area is a nice place to live. He has established friends there.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**  
Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

N/A

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He thinks that Suisun is unique because there is a long history in the area. He said it used to be a place for miners traveling to old fields. It now has a waterfront that the community has worked hard to build. It is close to the water and the Delta, which makes it unique because they are right on the edge of the Delta so they have no more room to grow.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes, he sees himself staying in the area for at least another 20 years because he owns a home in the area and he likes where he is.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Mr. Hudson said that salmon fishing, fishing, hunting, bike races, hiking, kayaking, movies in the plaza, free concerts, jazz festivals, the Harvest Dinner, the Train Museum Pumpkin Patch and the two excursion boats that operate out of the Suisun port are important activities to his community.

Why do you think they are important?

He feels that these activities are important because they help with economic development and the city wants to provide its citizens with the services they expect. Every dollar is skimmed tax-wise so they city loses 70 percent of sales tax to larger cities. The events help bring people into the town. He feels that the Delta is the lifeblood to the community and it brings visitors into the area, killing the Delta will kill their city.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He thinks that he lives in the most diverse community in California. He said that it is about 33 percent Asian or Pacific Islander, 33 percent Latino, less than 30 percent Caucasian and 11 percent Black.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, however, there is also a lot of Tagalog and Spanish spoken within the community.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A.

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Mr. Hudson said that almost everyone is employed outside of the community. There is no employer in Suisun City that employs as little as 200 people.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by *(Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10)*?

He said that events like the Businesses by the Waterfront, Halloween, the Christmas event and the Blessing of Felipe are good ways to reach all of the members of the community, since all ethnicities participate in all community events. He said that about one third of the community comes to the City Plaza to help celebrate their Christmas events.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

Everyone uses the area for fishing, that is why they live there.

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

**RECREATION X** FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

He believes that people fish in the Delta as opposed to other areas because it is one of the top fishing places in the US and maybe the world. Also, they can fish for stripped bass, salmon and sturgeon.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

**YES** NO

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

Beldon Island and the community bridge.

**f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

He said that fisherman are the primary users of these areas.

**g. If no: Why not?**

N/A

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**   X  \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Mr. Hudson said that because his community is so diverse, everyone goes to every event. No one can claim a majority in the community. However, the Filipino culture seems to participate the most.

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?

- o Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers** **X** TV \_\_\_\_\_

**Community organizations** **X** Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)** **X**

The local newspaper is the Daily Republic. People find out about government programs through elected officials, the Internet, newsletters and the public library .

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He said most low income residents go to the county office in Fairfield.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

He was not sure, but guessed that the Latino or the Filipino population have the most low income residents.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Mike Regan, District Supervisor

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your

community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/22/09

Name/Organization: Mary Rocha, Mayor Pro, City of Antioch

NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

She thinks that the condition of the Delta is bad. She said that there are several levee issues and that recreational uses need to be protected.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

She thinks that the best attributes of the Delta are its recreational opportunities such as fishing and the fact that the Delta is a great source of water.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

Salt water infiltration and the fact that Antioch is not included in the planning process for the future of the Delta.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ **Both**   X

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

She chooses to live in the Delta area because it is beautiful, she has lived there for many years because it is a great central location.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

N/A

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She thinks her community is unique because more individuals work in industrial lines of work more than professional lines of work.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She said that the following activities are important to her community:

- The Annual Cinco De Mayo festival held in May and generally attended by Latinos
- Black History Month events, mostly attended by African Americans.
- The Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration which is attended by a mix of ethnic groups
- Christmas events held throughout December that are attended by a mix of people.

Why do you think they are important?

She thinks that these events are important because they bring out the community.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian, Latino, Black, Filipino

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Tagalog and Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Industry

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Many Latinos shop at Wal-mart

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_ **NO X**

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

IF OTHER, LIST:

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

The Antioch Pier

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

Mix of ethnic groups

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

Did not know

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers X** TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe) X** Internet

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

She said most low income residents go to County clinics for assistance.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

She suggested we contact Dianne Gibson of the Antioch school board. Her number is 925-778-5705.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

Interviewer: Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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NOTES/QUESTIONS: N/A

DATE: 9/18/09

Name/Organization: Michael Maciel, Councilmember- Tracy

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He believes the Delta has issues, most specifically related to agricultural water need, fish needs and general environmental issues. He is also concerned about salt infiltration.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

He believes the best aspects of the Delta are its recreational benefits, habitat source for birds and fish, and water supply for agricultural needs.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He believes there needs to be a balance between water needs and environmental needs. He also believes the Department needs to address waste water issues.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

The economic impact that a lack of water supply can have on Northern CA.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- **Other: Business**

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

**He believes that his community is unique because they use water from the Delta and they are concerned about the waste water going into the Delta**

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He believes that the Bean festival, which is held every September and attended by a mix of ethnic groups as well as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival, which is also attended by a mix of ethnic groups, are important activities to his community.

Why do you think they are important?

He thinks that these events are important to his community because they are fun family events.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian, Latino, Black, Middle Eastern and Asian

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish and Indian

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Practically

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: Tomatoes, beans, apricots, nuts, alfalfa

Most of the year there are less than fifty employees. There are only more when it is harvest season.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Generally speaking farm owners are Caucasian or Japanese. The seasonal workers are Latino.

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Ethnic grocery stores

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_ **NO X**

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES  X  NO \_\_\_\_\_

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

San Joaquin River

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

Mix of ethnic groups

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO  X

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He said most low income residents go to County organizations and nonprofits for assistance.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino and Black

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking

for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

No

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/23/09

Name/Organization: Gloria Pesenia, WIC, Reedley

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Ms. Pesenia thinks that the people that are making decisions about where to run water need to remember that when you fix one side of a problem, it may negatively affect another. For example, the west side of Fresno County is dry because of legislation that has gone through to help protect the fish. She thinks that the decisions are too one-sided and they are affecting humans.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. **Negative:** what do you think needs to be done to "fix" it?

In order to fix the Delta, she thinks that we need to allow water to come into the area to farm while also finding a way to protect the fish, but only to a certain degree.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO\_\_\_

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO\_\_\_

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO\_\_\_

d. Water quality **YES X** NO\_\_\_

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

She said that we should be aware of the fact that they are a farming community, and that farming includes everyone from the farmer, to the farm worker, to the distributors and finally to the processors and packers. The

whole community is affected when farming jobs start disappearing, and this will eventually affect the whole world.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.  
Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She thinks that her community is unique because it is a farming community but it has a two year college to allow students to go into other industries. So in a way, they are a farming community trying to diversify themselves through education.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Ms. Pesenia said that events like the local farmer's market, the City Theater group and the business community events are important activities to the community.

Why do you think they are important?

She believes that these activities are important because they are helping the small farmer sell their product and helping small business owners. She also thinks events are important because they are safe and family-oriented.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

The primary ethnic group is Latino.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, with a large Spanish speaking population. She said that for her organization they have all of the materials they distribute that they must make available in both English and Spanish.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes, because they have no diversification of the economy since everyone is connected through the supply chain.

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: peaches, nectarines, grapes and oranges.

She said that all of the farms are small farms.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

She said that she has noticed that the farming industry is very diverse there are Latino, Black, South East Asian and Caucasian farmers.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

She said that most of the Latino population frequents grocery stores such as Savemart and Town and Country, the post office, WIC and many go to the two year college. She said that a lot of people that attend the community college are from small towns outside of the community.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

N/A

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

N/A

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

**b. If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

**c. If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

**d. If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES            NO            N/A

**e. If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

**f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

**g. If no: Why not?**

N/A

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?

- o Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO  X

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

**If no:** Why not?

- o Not enough interest?
- o Not enough money?
- o No leadership?
- o **Other reasons?** – She said that there is a lack of staffing at the city level; she believes that this is because of the economy. She said that people do attend culture events but they must travel to Fresno to experience them.

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  X  Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV  X

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

She said most people find out information through news on the TV.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

She said most people go to Workforce Connection, which is similar to the welfare offices because it has all of the outlets under one roof. These are not available in all of the Central Valley communities, just Reedley, Selma and Fresno.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

She believes that we should speak with the Reedley Chamber of Commerce (already contacted) and Workforce Connection.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **Contact Details**

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Email:

**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/24/09

Name/Organization: Ray Tretheway, Sacramento City Council

NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Mr. Tretheway said that he is distressed and concerned about the ecological health of the Delta as well as the fisheries.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. **Negative:** what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He thinks that we need to restore the water levels and flushing, which he realizes is impossible, but thinks that we should to the extent that we are able to. Also, he thinks that we need to restore fresh water levels at minimum quantities to restore the ecosystem to help the health of the Delta and the state.

2. **Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:**

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO \_\_\_

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES \_\_\_ **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO \_\_\_

d. Water quality **YES X** NO \_\_\_

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He thinks that we should be aware of urban runoff issues and the lack of a singular oversight, such as a Delta conservancy is needed.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ **Both**   X  

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

He chooses to live in the Delta region because it is close to downtown Sacramento, next to the American Parkway and near the confluence of two major rivers. He also enjoys that natural amenities and proximity to the wild land and water ways.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

N/A

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He thinks that his community is unique when compared to other Delta communities because it is such a large metropolitan area while all of the other areas are comprised of small, rural towns.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes, because he was born in Sacramento and when he moved back 30 years ago, he decided never to move again. He and his wife wanted to create a strong sense of place.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that activities such as flood protection, habitat restoration and access and education opportunities about open space are important to his community. He also said that his community values the Natomas Festival.

Why do you think they are important?

He thinks that these activities are important to the community because they celebrate diversity, including natural diversity.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He said that his community is so diverse that he cannot determine what ethnicity or culture may be the largest.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

He believes that most people are employed through government jobs and the airport.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

He was not sure so he recommended that we speak with the Natomas Chamber of Commerce.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES X NO \_\_

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Vietnamese, Hmong and Latino

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

RECREATION \_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH X OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

### IF OTHER, LIST:

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ **CULTURAL** \_\_\_\_\_ **X** \_\_\_\_\_ **ECONOMIC** \_\_\_\_\_ **X** \_\_\_\_\_

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

He believes that people fish in the Delta because of its proximity and the high potential for catching fish.

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ He doesn't know.

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

- g. **If no:** Why not?

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES** **X** NO \_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

He could not name the festivals but he said that he knew of a Pakistani festival, an Indian festival and a Hmong event.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ **Community events X**

**Other (describe) X**

He said that people receive their news from booths at community events and said that he thinks it would be helpful if information about the Delta were distributed through bait and tackle shops.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He said that is not very familiar with where people go to get assistance other than local, nonprofit organizations around the County.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

He assumed Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He recommended speaking with John Roberts with the Natomas Basic Conservancy.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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Organization:

Address:

Email: [rtretheway@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:rtretheway@cityofsacramento.org)

**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/25/09

Name/Organization: Julie Pierce, Councilmember- Clayton

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

She feels the Delta is in decline and efforts need to be made to preserve the Delta.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

It is a good ecosystem for wildlife. It also provides a great economic resource with the shipping and recreational benefits.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

Not sure

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

-N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

N/A

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

It is a good place to live, her family is located here and it has a good educational system.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- Oktoberfest hosted by the chamber of commerce in October, attended by a mix of ethnic groups.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> parade is an annual event. It is attended by a mix of ethnic groups
- Annual wine festival hosted every May. Mostly attended by Caucasians.

Why do you think they are important?

They are good for the community and fun for families

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Professional services

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Many ethnic groups go to the local libraries.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_ NO X

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_

N/A

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons? **YES**

Water bodies in the area are dry.

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_

**NO X**

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?

- o Other reasons?

Did not know

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers X** TV \_\_\_\_

**Community organizations X** Community events \_\_\_\_

**Other (describe) X**

- The local newspaper- the Clayton Pioneer
- Chamber events
- City Web site

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- Federal/State programs (mostly for seniors)
- Non profits and community churches

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

- Did not know

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- Contra Costa Water Board members

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

Name: Julie Pierce

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/25/2009      NAME/ORGANIZATION [REDACTED],  
Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes, but only a little bit

No:

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

She has seen headlines regarding issues in the Delta such as flooding.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat

**h) Other : All of the above**

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

**She is not sure what the Delta should be used for.**

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

**No**

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

**She didn't have a reason for not visiting the Delta; she has just never been there.**

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

**Yes**

If yes: what have you heard?

**She is only aware of the issue of flooding in the Delta region.**

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:
- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO
  - b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**
  - c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO X**
  - d. Water quality YES **NO X**
  - e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
- a. quality
  - b. availability**
  - c. affordability
  - d. other
9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

She said that LA County has a conservation program but she is not sure if Orange County has one.

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

In LA County there are mandatory restrictions regarding water use.

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

She believes that her community's drinking water comes from the Colorado River.

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) **Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)**
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

She was not sure how it would affect the community. She said that it would affect the two populations, low income and high income, very differently.

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

Low income would be severely affected, and high income could afford any increase in rates.

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

Low income would be severely affected, and high income could afford any increase in rates.

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

Low income would be severely affected, and high income could afford any increase in rates.

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      **Yes**                      How: **She was unsure**                      No

Reliability                      Yes                      How                      **No**

Availability                      **Yes**                      How: **Would raise the cost for everyone**                      No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: She was not sure
- b) Ag: She said that the Ag industry would be impacted because a lack of water would reduce the ability to grow and raise food costs.
- c) Industrial: She said that any reduction would impact the productivity and the price of goods.
- d) Commercial: She said that any reduction would impact the productivity and the price of goods.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: She said that it would negatively impact them financially.
- b) Ag: She said that it would cost more to conduct business, therefore it would cost the consumer/residents more to purchase goods.
- c) Industrial: She said that it would cost more to conduct business, therefore it would cost the consumer/residents more to purchase goods.
- d) Commercial: She said that it would cost more to conduct business, therefore it would cost the consumer/residents more to purchase goods.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs

would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She thinks that her community is unique because when compared to other communities in Southern California, it has different demographics, environment and different industries that it is supported by.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She said that her community values festivals, fishing, family events and opportunities to support the economy and community through groceries.

Why do you think they are important?

She thinks that these activities are important to her community because they are activities that they enjoy.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

She said that her community is very diverse with about half of the population being Caucasian, 30 percent Latino and 15 percent Asian.

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

There is a mixture of English, Spanish and Asian. In the Asian community, she believes that Vietnamese is the most prominent.

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

She believes that most people are employed by small business enterprises.

### **Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  Newspapers  TV

Community organizations  Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

She believes that most low income residents rely on ethnic networks, community organizations, health centers and immigration assistance.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

She suggested we contact the following organizations:  
St. Anslems' Cross Cultural Community Center (already contacting)  
Latino Health Access (already contacting)  
Delhi Center (already contacting)  
Nhan Hoa Clinic: Thuy Nguyen, Executive Director 714-539-9999

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of

anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

Name:

Organization:

Address:

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

DATE: 9/25/09

Name/Organization: Joni Low, executive director, Asian Business Association, San Diego

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NOTES:

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

Yes, water quality issues and endangered species.

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming**
- d) Water Supply (drinking water) yes**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs**
- g) Environment/habitat**
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other environmental integrity of the Delta should be maintained.**

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No, although have received invitations to attend MWD tips, just haven't had the time.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes, see question 2

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures Yes, I have heard there are general problems with the levees.

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon No

c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt Yes

d. Water quality Yes

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of? No

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

a. quality yes

b. availability yes (rated this number one issue)

c. affordability probably

d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes, the city of San Diego and the San Diego County Water Authority are enforcing water restrictions.

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

Yes, we import water from Northern California and the Colorado River.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political – always, water is a very political issue.**
- d) Lack of availability, endangered species, supply & demand, farming needs, growth**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No different than other communities, it is based on income on the amount some would be willing to pay.

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

I believe each of these affects everyone, although can't tell you how.

Quality                      Yes

Reliability                      Yes, this is a huge one. We have a lot of bio-tech in San Diego who rely on reliable water supply. Also, residents need clean water, as do other businesses.

Availability                      Yes, especially for landscaping and golf courses

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents further restrictions
- b) Ag Depends on politicians, because they are the ones who make the decisions on where the restrictions occur
- c) Industrial Depends on politicians, because they are the ones who make the decisions on where the restrictions occur
- d) Commercial Depends on politicians, because they are the ones who make the decisions on where the restrictions occur

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents People would conserve more if the prices were increased
- b) Ag People would conserve more if the prices were increased
- c) Industrial People would conserve more if the prices were increased
- e) Commercial People would conserve more if the prices were increased

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

There are a lot of Asian markets and restaurants, but they are similar in nature to other small businesses in the county.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

They are the same as any other demographic.

Why do you think they are important?

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Filipino, Vietnamese are the largest number of Asian groups within the San Diego Asian community.

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Tagalog and Vietnamese.

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No. There are probably few Asian farmers than there are farmers of other ethnic groups.

### **Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X                        Newspapers   X                        TV   X  

Community organizations   X                        Community events   X  

Other (describe)

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

Community based organizations  
Clinics  
Union of Pan Asian Communities

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Filipino and Vietnamese

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

UPAC, Margaret, 619-232-6454

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No, thank you

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No, thank you

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

Yes

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## Contact Details

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## NOTES/QUESTIONS:

DATE: 9/25/09

Name/Organization: Tyler Wagner, interim executive director, Barrio Logan College Institute

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**NOTES:**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

Yes. I think about 80 percent of our water comes from that region. There are projected shortages. The weather there affects our water here [San Diego], if they are in a drought, it affects the amount of water we receive.

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming**
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat**
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- a) Fishing yes, but only for recreational fishing**
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming yes**
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships y**
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat**
- h) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No, it isn't on my top 10 tourist destinations.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes, see question 2

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures No

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon No

c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt No

d. Water quality No

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of? No

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

a. quality yes

b. availability yes (rated this number one issue)

c. affordability yes

d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes, there is mandatory rationing in San Diego. I have seen PSAs, which I assume are funded by the city or county of San Diego. Also, we have water

restrictions, you are only allowed to water on certain days depending on your street address.

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

Yes, we import most of water from the Delta.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Supply and demand – more demand than supply, we live in an arid region and the population is growing.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Doubtful.

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

I believe each of these affects everyone, although can't tell you how.

Quality                      Yes

Reliability                  Yes

Availability                Yes

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents **Less water**

- b) Ag n/a
- c) Industrial Less water
- d) Commercial Less water

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents It would be difficult for residents to continue to live in Barrio Logan
- b) Ag n/a
- c) Industrial Depends on the lease agreements the businesses have, some pay water, some don't. Also depends on the type of industry they operate.
- d) Commercial Depends on the lease agreements the businesses have, some pay water, some don't. Also depends on the type of industry they operate.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Our demographic (low income, Latino, economically and educationally disadvantaged) has been virtually unchanged since the 1950s and 1960s, which is unique because all of the community around us have drastically changed since then, i.e. downtown San Diego.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

Public spaces and parks  
Community celebrations and events

Why do you think they are important?

Community celebrations and events are what Barrio Logan was built; they are also a necessary part of the community since there is a lot of friction between the residents and the commercial uses in the area. This area has a history of political activism, dating back to Cesar Chavez.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No. The largest employer in the community is the Port of San Diego and the tenants on the Port tidelands.

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  Newspapers  TV

Community organizations  Community events

Other (describe) religious organizations

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

Family Health Centers of San Diego  
We provide educational services

Barrio Station provides athletic services  
Continuing education centers for adult education

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Family Health Centers of San Diego, Anthony White, assistant director of development and community relations, 619-515-2370

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No, thank you

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No, thank you

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

Yes

DATE: 9/28/2009

NAME/ORGANIZATION Bob Cohen, Legal

Aid, Santa Ana

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes, but only a little bit

No:

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

He remembers seeing headlines about a general water shortage and how it is going to affect the whole state; he also remembers seeing information about the Delta being a flood prone area.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming**
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other : All of the above

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

He said he did not feel informed enough to make any decisions.

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

He has only driven through it, there is no reason he hasn't gone.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

He is aware that there is a flooding concern in the Delta region.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:
- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO
  - b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO
  - c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO X**
  - d. Water quality **YES X** NO
  - e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
- a. quality**
  - b. availability
  - c. affordability**
  - d. other

He is concerned about the MTE that was used to purify gasoline that is polluting the water.

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**Voluntary**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**He believes that most of their water comes from the Colorado River.**

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

**Yes**

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)**
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other

**He said that the general issue is that the population is too great to survive on the water that is available.**

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

He said that some people in his community would be able to while others wouldn't. You can't survive without water so they would have to figure something out.

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

He believes that the middle income residents would be able to afford a 10 percent increase while he doesn't believe that the low income population could afford any increase in cost.

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

He was not sure.

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

He was not sure.

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      **Yes**                      How: He said that they would be affected but he is not sure to what extent because it depends on how they use the water as to how high the quality needs to be.      No

Reliability                      **Yes**                      How: He said without a reliable water source they would have a desert.                      No

Availability **Yes** How: He said that the availability of water is so important that without it you would see a shift in demographics, he said that people fight over water more than anything else. No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: He said that it depends on how much the water supplies were decreased. He said that we would see a change in lifestyles, a decrease in activities such as car washing and lawn watering and that if the problem got more serious than water conservation could control, then the government would need to step in and take responsibility.
- b) Ag: He said that the ag industry would be devastated and it would be worse off than it already is. It would change the state's economy.
- c) Industrial: He was not clear on how the industrial industry would be affected, but he believes that they would try to conserve, then find an alternative water supply and eventually move.
- d) Commercial: He said that if the commercial industry lost water then they would go out of business.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: Again, he said it depends on how much of an increase in cost there was. He compared the increase in the cost of water to riots in third world countries.

b) Ag: He said it depends on the level of increase, it would affect the cost of business and that cost would be passed on to the consumers or they would go out of business.

c) Industrial: He does not think that there is a large industrial industry in Orange County but assumed that the jobs building planes in LA county would be lost if there was an increase in cost.

d) Commercial: He did not know.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

No

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

He said that recreational activities such as Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm and the Anaheim Angels are important to the Orange County population. He also said that education, UC Irvine and CSU Fullerton are important to the

community. He said that he thinks that people do a lot traveling to other areas for recreation.

Why do you think they are important?

He thinks that places like Disneyland are important because visiting them is a pastime and it is a vital part of the economic structure.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He said that the primary ethnicity is Caucasian, then Latino, then Asian, specifically Vietnamese. He said that there is a very small Black population in Orange County because of its conservative reputation in the 1950s.

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English is primary then Spanish.

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

He said people are mostly employed by the tourism, education and healthcare industries. He did say that the IT industry is on the rise.

### **Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)  Internet

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

He thinks that most low income residents go to UCI, CAL Optima and the County programs for assistance.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Caucasian then Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He suggested we contact the following organizations:

UCI, Jim Meeker, Associate Dean of Social Ecology: 949-824-1463

The Mirage Foundation

United Way

Additional people at Legal Aid

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**



DATE: 9/28/2009 NAME/ORGANIZATION Darrell Frey,  
Corcoran Chamber of Commerce

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes, he is aware of its water uses, distribution and recreation opportunities.

No:

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

He said that they have been closely following all of the water topics concerning the Delta.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) **Other : All of the above**

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation**
- k) Farming**
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

He said he did not feel informed enough to make any decisions.

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

Recreation purposes

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

He is aware that of the environmental issues, the farming around the Delta and its economical structure.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:
- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO
  - b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO
  - c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO
  - d. Water quality **YES X** NO
  - e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He said that all of the problems with the Delta listed above are directly affecting the community of Corcoran.

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
- a. quality**
  - b. availability**
  - c. affordability**
  - d. other
9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

Voluntary, but usually followed by the farmers in the area.

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

He thinks that most of their water comes from local wells.

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political**
- d) Other

He thinks that this is a political issue because of the government's inability to create more dams and water structures.

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No, he said that they are at the top of what they can afford to pay right now.

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality **Yes** How: **He said that it would cause economic issues.**  
No

Reliability **Yes** How: **He said there would be a lack of ability for the industries to deliver goods if reliability decreases.**  
No

Availability **Yes** How: **He said there would be a lack of ability for the industries to deliver goods if availability decreases** No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

a) Residents: **He thinks that the residents would be heavily impacted because they would lose their jobs.**

b) Ag: **He said that the Ag industry would be unable to farm and would not be able to provide jobs.**

- c) Industrial: If the Ag industry goes down then that will put all of the industrial businesses out because they will have nothing to process, package, feed etc. This would also cause a loss in jobs.
- d) Commercial: If the Ag industry goes down then that will put all of the industrial businesses out because they will have nothing to process, package, feed etc. This would also cause a loss in jobs.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: Again, he said that residents would lose their jobs.
- b) Ag: He said that everything will be put out of business.
- c) Industrial: He said that everything will be put out of business.
- d) Commercial: He said that everything will be put out of business.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

### **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

No

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that community events such as the Cotton Festival are important to the community. However, everything is affected by agriculture and that is what maintains the community.

Why do you think they are important?

He thinks that these community events are important because they are part of their heritage.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He said that they are heavily Latino; about 78 percent of the community is Latino.

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English is primary then Spanish.

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes, and there are two prisons that are secondary employers.

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: tomatoes, produce, cotton, alfalfa and corn

He said most farms are large farms.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Heavily Latino

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe) X** Through County representatives like the Board of Supervisors.

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

He believes that most low income residents go to the County for assistance.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He suggested we contact the following organizations:  
Ag Boswell Cotton, Glicky Farming and Hansen Ranches

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

DATE: 9/28/09

Name/Organization: Evelyn Tolbert, Council member, City of Tracy \_\_\_\_\_

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**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

She feels the Department is not providing answers regarding how to fix the problems in the Delta. She is concerned there are no improvement plans.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

She believes it is a great recreational area, it is good for agriculture and it is a good water supply.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The state should not overuse the Delta. They also need to fix the levee issues.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO X**

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO X**

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

N/A

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

The community has a long history. It is also very diverse and has a lot of community involvement.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She believes that the Beans Festival (held in early September and attended by a mix of ethnic groups), festivals hosted by nonprofits (held year around and attended by a mix of ethnic groups) and farmers' markets (held on various days throughout the summer and attended by a mix of ethnic groups) are all important activities to her community.

Why do you think they are important?

She thinks that these are important activities because they are family friendly, educational and part of the community's tradition.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

50% Caucasian, 50% other

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Technology

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Ethnic grocery stores and churches

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Latino and Caucasian

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_FOOD \_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_ OTHER X

Tradition

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

Some people drive to the Delta

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_ **NO X**

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

- g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o **Other reasons? No place to fish.**

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

Did not know

- If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Did not know

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

Did not know

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio X      Newspapers X      TV X

Community organizations X      Community events X

Other (describe) X      Community TV

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

She said that low income residents in her community go to County Services, Senior Centers, The Sutter Foundation, nonprofits and churches for assistance.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Caucasian

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

N/A

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS: N/A**

DATE: 9/28/09 NAME/ORGANIZATION Joel Wyrick, Black Chamber of Commerce

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

No

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

N/A

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

Did not know

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

Did not know

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A.

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

Not interested

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

No

If yes: what have you heard?

N/A

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO**

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO**

- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO**
- d. Water quality YES **NO**
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

**N/A**

## **Understanding Water Issues**

- 8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
  - a. quality
  - b. availability
  - c. affordability
  - d. other – **Did not know about these issues enough to comment**
- 9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

**Yes**

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**It is voluntary**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

**N/A**

- 10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**No**

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they

know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

He was not sure

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other – Not sure**

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Reliability	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Availability	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
None of the above			<b>Yes</b>

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **It would hurt residents**
- b) Ag: **It would hurt ag**
- c) Industrial: **It would hurt industry**
- d) Commercial: **It would hurt commercial and jobs**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: **It would hurt residents**
- b) Ag: **It would hurt ag**
- c) Industrial: **It would hurt industrial businesses**
- d) Commercial: **It would hurt commercial. People would lose jobs.**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

It is very diverse

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- The Juneteenth festival in June. Mostly attended by Blacks
- The Jazz festival in June which is attended by a mix of ethnic groups

Why do you think they are important?

They are ethnic and cultural events that important to members of the community.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

There is no primary makeup. The community is very diverse

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Asian, Spanish and English

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Most people work in the technology sector

**Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  X  Newspapers  X  TV  X

Community organizations  X  Community events  X

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

Did not know

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Did not know

24. Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

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24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

He has heard major concerns about water supply and water quality such as untreated water going into the Delta.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

He has traveled to the Delta for business.

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

There are a lot of water issues like sewage dumping and untreated water coming out of the Delta.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO
- d. Water quality **YES X** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

**a. quality**

**b. availability**

**c. affordability**

d. other – N/A

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**It is mandatory**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**He believes his community's drinking water comes from the Kings River and ground water.**

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes, water quality is an issue

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

a) **Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)**

b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California

c) Political

d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N./A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      **Yes**                      How: **Water is currently not being treated to the standards it should be treated.**                      No

Reliability                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

Availability                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **Households would have to conserve more**
- b) Ag: **Farmers would be really hurt. They would not be able to farm all of their land.**
- c) Industrial: **The cost of goods would go up, which would hurt most people.**
- d) Commercial: **The cost of goods would go up, which would hurt most people.**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: **People would spend less and that would impact the economy.**

- b) Ag: Farming is a major employer in the area. It would lead to lay offs that would hurt the whole community
- c) Industrial: People would get laid off, prices would go up and spending would go down.
- d) Commercial: People would get laid off, prices would go up and spending would go down.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

It is primary a farming community

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

The Cotton Festival, which is held every September and is mostly attended by Hispanics, is very important to the community.

Why do you think they are important?

He believes that the Cotton Festival is important because it brings the community together.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: cotton, tomatoes, and wheat

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

The population is about 80 percent Latino and 20 percent Caucasian.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers  X  TV  X

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

He said most low income resident go to the City and County services for assistance.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Mark the Manager of the Tulare Lake Water Company, 559-992-4127  
Walter (did not know last name), Local Farmer, 559-992-5011

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of

anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **Contact Details**

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

**No**

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

**No**

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming**
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

She has just never been there, no particular reason.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

No

If yes: what have you heard?

N/A

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO X**

- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO X**
- d. Water quality YES **NO X**
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
- a. quality
  - b. availability
  - c. affordability
  - d. other

Doesn't believe that Santa Ana has any of these issues.

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

She said that in the South County it is mandatory but in the North County it is voluntary.

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

No

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

No

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

N/A

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                    **Yes**                    How: She was not sure of how everything would be impacted specifically, but she knew it would be a negative impact.  
No

Reliability                    **Yes**                    How: She was not sure of how everything would be impacted specifically, but she knew it would be a negative impact.  
No

Availability                    **Yes**                    How: She was not sure of how everything would be impacted specifically, but she knew it would be a negative impact.  
No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: She said that residents would no longer have green lawns and would have to conserve more.
- b) Ag: She said that prices would increase and there would be fewer crops.

- c) Industrial: She said they would be able to create fewer products with less water so cost would be higher.
- d) Commercial: She said that the cost would be increased.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: She said any increase in cost would have a financial impact.
- b) Ag: She believes that costs will be passed on to the consumer.
- c) Industrial: She believes that costs will be passed on to the consumer.
- d) Commercial: She believes that costs will be passed on to the consumer.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

No

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She said that health fairs are very important and popular in the community.

Why do you think they are important?

She thinks that these fairs are important because a lot of the community is uninsured and they help to provide medical assistance.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

She said that their office is located in Garden Grove and the community is about 30 percent Caucasian, 30 percent South East Asian and 30 percent Latino.

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English is primary then Vietnamese.

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

General industry jobs.

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  X  Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

She said that radio is a really big medium in the community.

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

She said that a lot of residents use Saint Anselm's and other nonprofit organizations.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

She suggested that we speak with other nonprofit organizations in Orange County.

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your

community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No:

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

She has heard about the endangered species, the limited pumping to areas south of the Delta, infrastructure solutions to mitigate damage to the levees, pollution issues and issues regarding urban runoff.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat**
- h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
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- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat**
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

She has not had time to visit the Delta but she would like to come up for an official tour.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

She has heard about the endangered species, the limited pumping to areas south of the Delta, infrastructure solutions to mitigate damage to the levees, pollution issues and issues regarding urban runoff.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:
- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO
  - b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO
  - c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO
  - d. Water quality **YES X** NO
  - e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

She said all of the issues above are affecting the Central Valley.

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
- a. quality
  - b. availability**
  - c. affordability**
  - d. other
9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

Mandatory

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

She said their drinking water comes from municipal wells.

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other

She thinks that the water cutbacks are due to the environment and the government fighting each other.

**Interviewer:** If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

She was not sure, she said that their concerns are regarding water for farming and she is not sure that they can afford an increase in cost.

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      **Yes**                      How: **She said that the ground water they are currently using is lacking and it has high salt levels.**                      No

Reliability                      **Yes**                      How: **She said that there is not enough surface water for farming so they are relying on ground water.**  
No

Availability                      **Yes**                      How: **She said that there is a lack of available water.**                      No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

a) Residents: **She said that there would be an even higher unemployment rate.**

- b) Ag: Agriculture would be devastated; she said that there are currently 58,000 acres of fallow ground.
- c) Industrial: Jobs would be lost.
- d) Commercial: Jobs would be lost.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: She said that it is already a tough economy and residents are already having a difficult time making ends meet
- b) Ag: She said that there would be a negative impact and a decrease in profit margins. Most would not be able to maintain their businesses.
- c) Industrial: She said that there would be a negative impact and a decrease in profit margins. Most would not be able to maintain their businesses.
- d) Commercial: She said that there would be a negative impact and a decrease in profit margins. Most would not be able to maintain their businesses.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

### **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She thinks that her community is unique because the west side of the county is suffering more during this drought because they have to rely on junior water rights and some segments of ground water are inferior in that area.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She said that her community values education, sporting events, youth sports, family events and festivals, and markets.

Why do you think they are important?

She thinks that her community values these events because they are a very family-oriented community and they do not have a lot of other recreation resources.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

She believes that there is a 50/50 split between Caucasian and Latino.

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English with a large Spanish-speaking population

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: dairy, cotton, almonds, pistachios, corn and feed

She believes that they have a combination of large and small farms.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

She said that the workers are mainly Latino and the employers are Caucasian.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers** **\_\_X\_\_** **TV** **\_\_X\_\_**

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)** **\_\_X\_\_**

She said people get information from the Internet and the most frequently read newspaper is the Hanford Sentinel.

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

She thinks that most people get government services and assistance from the Kings County Government Center and the County clinic or emergency room.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

She suggested we speak with Greg Gatska from the Kings County Community Development Agency

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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BLAST, Long Beach

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes, but very modestly

No:

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

He has seen the headlines regarding the importance of preserving the Delta, the water fight, and that conserving the Delta may cause higher water prices for users.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other : All of the above

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat**
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

He used to live in Sacramento and thought it was beautiful.

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

He has heard of issues regarding the environment versus development and issues regarding water usage.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:
- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO
  - b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**
  - c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO
  - d. Water quality **YES X** NO
  - e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He was just curious as to why the Delta is receiving so much coverage in Southern California when it affects Northern California more directly. He wants to keep the Delta environmentally sound and believes that this is a battle between development and the environment.

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
- a. quality**
  - b. availability**
  - c. affordability**
  - d. other
9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

He was not sure if the program is mandatory or voluntary but he thinks that there are both types of programs in the area.

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

He was not positive about where Orange County's water comes from but he said that he knows a lot of it comes from well water, the High Sierras (in LA County), the Mojave Desert and the Colorado River.

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) **Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)**
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other

He thinks that it is environmental factors due to development and that water needs can be reduced through conservation.

**Interviewer:** If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Yes

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

Yes if it is still affordable, however it would stretch for low income residents.

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

He believes that the upper class would still be able to afford this increase.

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

He thinks that the upper class will complain about it, but they could still afford the increase.

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      **Yes**                      How: He said that there is a lot of pollution in the area which negatively impacts the quality of water.                      No

Reliability                      **Yes**                      How: He said that agriculture would lose even more water and that would push the cost of water and goods up for everyone.                      No

Availability                      **Yes**                      How: Simple because without available water, costs go up.                      No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: He said that if water supplies were decreased it would force residents to conserve more and be more responsible about their water usage.
- b) Ag: Cost of goods would increase.
- c) Industrial: Cost of goods would increase.
- d) Commercial: Cost of goods would increase.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: He said that residents would have to pay more, but they have to have water so they have to pay whatever the price is. He said that he hopes this would encourage more conservation.
- b) Ag: He said that this would push the prices up for everyone across the board.
- c) Industrial: He said product prices would go up.
- d) Commercial: He said that prices would go up or the commercial industry would relocate to an area with more readily available water.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He thinks his community is unique because they have a great deal of pollution in the Long Beach area, especially in West Long Beach. He is not aware of how Long Beach gets the water supply because it is part of LA in many ways, but in many ways it is not.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

He said that his community values the development of the harbor, the local farmers markets, community events and marathons.

Why do you think they are important?

He thinks that these events are important to the Long Beach community because they insure that Long Beach does not become too urbanized. He said that the outdoors is very important, however, Long Beach is distraught economically and the ocean gives the blighted people an opportunity to escape.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino and Black

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

The primary language in the community is English with a large Spanish-speaking population. He said that often times children act as interpreters for their parents.

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

He said that the main employer in the community is small and large business and the tourism industry.

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers** \_\_X\_\_ **TV** \_\_X\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

The Press Telegram is the most frequently read newspaper followed by the Grunion.

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

He said that a lot of people go to Long Beach BLAST, Central Cha (Latino population), Academic Up Rise (Black population), St. Mary's Hospital, Long Beach Memorial and the Molina Health Care Clinic.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino predominately, then Black

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He suggested we contact the following organizations:

City Officials and Managers

Local Hospitals

John Molina with Molina Health Care

Large, local hotels

Chris Steinhouser, Superintendent of Long Beach Unified School District

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **Contact Details**

Name

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

DATE: 9/29/09

Name/Organization: Sandy Sheedy, Sacramento City Council

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

She is concerned about the push to build the canal. She also feels the Department is not considering water rights that have been in place for decades.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

It is a great ecosystem.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The state doesn't have a clear plan of how to fix the Delta, but it needs to develop one. Northern California needs the water supply to stay North. Finally there is not money to build the canal.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Water rights need to be protected

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ **Work**       X       Both \_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

She loves Northern California and Sacramento is great place to live.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

N/A

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Her district has no storm water drainage system, so they have water quality issues. They are working on those issues, but they have not been fixed to date.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

Yes

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- Could not think of any.

Why do you think they are important?

N/A

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino and Black

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish, Hmong, and English

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

The service industry and government

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Ethnic markets such as TY market in Sacramento (Hmong) and Viva market in Sacramento (Latino). Churches are also frequented by ethnic groups.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Latino, Hmong, and Black

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason?

RECREATION X FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

They fish in the Delta

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

Was not sure

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

Did not know

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_ **NO X**

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

Did not know

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio X Newspapers \_\_\_\_ TV X

Community organizations \_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_

Other (describe) X

- Internet
- Community Centers

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- County clinics

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

- Hmong

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- N/A

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Already receives them

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Already receives them

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/3/09

Name/Organization: Don Nottoli, BOS, Sacramento County

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Supervisor Nottoli feels there are many challenges for the future of the Delta. He is concerned about water quality and habitat restoration. He feels the Department needs to be proactive and address the problems that are currently facing the Delta.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

He believes the Delta is unique. It is a great agricultural and recreational resource and that it is a special place.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The levees need to be fixed and Delta towns need to be protected from flooding. The infrastructure in the Delta needs to be update along with earthquake reinforcement. There needs to be good oversight regarding the future of the Delta including good governance and smart planning. The water needs to be protected for both private and public uses. Finally there needs to be solid financial backing for any future projects.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

The Department needs to understand the long establish communities that make up the Delta and the history of those communities. They also need to understand the impact any of the Department's plans will have on individuals.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both? **N/A**

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

### **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

**N/A**

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational **YES**
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other **YES**

**Business trips and fishing**

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

**Yes**

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

**All of the waterways and islands within the District**

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- Historical Society Events- Throughout the year- Mix of ethnic groups
- Pacific Rim Festival- May- Mostly Asian Americans
- Crawdad Festival- June- Mix of ethnic groups
- Chinese New Year- Spring- Mostly Asian Americans

Why do you think they are important?

They are great events for families to attend and celebrate their communities. Along with that they help build community and give opportunities for locals to be up meet up with old friends and meet new people. Many events are also important cultural celebrations.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Mostly Caucasian, but there are also a mix of other ethnic groups such as Asian and Latino.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish and various Asian languages

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Grapes, dairy, row crops, crops that support farms, fruit.

Most farms employ less than 50 people.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

There is a mix of cultures, but most it is Caucasian, Asian and Latino

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Ethnic grocery stores, ethnic restaurants, farming equipment shops, trucking companies, and schools.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X        NO \_\_\_\_\_

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Asian and Latino

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH**   X   OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE\_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL\_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC\_\_\_\_\_

He wasn't sure.

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO  X

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

He didn't know

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                        NO       

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

The Chinese New Year and the Pacific Rim Festival are very important to the various Asian communities.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X        Newspapers   X        TV   X  

Community organizations   X        Community events   X  

Other (describe)   X  

- The Internet, word of mouth, outreach through schools and being a member of a trade association

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- Nonprofit health clinics

- Private hospitals
- Schools
- County Health Clinics
- Rural Health Clinics

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino, Asian and Black

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- Charlotte Mitchell Executive Director of the Sacramento Farm Bureau, (916) 685-6958

- Ken Schedder, Delta resident, 559-777-5447

- Mark Maris, owner of Gusty's restaurant, 209-776-1808

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/3/09

Name/Organization: Teresa Gerring, Lafayette School Board

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

N/A

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

N/A

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO X**

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO X**

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both? **N/A**

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

N/A

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

The city has more money than most other cities. They have a large suburban population. They also have a lot of residents that volunteer on community projects.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She said that following activities are important to her community: the Lafayette Art and Wine Festival (held every September attended by mostly Caucasian), the Lafayette Reservoir Run (held in October, attended by mostly Caucasian) and the weekly farmer's market held on Thursdays (attended by mostly Caucasian), school events held year around (attended by mostly Caucasian).

Why do you think they are important?

She thinks these activities are important because they create a sense of community. They also benefit local nonprofits

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

The school district and retail

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

N/A

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

**Radio**   X        **Newspapers**   X        **TV**   X  

**Community organizations**   X        **Community events**   X  

**Other (describe)**   X   E-newsletters from the schools

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

N/A

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

N/A

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

**She suggested be contact:**

- Jay Lifson with the Lafayette chamber- 925-284-7404
- The Lafayette HOA President (she didn't know the person's name or their number)
- The President of the Lafayette Rotary Club (again didn't know the person's name or number)

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS: N/A**

DATE: 9/30/2009

NAME/ORGANIZATION Dan Chin, Hanford

City Council

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes, but only somewhat

No:

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

He has heard about the Delta smelt.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

a) Fishing

b) Boating and Recreation

c) Farming

d) Water Supply (drinking water)

e) Navigation by Ships

f) Housing/jobs

g) Environment/habitat

h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming**
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

He isn't sure that he hasn't visited the Delta, but he knows that he has visited areas around the Delta.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

He has heard that there is a lack of water for agriculture and that the pumping regulations have been changed due to the environment.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO
- d. Water quality YES **NO X**
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He said that their biggest concern is water that is needed for the farmland.

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

**a. quality** – He thinks that there are water quality issues because of federal standards on drilling.

**b. availability** – He thinks the availability is an issue because they only get water through groundwater.

**c. affordability** – He said affordability is an issue because the deeper you drill the more expensive water gets

d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

Voluntary, but water is metered

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

He said that their water comes from ground water.

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other

He thinks that have a combination of all of the issues.

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No, he said that the area is economically very bad right now and they already have a high unemployment rate.

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

Reliability                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

Availability                      **Yes**                      How: **He said that they are not getting water and most water is unavailable because of the government's restrictions. They have little faith in the government.** No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **He said there would be a socio-economic impact.**
- b) Ag: **He said that a lot of places would have job layoffs and that would negatively affect everyone.**
- c) Industrial: **He said that a lot of places would have job layoffs and that would negatively affect everyone.**

- d) Commercial: He said that a lot of places would have job layoffs and that would negatively affect everyone.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: He said that we would see an outrage and a decrease in water usage.
- b) Ag: He said there might be some inability and finances would be the hardest hit.
- c) Industrial: He said there might be some inability and finances would be the hardest hit.
- d) Commercial: He said there might be some inability and finances would be the hardest hit.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

### **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He thinks his community is unique because it is centrally located between two major thoroughfares and it has a small town feeling even though the population is 50,000.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

He said events such as the Renaissance Fair, which is one of the largest and most popular in the state, the Moon Festival (a Chinese celebration), and the weekly Thursday night markets are important activities to the community. He said that the farmers market being about 3,000 people into the downtown area. He also said that they just built a sports complex, so Hanford will be hosting more sporting events.

Why do you think they are important?

He thinks that these are important because they show a sense of community, the people in the community like art and culture, and it is a way to socialize and create a sense of family.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English with a large Spanish-speaking population

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: cotton, walnuts, grapes and dairy

He believes that they have a combination of large and small farms.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Portuguese

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers** \_\_X\_\_ **TV** \_\_X\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Most frequently read newspaper is the Fresno Bee.

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

He said most people go to the Kings County Social Services in Hanford.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

He said there is a combination of Caucasian and Latino.

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He suggested we speak with Davis Drocker, the Director of Kings Community Action Group (we are already speaking with someone from there) 559-415-7202

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

He has heard about the potential canal, the efforts to save the Delta, and water storage issues.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

Too far

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

Delta water is needed in Southern California. The lack of water impacts jobs

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO

- d. Water quality **YES** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

## Understanding Water Issues

- 8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
  - a. quality
  - b. availability**
  - c. affordability
  - d. other
- 9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

Both, but it depends on the district. He could not state which districts are affected and which are not.

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

- 10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

It comes from the California water project

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they

know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

N/A

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other

Southern California needs the water

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Yes

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

Not wanted but would be okay

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

No

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

No

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Reliability water	<b>Yes</b> No	How:	Agricultural can't survive without
Availability water	<b>Yes</b> No	How:	Agricultural can't survive without

None of the above **N/A**

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **Residents would pay more and have to cut back on water use**
- b) Ag: **It would be a big impact to the industry**
- c) Industrial: **It would be a big impact to the industry**
- d) Commercial: **It would hurt the industry and reduce construction**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: **It would hurt residents**

- b) Ag: It would be a big impact to ag
- c) Industrial: It would be a big impact to the industry
- d) Commercial: It would be a big impact to commercial

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

No

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- Sporting event such as Nascar happen throughout the year and bring a mix of people
- The County fair in the Fall brings a mix of people

Why do you think they are important?

They are family friendly events and provide educational information.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian, Latino, Black and other ethnic groups

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Government jobs

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers  X  TV  X

Community organizations  X  Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)  X

- Non-profit organizations
- The Internet

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

County Services

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Did not have any, but will call if he thinks of any.

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **Contact Details**

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DATE: 9/30/09

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes:

No:

Knows a little but not a lot

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

- Water Issues
- Ag Issues
- Concerns about the Delta Smelt

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming**
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships**

- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming**
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships**
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

Most people fish and do water activities locally

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

If yes: what have you heard?

N/A

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO**
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO

- d. Water quality YES **NO**
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

**N/A**

## **Understanding Water Issues**

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

a. quality **No**

**b. availability Yes**

**c. affordability Yes**

**d. other Limited water supply is a major issue**

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

**Yes**

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**Voluntary**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

**Does not know**

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**Yes it comes from Northern California**

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they

know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

No

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

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12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other

Did not know

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality	Yes	How	No
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Reliability	Yes	How	No
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Availability	Yes	How	No
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None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents- **Would be impacted- Might buy less goods.**
- b) Ag – **Would be impacted - Might have to farm less fields or shut down.**
- c) Industrial – **Would be impacted - Might have to close.**
- d) Commercial - **Would be impacted - Might have to close.**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents – **Would cut back on water use and be financially impacted.**
- b) Ag- **Many farmers would close.**
- c) Industrial- **Many businesses would close or reduce production.**
- d) Commercial- **Many businesses would close or reduce production.**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

If yes, go to question 17.

No

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- 66 Rondevu – Car Show- Takes place every September- Brings out a mix of ethnic groups

Why do you think they are important?

- It provides a sense of community and provides a sense of belonging.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

- Latino

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

- Spanish and English

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

-N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

-N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

- Government

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe) X**

- Internet

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

- County Services

- Non-profits

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

- Caucasian and Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- The Executive Director of the San Bernardino Convention and Visitors Bureau 800-867-8366
- Susan Lien Longville, Director of the Water Resources Institute, 909.537.7684

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES:**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

- Environmental issues
- Ag water concerns

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing yes
- b) Boating and Recreation yes
- c) Farming yes
- d) Water Supply (drinking water) yes
- e) Navigation by Ships yes
- f) Housing/jobs yes
- g) Environment/habitat yes
- h) Other n/a

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing yes
- j) Boating and Recreation yes
- k) Farming yes
- l) Water Supply (drinking water) yes
- m) Navigation by Ships yes
- n) Housing/jobs Only jobs
- o) Environment/habitat yes
- p) Other n/a

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes for business

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes he has heard of concerns about levee failures

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures Yes

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon No

c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt Yes

d. Water quality Yes

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of? The need to recycle water

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality **yes**
- b. availability **yes**
- c. affordability **yes**
- d. other **Recyclable water needs**

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

**Yes through County services**

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**No**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

**It would be a good idea**

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**Yes, the County River**

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

**Yes**

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) **Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other) Yes mostly drought**
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) **Political**

**d) Other- Overbuilding**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      Yes

Reliability                      No

Availability                      No

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

**a) Residents Yes- building/Jobs**

**b) Ag Yes it would impact employment**

c) Industrial N/A

d) Commercial N/A

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents **Did not know**
- b) Ag **Did not know**
- c) Industrial **Did not know**
- e) Commercial **Did not know**

### **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

**No**

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

**N/A**

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

**N/A**

Why do you think they are important?

**N/A**

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

**Caucasian, Asian, Latino, Black**

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

**Spanish and English**

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

- Nursery, dairy, vegetables

- Mostly less than five, but when crops are in season it is more.

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

- Caucasian, Spanish, and Asian

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

- N/A

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations **X** Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Farmer's Bureau Newsletter

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

N/A

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

N/A

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Water agencies and building agencies

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

Yes

## Contact Details

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NOTES/QUESTIONS: N/A



DATE: 9/8/09

Name/Organization: Genoveva Garcia Calloway, Vice Mayor, City of San Pablo

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Ms. Calloway believes there are many problems in the Delta. She feels there is not enough water. There are also issues with the condition of levees. She feels the Delta is not earthquake proof.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

She believes it is a great water resource and good habitat for fish.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The levees need to be fixed.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO X**

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Water pollution

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both? **N/A**

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
\_\_\_\_\_

If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.

## Understanding Community Character

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

N/A

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

No

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- Sometimes the City host events, but she could not think of a specific event. The events bring out a mix of ethnic groups

Why do you think they are important?

They create a sense of community. They also inform the public about the City's services.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish and South East Asian

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Healthcare organizations and the local casino

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

The local Food Max and various ethnic businesses like restaurants and grocery stores.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X        NO \_\_\_\_\_

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

South East Asian

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ **FOOD**   X      BOTH \_\_\_\_\_    OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ **ECONOMIC**   X  

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES   X                      NO \_\_\_\_\_

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

Richmond Marina and Pablo Shores

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

South East Asian

g. **If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X                      NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Catholic Churches- Latino

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?

- o Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)  X

- Word of mouth

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

County Services

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

N/A

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 9/9/09

Name/Organization: John Donlevy, City Manager, Winters

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He feels the current state of the Delta is very confusing. He feels the legislator is not communicating with the public about the project enough. He also has water supply/quality concerns and fishing concerns.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

He believes the Delta has many benefits including recreational opportunities, water supply and natural beauty

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He didn't state specifically what needs to be fixed, but did state a lot of things need to be fix within the Delta.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both? N/A

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational **YES**
- To visit family or friends
- Other

Boating

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

The City is heavily dependent on agriculture.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- Farmer's markets are every Sunday. They bring a mixed ethnic group
- Youth Day is the last Saturday in April. The event brings a mix of ethnic groups
- The Earthquake Festival is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in August. It also brings a mix of ethnic groups

Why do you think they are important?

The events create a strong sense of community.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Approximately 50% Latino and 50% are other ethnic groups

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Nuts, walnuts, almonds, tomatoes, corn, sunflowers, general crop rotation

Most farms employ less than 50 people (depending on the season).

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

Marinani Nut Company employs many people and most are Latino

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_ **NO X**

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_

N/A

IF OTHER, LIST:

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

Did not know

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers X** TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

- **The Winters Express (Weekly newspaper)**

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- **Winters healthcare Foundation (nonprofit)**
- **County Services**

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

**Latino**

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

N/A

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

He believes people that are working on the project should focus on water reuse methods and the power of the local water boards.

DATE: 10/16/2009 NAME/ORGANIZATION Pat Dando, Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

It is in need of repair

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

Its to far away

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

Its broken

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO
- d. Water quality **YES** NO

- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality – Not sure
- b. availability - Not sure
- c. affordability – Not sure
- d. other - Not sure

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

It is voluntary

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

No

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

No just the cost of water

If no: Move to question 14

N/A

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California**
- c) Political
- d) Other – The population has grown so fast

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

No

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

No

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

No

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                    **Yes**                    How: **It would hurt business**                    No

Reliability                **Yes**                    How: **It would hurt business**                    No

Availability               **Yes**                    How: **It would hurt business**                    No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **Residents would have a difficult time maintaining their current lifestyle (landscape, etc)**
- b) Ag: **It would hurt the ag industry very much**
- c) Industrial: **It would hurt businesses**
- d) Commercial: **It would hurt many businesses**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: **Not sure, but she thinks most people would have a hard time with increase in costs**
- b) Ag: **Might put some out of business and drive up the cost of produce**
- c) Industrial: **Might put some out of business and drive up the cost of goods**

- d) Commercial: **People could lose their jobs due to cut backs and reduced production**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

**No**

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

**N/A**

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

**- Did not know of any specific events**

Why do you think they are important?

**N/A**

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

**Vietnamese, Latino, Chinese, Southeast Asian, Black and Caucasian**

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish, Vietnamese and English

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Service industries and tech industries

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  X  Newspapers      TV  X

Community organizations      Community events    

Other (describe)  X

- City Web site

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

### County Services, non-profits and churches

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

N/A

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

## **Contact Details**

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 10/30/2009      NAME/ORGANIZATION Kevin Wattier,  
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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

He has heard a lot about the potential canal

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming**
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat**
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat**
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

Educational tours

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

Issues with endangered fish and water quality program

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO
- d. Water quality **YES** NO

- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Concerns about the amount of water needed for farming.

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality - No
- b. availability - Yes
- c. affordability – No
- d. other - No

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

It is mandatory

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

Yes- groundwater, and they receive imported water from the Colorado River and the Delta.

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

Yes reliability is an issue

If no: Move to question 14

N/A

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

a) **Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)**

b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California

c) Political

d) Other – The population has grown so fast

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Most would be able to afford it.

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

Yes

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

Yes

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

Most people could, but not all.

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

Reliability                      **Yes**                      How: **It makes it hard for businesses to plan manufacturing schedules.**                      No

Availability                      Yes                      How: **No**

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **Residents would not be happy. They need reliable water for their homes.**
- b) Ag: **Farmers need all the water they can get. It would negatively effect them.**
- c) Industrial: **Would be difficult on businesses, especially for planning purposes.**
- d) Commercial: **Would be difficult on businesses, especially for planning purposes.**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: **Most people would be okay.**
- b) Ag: **It would be hard for larger farms.**

- c) Industrial: It would be hard for businesses. The price of goods would go up.
- d) Commercial: It would be hard for businesses. The price of goods would go up.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

There are water conservation leaders and they receive their water from various places.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- There are events, but he did not know exact events.

Why do you think they are important?

They provide information for the community

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Cambodian, Latino, Vietnamese and Black

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Cambodian, Spanish, Vietnamese and English

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Industry and the Port of Long Beach

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_ Newspapers X TV X

Community organizations \_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) X

- The government runs a public service channel

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

County Services, non-profits, churches

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino and Black

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

N/A

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

Action needs to take place. Infrastructure improvements are needed. Water from the Delta need to be transported to the rest of the state

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

Its to far away

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

Concerns about levee failures

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO**
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO

- d. Water quality YES **NO**
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

**No**

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality – **No**
- b. availability - **No**
- c. affordability – **No**
- d. other - **No**

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

**Yes**

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**It is voluntary**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

**N/A**

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**The California water project**

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

No

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other – Did not know**

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

No

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

No

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

No

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

Reliability                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

Availability                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

None of the above - **Not currently**

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **People would have to adjust their lifestyles**
- b) Ag: **Farmers could not farm to their full capacity**
- c) Industrial: **It would increase cost and that would be passed onto businesses and the consumer**
- d) Commercial: **It would increase cost and that would be passed on individuals**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: **Very difficult**
- b) Ag: **Very difficult**
- c) Industrial: **Very difficult**
- d) Commercial: **Very difficult**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

It is a very diverse community and very educated

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- A Vietnamese Festival every January mostly attended by Vietnamese
- Chinese New Year Festival in March mostly attended by Chinese
- A Cinco De Mayo Festival in May mostly attended by Latinos

Why do you think they are important?

They are free events for the community to attend

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

1/3 Latino, 1/3 Asian 1/3 other

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Korea

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Technology and service industries

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_ TV \_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_ Community events  X

Other (describe)  X

- Internet

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

## County Services and emergency rooms

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

N/A

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

## **Contact Details**

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### **General Delta Related**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

The possible failure of the levees and that environmental concerns can weaken the water supply to the state.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat**
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

No reason to go

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

He knows there is a possibility that the Delta might fail, but San Jose needs water so if the Delta isn't fix they may have to go somewhere else to get it

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO

- d. Water quality **YES** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?  
  
**No**

## Understanding Water Issues

- 8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
  - a. quality - **No**
  - b. availability - **Yes**
  - c. affordability – **No**
  - d. other - **No**
- 9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

**Yes**

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**It is voluntary**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

**N/A**

- 10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**Yes- the Delta**

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they

know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

Yes reliability and availability are issues

If no: Move to question 14

N/A

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

a) **Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)**

b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California

c) Political

d) Other – The population has grown so fast

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

No

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

No

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

No

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality	Yes	How: <b>No</b>
Reliability	<b>Yes</b>	How: <b>They are worried about the supply</b>
No		
Availability	<b>Yes</b>	How: <b>They are worried about the supply</b> No
None of the above		

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **Difficult, residents need a reliable water supply**
- b) Ag: **Very hard**
- c) Industrial: **Challenging**
- d) Commercial: **Challenging**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: **Very hard on residents**
- b) Ag: **Might put some out of business**
- c) Industrial: **Might put some out of business**

d) Commercial: **Would be difficult**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

**Yes**

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

**It is very diverse both economically and ethnically**

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

- **They have community festivals throughout the year, but he is not sure of the exact times of year. They bring out a mix of people**

Why do you think they are important?

**They add to the quality of life. They help build community. They are also good outreach opportunities for community services.**

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino, Vietnamese and Caucasian

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish, Vietnamese and English

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Service industries and tech industries

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  X  Newspapers  X  TV  X

Community organizations  X  Community events  X

Other (describe)  X

- City Web site

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

County Services, non-profits

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Declined to state

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Did not have a specific person, but recommended environmental services for the city of San Jose. Someone in the community relations department.

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

He has heard about issues regarding the Delta smelt

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation**
- c) Farming**
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

He stays local. He does not travel to Northern California

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

He declined to answer. He doesn't know enough about the Delta.

If yes: what have you heard?

N/A

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO**
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO

- d. Water quality **YES** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality
- b. availability
- c. affordability
- d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

Was not sure

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

Underground water and Buckerhill Basin

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Yes but only if it was a very small increase. Less than 10 percent.

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

No- anything other than a small increase would hurt because the economy is bad.

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

No

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

No

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality **Yes** How: **Only industry is impacted by water quality issues.**  
No

Reliability Yes How: **No**

Availability Yes How: **No**

None of the above **N/A**

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **Not a large impact, but would affect when they can't water their lawns**
- b) Ag: **Farmers would have the most issues, but not a lot**
- c) Industrial: **They would be very impacted**
- d) Commercial: **They would be very impacted**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: **Large impacts do to the slow economy**
- b) Ag: **Large impacts do to the slow economy**
- c) Industrial: **Large impacts do to the slow economy**
- d) Commercial: **Large impacts do to the slow economy**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

They have their own supply of underground water

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- Route 66 Rendezvous, September, mix of groups
- The Chamber has events throughout the year. They are attended by a mix of groups

Why do you think they are important?

They are fun family events

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

There is a mix of ethnic groups. He did not know the breakdown.

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Commercial

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X        Newspapers   X        TV   X  

Community organizations   X        Community events   X  

Other (describe)   X  

- Government community channels

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

## County Services and non-profits

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

## Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- Peggy in the Mayor's Office- 909-384-5733
- Inland Economic Development Director, Mike Burrows- 909-382-4100
- Stacy Alstalton, San Bernardino Water Department, 909-384-5141

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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DATE: 10/12/2009 NAME/ORGANIZATION John Lehn, Kings  
County Economic Development

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

He has heard of the Delta smelt, the cross-Delta canal, a lack of water in the Central Valley and the intrusion of salt water in the Delta.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

He has not visited the Delta because it is too far away.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

He has heard of the Delta smelt, the cross-Delta canal, a lack of water in the Central Valley and the intrusion of salt water in the Delta.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

- d. Water quality **YES X** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He just said that we need to get a water supply to all of the farmers.

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality**
- b. availability**
- c. affordability**
- d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

In Hanford it is mandatory; however, he was not sure about other cities in Kings County. He did say that the Kings County Water District has a conservation program that they stick to.

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

He said that all of their water is pumped from underground wells.

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes, he thinks that water availability is an issue on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley and the quality is an issue because there are some wells that are not up to the arsenic standards and there is subsidence in the west side of the valley.

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) **Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)**
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) **Political**
- d) **Other** – He thinks there is a lack of water storage upstream.

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Yes, however, he is not sure that the residents perceive that there is an issue with their water. He said that the prices that they pay are based on what is pumped. However, he does think that people have recognition that there is depletion in the water basin.

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

He thinks that the people in his community would be able to afford this increase without too much of an impact.

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

He does not think that his community could afford an increase this high.

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

He does not think that his community could afford an increase this high.

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      **Yes**                      How: He said that the price that the industrial users pay is for drinking quality water because all of their water is treated for drinking, which is not necessary for the industrial companies.

No

Reliability                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

Availability                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: If surface water isn't available then everyone would have to rely on ground water which would impact the overall availability, quality and cost of water.
- b) Ag: He said that land would further fallow and farmers would be over taxed for their water usage. He also thinks that shallow wells will go dry which would further negatively impact the agriculture industry.
- c) Industrial: He thinks that the industrial and commercial industries would run into a cost issue. Food processors need to have a high quantity and quality of water to operate. Because the cost would probably go up they would have to find another way to sustain the cost, which would impact all jobs in the area.

- d) Commercial: He thinks that the industrial and commercial industries would run into a cost issue. Food processors need to have a high quantity and quality of water to operate. Because the cost would probably go up they would have to find another way to sustain the cost, which would impact all jobs in the area.
- e)

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies? He did not feel that he could answer this question because he doesn't understand how you can increase the cost to maintain current water levels when their water levels are already controlled locally.

- a) Residents:
- b) Ag:
- c) Industrial:
- d) Commercial:

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

### **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He thinks that his community is unique because they are wholly dependent on ground water while others in the valley are also dependent on surface water.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said events like the Thursday Night Market (Hanford), the Cotton Festival (Corcoran), the Friday night events (Lemoore), the Renaissance Fair (Hanford) and the County Fair (Hanford) are all important to the Kings County community.

Why do you think they are important?

He thinks that these events are important to the community because they provide and outlet for recreation.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

In descending order: Caucasian, Latino, Black and Filipino

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No, but it is the second largest employer.

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: cotton, corn, silage, alfalfa, pistachio, walnuts, stone fruit and dairy.

He said that there is a mixture of both large and small farms

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Labor: Latino      Owner: Caucasian, Portuguese or Latino

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Government work.

**Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X        Newspapers   X        TV   X  

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_      Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

He said that the community is currently not widely informed about the Delta or any water issues. The most frequently read newspapers in the county are the Hanford Sentinel, the Corcoran Journal and the Avenue Chimes.

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

He said most low income residents go to local clinics, the Health Department or private clinics.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino and Black

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He recommended that we speak with David Drocker of Kings County Community Action (already spoke with organization), Supervisor Oliviera (already contacting), Don Mills with the Kings County Water District (already suggested) and the city manager (already contacting)

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

DATE: 10/13/09

Name/Organization: Steve Cohn, Sacramento City Council

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

The Delta is at risk.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

It is a great recreational area, it is a great open space, it has a wonderful habitat, and is a good separation between the Sacramento region and the Bay area.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The levee issues and flood possibilities need to be addressed and the needs of the people should be addressed over fish.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_ **N/A**

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational **Yes**
- To visit family or friends **Yes**
- Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

There are many nice neighborhoods and the area is very walkable.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as***

*cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He did not know of any

Why do you think they are important?

N/A

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish and Hmong

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Government employment

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Ethnic chambers

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_ NO X

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_ N/A

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_ N/A

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_ NO X

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

**f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

**g. If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons? **Yes**

**They do not want to travel**

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES                           **NO   X**

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

N/A

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

**Did not know**

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio X Newspapers \_\_\_\_ TV X

Community organizations \_\_\_\_ Community events X

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

County Services and non-profits

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

N/A

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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DATE: 10/13/09

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**NOTES:**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

There is an unresolved controversy about the amount of water delivered to Southern California from Northern California. There is also a negative impact on the Delta due to the amount of water taken from the Delta.

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing **yes**
- b) Boating and Recreation **yes**
- c) Farming **yes**
- d) Water Supply (drinking water) **yes**
- e) Navigation by Ships **yes**
- f) Housing/jobs **yes**
- g) Environment/habitat **yes**
- h) Other **It is a meld of all of the mentioned activities.**

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing **yes**
- j) Boating and Recreation **yes**
- k) Farming **yes**
- l) Water Supply (drinking water) **yes**
- m) Navigation by Ships **yes**
- n) Housing/jobs **yes**
- o) Environment/habitat **yes**
- p) Other **Historically all of these have been the primary use, and it should stay that way.**

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No, I don't see a need to visit, although I have been to Sacramento and go river rafting on the American River.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes, see question 2

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **Yes**

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **No**

c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **No**

d. Water quality **No**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of? **The environmental degradation of the Delta due to the decrease in water.**

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

a. quality **no**

b. availability **yes**

c. affordability **yes**

d. other **N/A**

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes. Just saw a program that encourages use of drums to collect storm water (rain run off) for private residential use. I believe that trial program begins today.

Water conservation programs should be mandatory, if they are not already.

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

Yes. Canals from Northern California, aquifers and reservoirs.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political-Politicians don't grapple with these issues for the future, they have been passing the buck for years.**
- d) Other

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Sure, as long as there are assurances and guarantees that the money will be spent on higher water quality and reliability sources. Fifty percent, however, is probably too much, but 25 percent seems ok, again as long as there are guarantees the money isn't used for higher salaries.

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      **Yes**

Reliability                      **Yes**

Availability                      **Yes**

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

I think for all of these (all listed below) there would be a serious impact, and everyone would suffer. Less jobs, people would have to move away from Los Angeles.

- a) Residents
- b) Ag
- c) Industrial
- d) Commercial

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

Same answer as above

- a) Residents
- b) Ag
- c) Industrial
- d) Commercial

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

No

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

Nothing different than the community at large in Los Angeles, we speak for "thinking people" but aren't an ethnic or religious organization.

Why do you think they are important?

N/A

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Mix, like the ethnic make up of Los Angeles

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Mix, like the language make up of Los Angeles

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No. White collar workers.

**Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X                        Newspapers   X                        TV   X  

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_      Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

Unknown.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Unknown.

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

David Abel, 213-629-9019 (he doesn't represent any particular group but is very influential politically and publishes a newsletter that discusses these types of issues)

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

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DATE: 10/14/2009

NAME/ORGANIZATION Dick Haile, Corcoran  
City Council

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

He has heard of the Delta smelt, sewage that is being pumped into the Delta water and that people want to maintain homes instead of farming. He thinks that the water system needs to be corrected and there need to be more storage areas. He does not see a point in having people if we cannot have water to sustain them.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat

h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

He has been to the Delta for recreational fishing, boating etc.

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

He is aware of the topics such as the Delta smelt, water quality issues and need for water storage.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO**
- X** c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO
- d. Water quality **YES X** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

**a. quality** – He said that they are sitting on an arsenic pile and that they recently built a water treatment plant to help resolve that issue.

**b. availability**

**c. affordability**

d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

No

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

N/A

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

He thinks that residents should be more careful about their water usage, farmers already try to conserve as much as they can, but the city needs to conserve more water.

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

He said that their drinking water comes from seven under ground wells.

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California**
- c) Political
- d) Other

He also thinks that they send too much captured water out to sea.

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No, he doesn't think that his community could afford any increase to their water costs because they are already paying a lot more for the water treatment plant that the city had to put in. As it is, residents are asking the City Council to lower their water bills.

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

He does not think that her community could afford an increase of this much.

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

He does not think that her community could afford an increase of this much.

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

He does not think that her community could afford an increase of this much.

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Reliability	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Availability	<b>Yes</b>	How:	No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: He said that water levels cannot possibly be reduced past what they already are. They are already a town that is trying to maintain or grow while they are having to maintain themselves on very little. He said that the effects would be devastating and horrible.
- b) Ag: He said that water levels cannot possibly be reduced past what they already are. They are already a town that is trying to maintain or grow while they are having to maintain themselves on very little. He said that the effects would be devastating and horrible.
- c) Industrial: He said that water levels cannot possibly be reduced past what they already are. They are already a town that is trying to maintain or grow while they are having to maintain themselves on very little. He said that the effects would be devastating and horrible.

- d) Commercial: He said that water levels cannot possibly be reduced past what they already are. They are already a town that is trying to maintain or grow while they are having to maintain themselves on very little. He said that the effects would be devastating and horrible.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: He said that they just paid \$18 million to have their new water treatment facility installed and he does not want to have to be part of the City Council that has to tell its residents that water costs are going up again. They do not want an increase in costs.
- b) Ag: He said that there may be job losses in this industry if water costs go up because they cannot possibly pay more than what they are paying now. Farmers cannot plant because they don't have water, and if they do plant thinking that they will get water, that crop goes bad because they aren't given the means to irrigate them.
- c) Industrial: He said that their main industry is agribusiness, so they do not have many industrial or commercial businesses; he isn't sure how they would be affected.
- d) Commercial: He said that their main industry is agribusiness, so they do not have many industrial or commercial businesses; he isn't sure how they would be affected.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He thinks his community is unique because it is the last place that water flows between the mountains. They also have to fend for themselves while conducting a lot of agribusiness.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that youth sports and events are important to the community.

Why do you think they are important?

These types of activities are important because people don't have much else to it.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: cotton, wheat, barley, alfalfa, corn, feed, nuts

Most farms are large farms.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino and Caucasian

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV  \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations  \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

He said that the community is not very well informed about this project.

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

He was unable to answer.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

He was unable to answer.

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He said we should call Carl Wilcox, the new Director of the Irrigation District 559-992-5165

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, no

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

He has heard of issues in the Delta about water going south, some water allotted for LA and other water allotted for farming in the Central Valley. He has also heard about issues with the potential pipeline, the turning on or off of the pumps and concerns from environmentalists, farming interests and fishing interests.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat

h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

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- k) Farming
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- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

He has driven through the Delta and visited the Rio Vista area.

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

He is aware of pumping issues, concerns about individual interest groups, and issues about the potential pipeline and where the water is going to go.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES\_X** NO

- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO**
- X** c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO
- d. Water quality **YES X** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He said that there is a lack of water in the San Joaquin Valley and it is causing thousands of acres of land to idle. He said that because they have some crops that are trees, we cannot just turn off the water for one year and then bring it back later, if the water is off and the trees dies, they die, they cannot bring the crop back.

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

**a. quality** – He said that they recently put in an \$18 million water treatment plant to remove the arsenic, so they are trying to solve their water quality issues.

**b. availability** - He said that there are some areas that are unable to get ground water therefore they are dependent on surface water.

**c. affordability**

d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes, they are also putting money toward an irrigation district to buy surplus water. They also change the water pressure at their water plants to help reduce the amount of water being pumped out at once.

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

Voluntary

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

He said that all of their water is ground water.

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other – He thinks that the state should have allowed for additional water storage years ago. This would not have stopped the situation we are in now but it would have lessened the effects of the drought.

**Interviewer:** If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

He is not sure if his community would be able to afford an increase to their water costs or not. He said that their water costs have doubled over the past

four years, which is already hard on the residents in the community with a fixed income and implementing additional costs would be a hardship.

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

Those that would be able to afford the increase in the community would find a way to work around the extra money being paid.

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

He thinks that fewer people in the community would be able to afford the increase, but they would still pay it.

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

He said very few could afford an increase this high. The higher the price goes the more people would try to conserve, however, others may not be able to make up for the cost and wouldn't be able to conserve additional resources. The more it costs the more of a burden it becomes.

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

Reliability                      **Yes**                      How: The farming industry planted thousands of acres less than what they used to plant. Some are even planting different, less water consuming crops. This causes products to not be made, workers to not be hired, and shipping and food processing to slow down. He said that lack of water reliability and quality really affects the economy. The less water that is available in one source will exacerbate the overdraft of underground aquifers and subsidence. If the aquifers collapse we cannot bring those back, they are gone. **No**

Availability                      **Yes**                      How: See above.                      No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: He said that if water levels were to decrease we would see widespread unemployment. He also thinks that there will be a large ripple effect where social services will be over used; crime will go up, which will impact the federal and court system.
- b) Ag: He said that decreased water levels would cause more idled land, which would cause the value of the land to go down.
- c) Industrial: He said that sales, services and those that maintain the agriculture industry would be required to cut back on employment because they would be producing less.
- d) Commercial: He said that sales, services and those that maintain the agriculture industry would be required to cut back on employment because they would be producing less.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: He thinks that an increase in water costs would negatively affect the economy because all of the prices would go up.
- b) Ag: He thinks that businesses would try to absorb as much of the cost as possible. If it is a commodity that people are willing to pay more for and they can pass the cost of it on to the consumer, then that is less of an issue. However, if they cannot charge more for the commodity then it may cause them to go out of business.
- c) Industrial: He said that as their profit margins get smaller they will have to reduce their business or they will be forced out of business.

d) Commercial: He said that as their profit margins get smaller they will have to reduce their business or they will be forced out of business.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He thinks his community is unique because in some ways their community has its own personality and in other ways it is very similar to the surrounding areas. He said that the city fathers are trying to help the community through a grant for an education and technology center that will allow residents to upgrade their skills. They are also trying to provide a variety of housing levels. Because there are two prisons in the area they are trying to attract more correctional personnel into their community. Also, they are trying to add art and a diversified commercial base to make the community more attractive.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that community events such as the Cotton Festival, which is held every Fall, and the Christmas parade are very important to the community.

He said that the community's Christmas Tree lighting is the longest continuously running Christmas tree lighting in the country.

Why do you think they are important?

He thinks that these types of events are important to the community because they are a close knit community, the events are tradition, and they are a good place to bring the kids and the family. He said that they are Mayberry and proud of it.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino is about 75 percent of the community, non-Latino is about 20 percent and Black is about 4 percent.

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English is the number one language and Spanish is the number two language.

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes, that and the correctional system.

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: cotton, tomatoes, pistachios, alfalfa, corn and dairy.

Most farms are large farms; he said that the small farms have trouble staying in this economy.

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino and Caucasian

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers   X** **TV   X**

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

The most frequently read paper is the local weekly paper, the Hanford Sentinel and the Fresno Bee. He said that people find most information on the TV news and the Spanish channels.

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

He said that a lot of people go to Kings County, which is located in Hanford, for social assistance. He said a lot of people also go to local nonprofits groups like Prodius, YMCA and First 5.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

He said that the low income population was reflective of the total population with the high percentage being Latino and the rest being a mixture of Caucasian.

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He said we should call Darryl Frey at the Chamber of Commerce (we already interviewed), Jeanette Todd at the local newspaper 559-992-3115, and Dennis Tristao with the Planning Commission at 559-992-2141

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, no

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes, but only a little bit

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

No

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

N/A

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

She has traveled all over the northern part of California so she is sure that she visited the Delta at some point without even knowing that she was looking at the Delta.

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

No

If yes: what have you heard?

N/A

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO X**
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

- d. Water quality **YES X** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality**
- b. availability**
- c. affordability**
- d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

Voluntary

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

She was not aware of where her water comes from.

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they

know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other – She does not think that Southern California is asking for the water.**

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Yes, but only if it was an increase of smaller than 10 percent.

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

She does not think that her community could afford an increase of this much.

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

She does not think that her community could afford an increase of this much.

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

She does not think that her community could afford an increase of this much.

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Reliability	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Availability	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: She said that a decrease in water supplies would cause a financial impact. Because farms would be able to provide less and what they are providing would be more expensive, residents would begin buying canned foods and foods that are not as nutritious because they are cheaper and more readily available.
- b) Ag: She said that farmers would have to charge more to make up for the difference and they would not be able to produce as many goods.
- c) Industrial: She said that the industry would struggle because of the financial impacts.
- d) Commercial: She said that the industry would struggle because of the financial impacts.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: She said that people would lose their jobs, they wouldn't be able to afford resources and that an increase in water costs would cause less resources to be available to residents.
- b) Ag: She said that there would be land use issues and problems regarding which lands to use, but mainly an increase to costs would be a financial hardship.
- c) Industrial: She did not know how the industry would be affected other than by a financial hardship and they may have to cut back on jobs.
- d) Commercial: She did not know how the industry would be affected other than by a financial hardship and they may have to cut back on jobs.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She believes that her community is unique because it is a very diverse community that is very concerned and outspoken about what it wants and when it wants it.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as***

*cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She said that her community is most concerned about having a safe environment, a healthy environment, a unified city and a welcoming city. She said that her community also values cultural events, educational events and health fairs, because they are a very transient city.

Why do you think they are important?

She thinks that these events are important because it builds a trust and foundation of a gathering of people so that people are able to get the correct information. She said that people are more willing to trust when they are familiar with their facilitators.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish, then English

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

She thinks that most people are employed through the service industry.

**Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

**Community organizations** **X** \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**A lot of people get information from service clubs, faith-based organizations, sorority and fraternity clubs, as well as cultural groups.**

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

**She said that most people go to community clinics, community centers, anti poverty programs through the government or faith-based organizations.**

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

**Latino**

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

**She recommended that we speak with Alan Woo, a very active member of the community and the Community Action Partnership 714-897-6670**

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

**Yes**

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

DATE: 10/14/09

Name/Organization: Linus Eukel, Muir Heritage Land Trust

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## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

Ms. Eukel thinks that the Delta is a delicate ecosystem that needs to be better managed.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. **Negative:** what do you think needs to be done to "fix" it?

He thinks that some of the first strategies identified by the Blue Ribbon Committee need to be implemented and that there needs to be a systematic approach to fixing the Delta's issues. He also said that it will take a lot of money to fix the Delta and that he does not think we should divert the water.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES\_X** NO\_\_\_

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES\_X** NO\_\_\_

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES\_X** NO\_\_\_

d. Water quality **YES\_X** NO\_\_\_

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He said that salt marsh restoration could be approached and undertaken more assertively.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both  
      X      

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.  
Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

He lives in the Delta region because that is where the Land Trust inception occurred. He said that in the region he lives in there is a lot of critical habitat on the Delta and a lot of watershed work that needs to be done. The Land Trust now addresses the shoreline throughout the Contra Costa County.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

o **Recreational**

o To visit family or friends

o Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

No

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

He is unsure.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that his community is interested in economic development, land conservation and conserving the natural area.

Why do you think they are important?

He thinks that this type of development is important in his community because it is what the residents are interested in and they are the concerns in the community.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He said that the primary ethnicity in his community is largely middle class, labor contingent Caucasian. He also said that there is a large transient population in the community.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish and a little Italian.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

He said that the primary form of employment is government and the service industry. He said that there is only a little bit of agriculture industry in his community.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

N/A, he identified the primary ethnicity as Caucasian.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X   NO   

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

He said that the Italian and Latino communities use the surrounding rivers, lakes and streams to fish more often than others.

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

N/A

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH**   X   OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

N/A

PREFERENCE   X   CULTURAL   X   ECONOMIC   X  

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

He thinks that people fish in the Delta because it is accessible, tangible, small-craft friendly, abundant with fish and it is traditional.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES NO

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

The lower Delta.

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

The general community as well as the Latino and Italian communities use these areas because the area was actually settled by the Italians for fishing purposes and a lot of that remains.

g. **If no: Why not?**

N/A

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X   NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

He said that there are several Italian celebrations that follow the liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church. And as far as the general population is concerned, their community has a lot of home town and school pride so they have a lot of main street parades etc. He said that the town is small enough to have a sense of place and identity, and a lot of these community activities take place on the Marina.

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers** **X** TV \_\_\_\_\_

**Community organizations** **X** Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)** **X** Internet

He said that the most frequently read paper is the Contra Costa Times.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He said most people go to the County Hospital, nonprofit organizations such as Shelter Inc. and faith-based communities.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

He was not really sure and said that there might be some interesting statistics because there is a jail in the community.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He recommended that we speak with Katherine Landan from the Brentwood Agriculture Land Trust 925-634-6738 or Richard Frank, from the Center for Law, Energy and the environment at UC Berkeley, he was also part of the Blue Ribbon Commission at 510-642-8305

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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DATE: 10/15/2009

NAME/ORGANIZATION Suely Ngouy, Khmer Girls in Action

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

**No**

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

She has heard about the farmers' concerns and water issues in the Delta. She is curious to hear about the Department's perspective on the issues.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming**
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming**
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs**
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

She has never had a reason to visit the area.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

No

If yes: what have you heard?

N/A

If no: move on to question 6

No, she does not feel like she is familiar with the concerns in the Delta, she just knows that there is a general feud of what the water should be for and how it is distributed.

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO X**

- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO**
- X** c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO X**
- d. Water quality **YES X** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

**a. quality**

**b. availability**

c. affordability

d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

No

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

N/A

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

Yes

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

She knows that the water is imported and travels a long distance to get to Long Beach, but she is not sure of what source it actually comes from.

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) **Political**
- d) **Other** – She thinks that part of the problem is water conservation, and lack of knowing where water comes from and how to use it wisely.

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

She didn't know and didn't want to speculate on her communities behalf.

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

She did not feel comfortable answering this question.

Quality	Yes	How:	No
Reliability	Yes	How:	No
Availability	Yes	How:	No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: She said that a decrease in water supply could encourage residents to conserve more, but it could negatively impact the residents and their quality of life.
- b) Ag: She said that there would be a limitation in production and profitability.
- c) Industrial: She said that there would be a limitation in production and profitability.
- d) Commercial: She said that there would be a limitation in production and profitability.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

a) Residents: She thinks that an increase in water costs would primarily cause a change in behavior, habitat and lifestyle for the residents. She said that it may make the residents realize the shortage of water and how much money and energy it takes to maintain quality water.

b) Ag: She said that an increase in water costs would cause the cost of production to increase, therefore the cost of the products will increase so the burden would just be passed onto the consumers.

c) Industrial: She said that an increase in water costs would cause the cost of production to increase, therefore the cost of the products will increase so the burden would just be passed onto the consumers.

d) Commercial: She said that an increase in water costs would cause the cost of production to increase, therefore the cost of the products will increase so the burden would just be passed onto the consumers.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She thinks that her community is unique because it has its own departments, such as the Health and Human Services Department, so the city operates are though it is a separate entity from the County.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She said that a lot of people visit the beach for swimming and other water recreation, so they have a lot of concerns about pollution in the ocean. She also said that they participate in a lot of recreational and park activities. There are several community based festivals, and arts and cultural events that the community find important as well.

Why do you think they are important?

She thinks that these events are important because most of the activities are free; they are appealing qualities and allow access to the water.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino, however, there is a good mix of cultures.

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English is the primary language; however, there is also a lot of Spanish and Khmer spoken in the community. Long Beach has the largest Cambodian population in the United States.

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

She did not know because Long Beach has such a diverse economy. She said that they are a working class city and a lot of people work in the nonprofit, public and private sectors.

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ **TV X**

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe) X** Direct mail

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

She said that a lot of people go to the social service agencies and non-profits in the area, or they try to get assistance through the city.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

She was not sure but she thinks that the Latino, Cambodian and Black communities are the largest percentage of low-income residents.

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

She thinks that we should contact the United Cambodian Community – Sara Poland, the Cambodian Association of America, and Centro Cah – Jessica Kitana

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, no

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**DATE: 10/15/09**

**Name/Organization: Joan Urbanik, executive director, Community Association Institute, Los Angeles**

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**NOTES:**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

No. What is going on in the Delta?

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

Did not know

- a) Fishing n/a
- b) Boating and Recreation n/a
- c) Farming n/a
- d) Water Supply (drinking water) n/a
- e) Navigation by Ships n/a
- f) Housing/jobs n/a
- g) Environment/habitat n/a
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

Did not know

- i) Fishing n/a
- j) Boating and Recreation n/a
- k) Farming n/a
- l) Water Supply (drinking water) n/a
- m) Navigation by Ships n/a
- n) Housing/jobs n/a
- o) Environment/habitat n/a
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes, I used to live in Sacramento.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

No

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:
- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **Yes**
  - b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **Yes**
  - c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **No**
  - d. Water quality **No**
  - e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of? **No**

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
- a. quality **Yes**
  - b. availability **Yes**
  - c. affordability **Yes**
  - d. other
9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes. You can only water your lawn on certain days in Los Angeles proper. Also heard the Governor wants to cut our water use by 20 percent by 2016. Also the Governor vetoed a bill for HOAs to enter in to any long-term water contracts. Also, the federal law (Virginia Graham Baker Act) requires swimming pools to replace drains and required pools to be drained in order to complete the repairs. In Los Angeles this is a problem because of conservation laws we are only allowed to use a limited amount of water therefore making it difficult to fill the pools back up after the repairs are made.

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

Yes. The Colorado River.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes. We represent condos and HOAs and some only have one water meter for the entire complex, so they will never be able to enforce fines since they cannot tell where water is abused or conserved.

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other – There isn't enough education or awareness that we are truly in a water crisis or the desperation of the water crisis.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality **Did not know**

Reliability **Did not know**

Availability **Did not know**

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

a) Residents **Did not know**

b) Ag **Did not know**

- c) Industrial **Did not know**
- d) Commercial **Did not know**

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents **Did not know**
- b) Ag **Did not know**
- c) Industrial **Did not know**
- d) Commercial **Did not know**

### **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

**No**

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

**N/A**

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

**Neighborhood social gatherings.**

Why do you think they are important?

**Did not know**

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Mix, like the ethnic make up of Los Angeles

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Mix, like the language make up of Los Angeles

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No. Primary employment unknown.

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X                        Newspapers   X                        TV   X  

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_      Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe) Community Association Institute bi-monthly magazine, CAI-California Legislative Action Committee cal-trac e-mail blast.**

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

Did not know

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Did not know

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Skip Daum, lobbyist for CAI, 916-791-4750 (Kerri, Skip's assistant)

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes, [joan@cai-glac.org](mailto:joan@cai-glac.org)

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, [joan@cai-glac.org](mailto:joan@cai-glac.org)

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

Yes

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## Contact Details

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DATE: 10/15/2009 NAME/ORGANIZATION Kathy Rietkerk,  
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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

Water reliability and levee issues

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

Business trips regarding water issues

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

It is the largest supply of water for the state and there is a competition for its water. There is also a concern about the levees if there is an earthquake.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO

- d. Water quality **YES** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Yes- Farmers in Southern California need water too and people should be put above fish.

## Understanding Water Issues

- 8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
  - a. quality
  - b. availability**
  - c. affordability
  - d. other** – The city is good at maintaining their water supply
- 9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

Yes and people are informed about the regulation via radio, newspaper, signs in the community and utility bill inserts.

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

- 10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

It comes from ground water, stream water, and the Colorado River

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes it is a high concern

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other- Environmental groups- They are not practical in their regulations**

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Reliability	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Availability	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **It would be a real hardship and people would lose jobs**
- b) Ag: **Farmers would sell their land, the cost for goods would go up, agriculture reliability would go down, people would lose jobs and healthcare costs would increase**
- c) Industrial: **People would lose jobs and it would have a large economic impact**
- d) Commercial: **People would lose jobs and it would have a large economic impact**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: **It would be a real hardship and people would lose jobs**

- b) Ag: Farmers would sell their land, the cost for goods would go up, agriculture reliability would go down, people would lose jobs and healthcare costs would increase
- c) Industrial: People would lose jobs and it would have a large economic impact
- d) Commercial: People would lose jobs and it would have a large economic impact

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

It is a very active community

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- Annual community celebration on November which draws a mix of people

Why do you think they are important?

People are concerned about community issues and come out to community events to learn more

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Portuguese, Asian, Spanish, and Caucasian

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Industrial and the Airport

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X        Newspapers   X        TV   X  

Community organizations             Community events   X  

Other (describe)   X

- Bill inserts
- Community meetings
- Newsletters including the City of San Bernardino newsletter and Farm Bureaus' newsletter

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

Through the government and local churches

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- Speak to local water purveyors

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of

anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **Contact Details**

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DATE: 10/19/2009  
Riverside City Council

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes- recently toured the Delta

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

Riverside has a consistent source of water, but the Central Valley does not conserve

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) **Fishing**
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) **Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

**He recently went on a tour of the Delta.**

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

**N/A**

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

**Yes**

If yes: what have you heard?

**Water Storage issues and salt infiltration problems**

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO
- d. Water quality **YES** NO

- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality - No
- b. availability - No
- c. affordability - No
- d. other - No

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

It is voluntary

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

Water conservation is good, but not a necessity

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

Underground water

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

Yes

If no: Move to question 14

N/A

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other – Does not apply to their community**

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      Yes                      How: **No**

Reliability                      Yes                      How: **No**

Availability                      Yes                      How: **No**

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

a) Residents: **Yes, it would have an economic impact**

b) Ag: **Yes, they might have to farm less of their land**

c) Industrial: **Yes, costs would go up**

d) Commercial: **Yes, costs would be more**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

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Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Strong water conservation programs

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- There are events but could not name any specific ones

Why do you think they are important?

Educational opportunities for the community

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Education

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV  X

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)  X

- Council meetings (also televised)
- Email updates from the city
- PSAs
- Newsletters from the City

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

## The Housing Department

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

## Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Kevin Milcgan, Riverside Public Utilities, 909-826-5780  
Sharva (did not know last name). City of Riverside, 951-826-2434

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

Some radio shows have talked about the fact that the fish in the Delta are put ahead of the people

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other**

She was not sure

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other – She did not know**

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

It's too far away

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

People in Southern California are concerned fish are being put ahead of people. People need water too.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO**
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO

- d. Water quality YES **NO**
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

**No**

## **Understanding Water Issues**

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality
- b. availability
- c. affordability

**d. other – Not sure**

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

**No**

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**It is voluntary in her area**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

**Yes**

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**No**

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they

know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

She is not sure

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other – She is not sure

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Maybe

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

Likely

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

No

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

No

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      Yes                      How: No

Reliability                  Yes                      How No

Availability                Yes                      How: No

None of the above **She did not know either way on these issues**

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

a) Residents:

b) Ag:

c) Industrial:

d) Commercial:

**She did not know either way on these issues**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

a) Residents:

b) Ag:

c) Industrial:

d) Commercial:

She did not know either way on these issues

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Many of her members don't trust government agencies

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- Black radio industry event in July in City of Industry- mostly black
- Black business expo- a few times a year-in Oakland- mostly black

Why do you think they are important?

Events like this reach the Black community and provide the community with education

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Did not know

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Did not know

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Not sure about her community, but her organization is mostly made of people from the media.

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  X  Newspapers  X  TV  X

Community organizations  X  Community events  X

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

Did not know

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Did not know

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

No suggestions

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**DATE: 10/19/09**

**Name/Organization: Salud Carbajal, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors**

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**NOTES:**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

- How to address water concerns related to California's habitat and resources

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water) **Yes**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat **Yes****
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water) **Yes**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat **Yes**
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No, hasn't had a reason to visit the Delta

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes, continued reliability of water and ecosystem problems

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **No**

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **No**

c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **Yes**

d. Water quality **No**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of? **Ecosystems and resource species which conflicts with drinking water concerns**

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
- a. quality
  - b. availability
  - c. affordability
  - d. other **Reliability, moving target for most of the community**
9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

**Yes**

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**There is a combination of mandatory and voluntary although it is mostly voluntary. The county plays no direct role except in aquifers**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**Yes, Lake Cachuma and State Water Project**

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

**Yes**

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other) **Yes, drought**
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California

- c) Political
- d) Other-

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

**No, they are already paying extremely high rates now**

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

**N/A**

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

**N/A**

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

**N/A**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      **No**

Reliability                  **Yes, Rely on entitlements for most of the county and uses most of the water they have.**

Availability                **Yes**

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents
- b) Ag
- c) Industrial
- d) Commercial – **Disaster for all of the above!**

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents
- b) Ag
- c) Industrial
- e) Commercial **Significant impacts to all of the above**

### **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

**Yes, limited water supplies. Rely on state water, without state water it would greatly impact ability to live as a community.**

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

**Full quality of life, consistent of all dimensions that make for rich arts, natural resources, unique weather and exquisite environment**

Why do you think they are important?

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

**35% Latino, 5% Native American, 1% Black, 1% Asian and remainder Caucasian**

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish, English and some Hmong

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

- Strawberries, broccoli, wine grapes, cut flowers
- More than 50

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

- Caucasian owners with 85-97% Latino workers

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

- N/A

**Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) All of the above, churches and networks

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

County offices and non-profits. Community Based Organizations and Churches.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Churches and service organizations

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

Yes

## Contact Details

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

Concerned about the stability of the Delta if there is an earthquake and the infrastructure of the water system

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Not lately

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

Too far

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

Water infiltration and levee failure if there is an earthquake

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO

- d. Water quality **YES** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Yes- Cities that need the water should pay for any construction costs

## Understanding Water Issues

- 8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
  - a. quality
  - b. availability**
  - c. affordability
  - d. other
- 9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

It is voluntary

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

- 10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

The Delta

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they

know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California**
- c) Political
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Reliability	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Availability	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **Costs might go up**
- b) Ag: **Did not know, not a farming community**
- c) Industrial: **Costs might go up**
- d) Commercial: **Costs might go up**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: **With bad economic times it would be difficult**
- b) Ag: **Not sure**
- c) Industrial: **With bad economic times it would be difficult**
- d) Commercial: **With bad economic times it would be difficult**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Very urban

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- Cinco de Mayo- Latino-May
- Chinese New Years Celebration- Chinese- January
- San Jose Jazz festival-Aug- Mix

Why do you think they are important?

They people a sense of place and belonging in their community

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish, English, Vietnamese, Chinese, Portuguese

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Professional Services

**Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  X  Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

County Services

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

No

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

**No**

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

He has heard about water being retained to support the environment and the reduction in farming.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

Although he does not think that any of these uses are large enough to offset the loss of farming in the Central Valley.

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

He has driven through the area.

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

He has heard that water is being diverted and not pumped into the irrigation system because of the Delta smelt. He said that most of the information he has is in regards to the water flows for protection of smelt and not water delivery.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO
- d. Water quality YES **NO X**
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He said that water needs to be pumped to the west side of the Central Valley because its water supplies have been cut back to essentially zero. He said that they are seeing crops die off and there are hundreds of thousands of acres fallowing, which are creating issues with air quality because of the dust upset.

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

No, however, he said that all of their water is from ground water and as surface water decreases farmers may begin to use ground water (drinking water) to help water their farms, and this may create a competition for water.

- a. quality
  - b. availability
  - c. affordability
  - d. other
9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

Mandatory

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

He said that their water comes from ground water that is about 1,000 feet deep. He said there are about 18 wells that provide the water.

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

No

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

N/A.

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

Reliability                      **Yes**                      How: **Agriculture is fallowed and residents are out of work. He said that all of the businesses associated with agriculture are hiring less because they are producing less. They used to grow a million acres of cotton and now they are down to 250,000 acres because they do not have a reliable source of water or enough water available. He also said that there are sales and management businesses leaving the valley because of it.**

No

Availability                      **Yes**                      How: **See above.**                      No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

a) Residents: **He said that this would cause the residents to conserve more.**

- b) Ag: He said that if agriculture increases dependence on ground water it will cause more conservation efforts and loss of jobs. A large percentage of activity in the San Joaquin Valley is determined by the ability to farm.
- c) Industrial: See above.
- d) Commercial: See above.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: He said residents would be impacted because they would be paying more for their food and goods.
- b) Ag: He said that the cost of food and fiber products would increase and the farmers would not be able to absorb the additional costs.
- c) Industrial: He said that the cost of food and fiber products would increase and the farmers would not be able to absorb the additional costs
- d) Commercial: He said that the cost of food and fiber products would increase and the farmers would not be able to absorb the additional costs

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

No

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that his community finds the weekly farmers markets, the Renaissance Fair, the Moon Festival and fishing very important activities.

Why do you think they are important?

He thinks these activities are important because they give the area a sense of community, and they are fairly inexpensive outlets for residents to recreate and enjoy themselves. He also said that it creates communication between neighbors.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: tomatoes, corn, tree crops (nut and fruit), lettuce and cauliflower

He said that there are a few large farms, however, most are small.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers** **X**\_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)** **X**\_\_\_\_\_ Internet

Most frequently read newspapers are the Fresno Bee and the Hanford Sentinel.

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

He said that all of the county services are in the city limits of Hanford because it is the county seat.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

## Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He suggested we speak with Don Mills with the Kings County Water District at 559-584-6412

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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DATE: 10/2/09

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## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He believes the Delta is bad. He feels it is in need of great repair. He is worried about the Delta and the fact that it has not been fixed yet.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

It is a great source of water to Southern CA

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The State needs to invest money in fixing the Delta. They need to fix the Delta, protect the environment and provide water to Southern California. We can't sacrifice the whole state because some small island might be flooded.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

Water rights should be reconsidered.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_N/A

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational **YES**
- o To visit family or friends **YES**
- o Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

They are serviced by two different water districts. They community in general is doing fairly well economically and has the ability to fund parks and community centers.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- The October fest- In October, mostly attended by Caucasians and Asians
- There is a volunteer fair every Spring, mostly attended by Caucasians and Asians
- Every Fall there is a Art Festival, mostly attended by Caucasians and Asians
- In June there is a Art and wine festival mostly attended by Caucasians and Asians

Why do you think they are important?

They build a sense of community

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish and Asian

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Professional services

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Ethnic restaurants

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_ NO X

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

**d. If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_ **NO X**

**e. If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

**f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

**g. If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

Did not know

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_ **NO X**

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?

- o No leadership?
- o Other reasons?

Did not know

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)  X**

- City's newsletter
- City's Web site
- Chamber newsletter

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- Local hospital or county services

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

- Latinos and seniors of all ethnic groups

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- Ron Brown of Save Mount Diablo, (925) 947-3535.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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DATE: 10/2/2009 NAME/ORGANIZATION John Michael Heiss, Kings County First 5

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

He has heard about the water release, the Delta smelt and the environmental factors.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat**
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

He has never had a need to go to the Delta.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

He is familiar with the water issues, the farmers' needs and the Delta smelt.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

- d. Water quality YES **NO X**
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He said the there are residual effects that are affecting Kings County's jobs, employment and water supply.

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality**
- b. availability**
- c. affordability**
- d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

Mandatory and enforced, she said that there is also an extensive outreach program in process.

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

City wells

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political**
- d) Other

He said that there is a strange mix between the environment and the farmers and that there will be fight until the end.

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

He said that the people in his community would not be able to afford any increase to their water bill. He said that there are more people living in poverty in his community than out.

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Reliability	<b>Yes</b>	How:	He said that there is a lot of farming in the area and they never know if and when they are going to get water.
	No		
Availability	<b>Yes</b>	How:	See above. He said if they did not get any water than they cannot use it.
		No	

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: He said that a decrease in water supplies would affect jobs, produce and the amount of food on the table. He said the overall employment of the economy would be affected.
- b) Ag: He said the growing of products would decrease, which would affect industries and residents down the line.
- c) Industrial: He said the growing of products would decrease, which would affect industries and residents down the line.
- d) Commercial: He said the growing of products would decrease, which would affect industries and residents down the line.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies

would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

a) Residents: He said an increase in water costs may take away the money that residents use for health care, insurance and child care.

b) Ag: The increase in rates would be passed onto the consumer and those that are working, so everyone would end up paying a lot more for their products.

c) Industrial: The increase in rates would be passed onto the consumer and those that are working, so everyone would end up paying a lot more for their products.

d) Commercial: The increase in rates would be passed onto the consumer and those that are working, so everyone would end up paying a lot more for their products.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He thinks that his community is unique because they have a very good balance between agriculture and industrial jobs. He said that there is no large

commuter workforce so those who live there also work there. The cost of living is lower in their community so many people end up staying in the community.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that activities that are family friendly, low cost and provide community entertainment are very important to his community. He named off events such as the mud run, the farmers' markets, and historical events and homecomings.

Why do you think they are important?

He thinks that these activities are important because they are free. They get a lot of entertainment for no money. He said that the importance of free activities relates to the poverty level in the community.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

47% Caucasian, 46% Latino, 2% Asian and 1% Black

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

He also said that there is a Portuguese community that maintains its language and an emerging South East Asian population that also speaks its native language.

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes, as well as government

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: kiwis, almonds, alfalfa, beef and pork

He said that most farms are small

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_X\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_X\_\_ employer and word of mouth

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

He said that most people go to family resource centers throughout the county.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He suggested we speak with Niel William with Kings County EDC 559-585-6696 and Jay Saylor with Kings County EDC 595-585-7393

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

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## Contact Details

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Organization:

Address:

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

DATE: 10/20/09 NAME/ORGANIZATION Dorris Fernandez,  
Hanford Soup Kitchen

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

Has heard the Delta does not want to give the rest of the state water. There are also issues about protecting the Delta Smelt. She has also heard of waste water issues

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation**
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming**
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

She lived the area for a little while and worked there.

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

Water is needed for jobs throughout the state and the Delta region is reluctant to provide some of its water supply to other areas outside of the Delta.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO**

- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO**
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO
- d. Water quality YES **NO**
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

**N/A**

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality – Yes
- b. availability – Yes
- c. affordability – No
- d. other – N/A

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

**Yes**

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**It is mandatory**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

**N/A**

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**She knows that ground water wells provide water for the North part of the City, but she is not sure where the rest of the City gets its water**

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) **Other - there is water shortage**

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

No

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

No

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

No

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>	
Reliability	<b>Yes</b>	How:	<b>It makes it hard for ag and businesses to plan for this planting season and business production</b>	No
Availability	<b>Yes</b>	How:	<b>Less water makes it difficult for ag and businesses to get the jobs done they need to</b>	No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **People would move out the area due to lack of jobs**
- b) Ag: **Farms would not be planned and farmers would sell their land and move**
- c) Industrial: **Industrial plants would close and people would lose jobs**
- d) Commercial: **Commercial shops would have to raise their prices or close all together. Jobs would be lost**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: **Not everyone would not be impacted, but low income would really be hurt**

- e) Ag: Farmer's couldn't farm their lands
- c) Industrial: The costs of their goods would go up
- d) Commercial: The costs of their goods would go up

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

### Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Did not know

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Did not know

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Community little games that take place in Spring and Summer are attended by a mix of ethnic groups

Why do you think they are important?

They bring together a mix of cultural groups

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Melons, nuts, apples, hay, and cotton

Most are 50 or more, but it seasonal work

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

The owners are Caucasians and the workers are Latino

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  X  Newspapers  X  TV  X

Community organizations  X  Community events  X

Other (describe)  X

- Word of mouth. Hanford is close community and people talk

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

Kings County Community Action and County Services

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

No

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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### **General Delta Related**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

Water supplies from the Delta have been limited due to fish issues

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming**
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

Business and went on a educational tour of the Delta

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

Yes he knows about levee concerns.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO**
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO

- d. Water quality **YES** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

**No**

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

a. quality

**b. availability**

**c. affordability**

d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

**Yes**

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**It is mandatory**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

**N/A**

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**The Colorado River and the Delta**

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) **Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)**
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other – Ag industries might face a water shortage

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Yes

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

Yes

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

No

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

No

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality **Yes** How: **It would hurt business** No

Reliability **Yes** How: **It would hurt business** No

Availability **Yes** How: **It would hurt business** No

None of the above **N/A**

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

a) Residents: **It would make it hard on residents with pools and yards**

b) Ag: **It would hurt business**

c) Industrial: **It would hurt business**

d) Commercial: **No he doesn't think it would impact commercial that much**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

a) Residents: **It would be hard to pay water bills**

b) Ag: **It would hurt business**

c) Industrial: **It would hurt business**

d) Commercial: **It would hurt business**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

It has a large ag base

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- Rod Runs-Temecula- in the fall- Mostly attended by Latinos

Why do you think they are important?

They are family friendly events

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

The technical industry

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers  X  TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)  X

- City Website

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

- N/A

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

N/A

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 10/20/09

Name/Organization: Chris Aihara, director, Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, Los Angeles

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1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

I remember some issues about renewing water contracts. Also, Los Angeles seems to have more than its fair share of water from that area, and there are other areas throughout the state that are threatened by droughts.

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing No
- b) Boating and Recreation No
- c) Farming unsure
- d) Water Supply (drinking water) yes
- e) Navigation by Ships unsure
- f) Housing/jobs unsure
- g) Environment/habitat yes
- h) Other n/a

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing only if sustainable, but I don't know enough to be sure
- j) Boating and Recreation only if sustainable, but I don't know enough to be sure
- k) Farming only if sustainable, but I don't know enough to be sure
- l) Water Supply (drinking water) yes
- m) Navigation by Ships only if sustainable, but I don't know enough to be sure
- n) Housing/jobs only if sustainable, but I don't know enough to be sure

- o) Environment/habitat **only if sustainable, but I don't know enough to be sure**
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

**Yes, I used to live in that area as a child.**

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

**Yes, see question 2**

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **No, but it is believable that there could be issues associated with this.**

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **No, but it is believable that there could be issues associated with this.**

c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **No, but it is believable that there could be issues associated with this.**

d. Water quality **Not specifically, but not hard to believe.**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of? **No**

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
- a. quality **Not sure, there may have been in the past.**
  - b. availability **yes, there is a water shortage**
  - c. affordability **with a shortage the price goes up, therefore it is more expensive/less affordable**
  - d. other
9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?
- Yes, we cannot water our lawns as often, try to use less water, plant drought-friendly plants. I see some advertisements, but not a lot.**
10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?
- Colorado River, I think.**
11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?
- Yes, but not just for the Japanese-American community, but for communities throughout Los Angeles.**
12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?
- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other) **yes**
  - b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
  - c) Political **yes**
  - d) Other
13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

It is difficult to generalize for the community overall, some would be able to afford it, while others would feel the pinch.

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      There used to be a lot of farmers who were Japanese-Americans, water quality would affect them.

Reliability                  Yes

Availability                Yes

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

a) Residents It would be a lifestyle change, which many may resist at first, would need a lot of education about it. Culturally, Japanese have extensive gardens and green lawns. It would be a shift for them to go to a different type of landscape from the lush Japanese gardens they are used to.

b) Ag Unknown, but I assume there would be an impact.

c) Industrial Unknown, but I assume there would be an impact.

d) Commercial Unknown, but I assume there would be an impact.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

a) Residents There are many seniors in the Japanese American community on fixed incomes, an increase in cost would be difficult because they haven't planned on an increase in their water bills.

b) Ag I believe it would impact the amount of product they could produce because increase in cost would affect their margin of profit. May be hard for some to survive.

c) Industrial **Unknown**

e) Commercial **Unknown**

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

All communities believe they are unique, the Japanese Americans too feel they are unique. But there are probably a lot of similarities between this group and other immigrant-based communities.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Japanese people were one of the first immigrant groups to come to the United States.

Close connection to nature (many activities based on gardening, landscaping and coy)

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

Older generation gardens  
A lot of golfers

Why do you think they are important?

Not sure

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Older generation is Japanese, but younger generation is very diverse and ethnically mixed. 60 percent of Japanese people now marry outside of the Japanese culture.

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Japanese

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No. White collar, entrepreneurial, professional

## Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) Older generation (and recent immigrants, within the past 50 years) gets information from churches and temples, and their community-based organizations. Also from Japanese newspaper and television.

Younger generation gets information from traditional media outlets and the internet.

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

Assume from public agencies and social service agencies, not sure.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

In Los Angeles, Hispanic

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Little Tokyo Service Center, 213-473-1602 (does not have a specific name)

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No, thank you

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No, thank you

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

Yes

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## Contact Details

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**DATE: 10/20/09**

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**NOTES:**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months? No

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing no
- b) Boating and Recreation no
- c) Farming yes, agriculture
- d) Water Supply (drinking water) no
- e) Navigation by Ships no
- f) Housing/jobs no
- g) Environment/habitat no
- h) Other no

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No, he has driven by but have not made an effort to actually stop.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures No.

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon No

c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt No

d. Water quality No

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of? No

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality **yes**
- b. availability **yes**
- c. affordability **Yes**
- d. other **Not that he can think of.**

9. Does (Hanford) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

**Yes, there are days that you can and cannot use water within the city and that is enforced. There are commercials that encourage community members to conserve water. So he feels its both mandatory and voluntary.**

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**He is not sure.**

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

**Not that he is aware of.**

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Farming is being impacted highly in all these aspects. Agriculture relies heavily on water.

Quality                      Yes

Reliability                Yes

Availability                Yes

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: Cause hardships due to lack of water for families.
- b) Ag: Definitely because farming would decrease. Ag is the life of the city.
- c) Industrial: Depending but not as significant.
- d) Commercial: Not as significant.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents : Financial burden for all level of financial security.
- b) Ag: Depends on the increase but for the most part it would impact all types of agriculture crops.
- c) Industrial: Not sure how it would affect but it will affect businesses.
- d) Commercial: Same as industrial.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Similar to others, nothing that really sets it apart from others.

17) What would you say makes your community unique or special?

18) What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

We celebrate 5 de Mayo Festivals, Renaissance Festivals, Homecoming once a year, Farmers Markets.

19) Why do you think they are important?

They are important because it creates social networking activities, positive atmosphere so that the community can socialize and have a good time.

20) What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Hispanic

21) What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish/English

22) Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes, we farm cotton, fruits, grapes, walnuts and raisens. The general ethnic makeup of people involved in the farming industry in our community are Hispanics.

## Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22) In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_ X \_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)

23) For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

Social Services offices

Churches

Community Agencies

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Anglo

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Communiy member who works closely within the community

Raymond Martinez

559-595-4550

24) That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25) Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

Yes

DATE: 10/20/2009 NAME/ORGANIZATION Tonia Reyes  
Uranga, Long Beach City Council

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes, she has heard the topics covered in meetings as well.

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

She remembers issues such as lack of jobs due to water, agricultural issues and the cost of water being covered in the news.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming**
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming**
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

She has not visited the Delta yet because she would like to take an educational tour and she is not aware of any.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

She answered no, but listed topics she has heard of.

If yes: what have you heard?

She has heard about the importance of the correlation between work and agriculture and she feels that she is able to relate more closely to work because of the Latino connection.

If no: move on to question 6

N/A

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO**
- X** c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO X**
- d. Water quality YES **NO X**
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

She said that the cost of water has gone up significantly.

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
- a. quality
  - b. availability
  - c. affordability**
  - d. other
9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

Voluntary, she said that it is a very good program and they have exceeded their conservation goals.

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

She is unaware of where her community's water comes from.

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) **Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)**
- b) **Not enough water being exported from Northern California**
- c) **Political**
- d) Other

She believes that the lack of water is due to a combination of all of these factors.

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No, she does not think her community would be able to afford an increase to their water bills.

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Reliability	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Availability	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>

**None of the above** – However, the community is having issues with the cost of their water.

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: She is not sure what a decrease in supplies would mean for her community. She feels that they are very good at conserving water yet their water rates are continuing to increase, so she is not sure what the effects would be on her community if water were made even scarcer.
- b) Ag: She is not sure what a decrease in supplies would mean for her community. She feels that they are very good at conserving water yet their water rates are continuing to increase, so she is not sure what the effects would be on her community if water were made even scarcer.
- c) Industrial: She is not sure what a decrease in supplies would mean for her community. She feels that they are very good at conserving water yet their water rates are continuing to increase, so she is not sure

what the effects would be on her community if water were made even scarcer.

- d) Commercial: She is not sure what a decrease in supplies would mean for her community. She feels that they are very good at conserving water yet their water rates are continuing to increase, so she is not sure what the effects would be on her community if water were made even scarcer.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: She said that an additional increase to water costs coupled with other increased expenses would have tremendous effects on the community, but she could not say exactly how. She did however; think that the industrial businesses would have the hardest time absorbing these costs.

- b) Ag: She said that an additional increase to water costs coupled with other increased expenses would have tremendous effects on the community, but she could not say exactly how. She did however; think that the industrial businesses would have the hardest time absorbing these costs.

- c) Industrial: She said that an additional increase to water costs coupled with other increased expenses would have tremendous effects on the community, but she could not say exactly how. She did however; think that the industrial businesses would have the hardest time absorbing these costs.

- d) Commercial: She said that an additional increase to water costs coupled with other increased expenses would have tremendous effects on the community, but she could not say exactly how. She did however; think that the industrial businesses would have the hardest time absorbing these costs.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs

would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She believes that her community is unique because it has its own water department.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She said that access to park space and access to markets and food are important to her community.

Why do you think they are important?

She thinks that these activities are important to her community because there are a lot of people living within a small area and it provides an outlet for recreation.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

She said that about 35 percent to 40 percent of the population is Latino, about 20 percent is Asian, about 15 percent to 17 percent is Black and the rest is Caucasian.

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish are the primary languages but languages such as Khmer and Tagalog are also very prominent.

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

She believes that the largest employer in her community is the services industry and the tourism industry.

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe) X** \_\_\_\_\_ Mailers that the city sends out and the Internet

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

She said that most people would go to City Hall or the Health Department to receive social services.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

She thinks that the largest percentage of low income residents are Asian and Latino.

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

She recommended contacting the Interfaith Community Organization (already contacting)

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

DATE: 10/23/2009 NAME/ORGANIZATION MaryAnne Skorpanich, Orange County Water District

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

She has heard about issues with levee failure, water diversion issues, and various people discussing their ideas on how to fix the Delta.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation**
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships**
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat**
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) **Fishing**
- j) **Boating and Recreation**
- k) Farming
- l) **Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) **Navigation by Ships**
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) **Environment/habitat**
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

She thinks that the Delta is too far away.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

Levee issues, ecosystem issues, water supply issues

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO

- d. Water quality **YES** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

**No**

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

**a. quality**

**b. availability**

c. affordability

d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

**Yes**

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**It is voluntary**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

**N/A**

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**75 percent is ground water, 25 percent is imported from the California water project or the Colorado River.**

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they

know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political**
- d) Other - Infrastructure**

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Yes

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

She thinks that they could handle this.

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

Okay with most, but low income wouldn't be able to handle the increase.

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

No, she doesn't think her community could handle this increase.

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      Yes                      How:                      No **Did not know**

Reliability                      **Yes**                      How: **They need reliable and available water to run their business** No

Availability                      **Yes**                      How: **They need reliable and available water to run their business** No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **People's lifestyles would change. They would landscape less.**
- b) Ag: **Would have to cut back on production.**
- c) Industrial: **They would just have to pay more and raise prices.**
- d) Commercial: **They would just have to pay more and raise prices.**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: **They would pay more if needed.**
- b) Ag: **They would pay more if needed.**
- c) Industrial: **They would pay more if needed.**

d) Commercial: **They would pay more if needed.**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

**Yes**

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

**The city is very aware of water infiltration and recycled water supplies.**

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

**The following activities are important to the Orange County community:**

- The County Fair- July- Mix of ethnic groups
- Earth Day events- April- Mix
- Clean Up Day- September- Mix
- Angels Baseball Games- Mix- Throughout the summer

Why do you think they are important?

**She thinks that these events are important because they are fun.**

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino, Caucasian and Asian

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Did not know

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X                        Newspapers   X                        TV   X  

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_      Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)   X  

Internet and local magazines (did not know names)

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

She said that residents that may be considered low income go to local hospitals, County services and nonprofits for assistance.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Joe Edwards, Irvine County, 949-720-2858

Garry Brown, Orange County Coast Keepers, 714-913-7847

Mark Gold, Heal the Bay, 310-453-0395

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Just project updates

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** Can help set up meetings if the district is interested.

DATE: 10/26/09 NAME/ORGANIZATION Linda Rodgers, Restart Center

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

**No**

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

**No**

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

**N/A**

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other – Did not know**

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other- Did not know**

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A.

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

No reason

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

That water is need from the Delta to help Southern California

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO**
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO**
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO**

- d. Water quality YES **NO**
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality – Yes
- b. availability – Yes
- c. affordability – Yes
- d. other – N/A

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

It is mandatory

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

No

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

No

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

No

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

No

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

Reliability                      **Yes**                      How: **It is difficult because they can't count on a good water supply so their businesses are forced to make tough decisions about what to do with the future of their business.** No

Availability                      **Yes**                      How: **Same as reliability, businesses are forced to make tough choices about the future.** No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **Yes, residents would water their lawns less**
- b) Ag: **The cost of goods and produce would go up**
- c) Industrial: **Not sure**
- d) Commercial: **Not sure**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: **Households would start conserving more**
- e) Ag: **The cost of ag products would go up**
- c) Industrial: **She did not know, but thought the cost of their products would go up**

- d) Commercial: Same as Industrial, she did not know but through the cost of their products would go up

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

### **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

No

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

No

Why do you think they are important?

N/A

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino, Caucasian, and Black

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish and English

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Education such as teachers and administrators

**Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_ TV X

Community organizations X Community events \_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

### Non-profits

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

### Latino and Black

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

### No

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

### Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

### Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 10/26/2009 NAME/ORGANIZATION Patrick O'Donnel,  
Long Beach City Council

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**NOTES:**

**General Delta Related**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No:

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

The future water plan

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing **Yes**
- b) Boating and Recreation **Yes**
- c) Farming **Yes**
- d) Water Supply (drinking water) **Yes**
- e) Navigation by Ships **Yes**
- f) Housing/jobs **Yes**
- g) Environment/habitat **Yes**
- h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing **Yes**

- j) Boating and Recreation **Yes**
- k) Farming **Yes**
- l) Water Supply (drinking water) **Yes**
- m) Navigation by Ships **Yes**
- n) Housing/jobs **Yes**
- o) Environment/habitat **Yes**
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

**Yes**

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

**Visit and learn**

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

**Yes**

If yes: what have you heard?

**Delta smelt and dividing the water**

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO

- d. Water quality **YES** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

## Understanding Water Issues

- 8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
  - a. quality **Yes**
  - b. availability **Yes**
  - c. affordability **Yes**
  - d. other
  
- 9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

**Yes**

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**Very aggressive mandatory program, although they do not cite for it.**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

**N/A**

- 10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**Aquifers and purchased from the State,**

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they

know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other) Yes
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political Yes
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Maybe

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

Higher quality and reliability, maybe.

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

It would be through the roof.

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

It would be through the roof,

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                    **Yes**                    How: **State wide issues**                    No

Reliability                    **Yes**                    How:                    No

Availability                    **Yes**                    How: **Long-term problem**                    No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents:
- b) Ag
- c) Industrial
- d) Commercial

**Very negative to all**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents
- b) Ag
- c) Industrial
- e) Commercial

Negative, costs & profits impacts to all

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

### Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Has its own city water department; Diversity of community

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Social events, family Christmas Parade Pride

Why do you think they are important?

Well attended and positive

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Very diverse 1/3 Latino, 1/3 Cambodian, 1/3 Black

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English & Spanish, some Cambodian

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

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b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Industry/Trade/Education

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers  X  TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations  X  Community events  X

Other (describe)  Direct mail

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

City, State, Federal, Non-profit, United Cambodian organization, schools

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

**DATE: 10/26/09**

**Name/Organization: Anderson Shaw, African American Catholic Center for Evangelization, Los Angeles**

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**NOTES:**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

No.

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes, for a business trip.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

No

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES**
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **NO**
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **NO**
- d. Water quality **NO**

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality **Yes**
- b. availability **Yes**
- c. affordability **Yes**
- d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes, watering lawn restrictions

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

No.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) **Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other) We are living in a desert**
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political- The Courts are making the decisions about where water goes, not policy makers
- d) Other

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No, although most drink bottled water because they don't think the water quality is high enough or what it should be.

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      Yes

Reliability                      Yes

Availability                      Yes

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents **They would be very upset.**
- b) Ag **unsure.**
- c) Industrial **unsure.**
- d) Commercial **unsure.**

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents – there would be concern, but if it alleviated need for rationing and improve the quality it would be accepted.
- b) Ag – unsure
- c) Industrial – unsure
- d) Commercial – unsure

### **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Professional, retired community  
Concerned about property values

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

Family-based activities  
Faith-based activities  
Activities that relate to their quality of life

Why do you think they are important?

Because this is an economically prosperous community and many are retired, they look to family and faith for support and activities.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

African American

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No. Retired professionals

**Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_ \_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe) Internet**

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

Word of mouth

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Hispanic

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

No

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

Yes

DATE: 10/26/2009 NAME/ORGANIZATION Mansour Nasser,  
San Jose Water Department

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

Issues about the Delta Smelt, pumping issues, and potential deals with water districts

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat**
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

To visit friends

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

Yes he knows about issues with the levee system, salivary issue, and problems with the delta smelt

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO**

- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO
- d. Water quality **YES** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?  
**No**

## Understanding Water Issues

- 8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
  - a. quality
  - b. availability**
  - c. affordability
  - d. other
- 9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

**No**

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**It is voluntary**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

**Did not know**

- 10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**The Delta, the San Jose reservoir, and ground water**

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they

know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other – Ag industries might face a water shortage**

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Maybe

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

Yes

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

Maybe

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

No

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                    **Yes**                    How: **The cost of water treatment**                    No

Reliability                **Yes**                    How: **There is a strong need for water**                    No

Availability                **Yes**                    How: **There is a strong need for water**                    No

None of the above **N/A**

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

a) Residents: **People would water their lawns less**

b) Ag: **No in San Jose, there is no ag**

c) Industrial: **It would limit industrial growth**

d) Commercial: **It would limit commercial growth**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

a) Residents: **It would be good to improve reliability, but cost increase would be bad**

b) Ag: **It would be good to improve reliability, but cost increase would be bad**

c) Industrial: **It would be good to improve reliability, but cost increase would be bad**

- d) Commercial: **It would be good to improve reliability, but cost increase would be bad**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

**No**

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

**N/A**

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

- **Did know of a lot but the San Jose Jazz festival in San Jose is popular. It takes place in August and has a mix of ethnic groups that attend**

Why do you think they are important?

**They are fun events**

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

**Caucasian Latino, and Vietnamese**

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish and Vietnamese

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

The technical industry

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X        Newspapers   X        TV   X  

Community organizations   X        Community events   X  

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

- County services

- Churches

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Keith Whitman, Santa Clara Water District, 408-265-2600

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

**DATE: 10/27/09**

**Name/Organization: Travis Knowles, council representative,  
Councilmember Todd Gloria's office, San Diego**

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**NOTES:**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

The councilmember is aware of ongoing issues in the Delta like flooding, threats to endangered species, limited availability of water from the State Water Project, concerns about the ecology, concerns by stakeholders about their economic vitality due to issues in the Delta.

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

This is difficult to answer, as there are different purposes to various users.

- a) **Fishing**
- b) **Boating and Recreation**
- c) **Farming**
- d) **Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) **Navigation by Ships**
- f) **Housing/jobs**
- g) **Environment/habitat**
- h) **Other** Flood control, habitat, pumping water through the State Water Project

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

All are equal, this question is kind of like asking "which child to you love the most?" The Delta SHOULD be used for and is key to moving water from Northern to Southern California.

- i) **Fishing yes**
- j) **Boating and Recreation yes**

- k) Farming yes
- l) Water Supply (drinking water) yes
- m) Navigation by Ships yes
- n) Housing/jobs yes
- o) Environment/habitat yes
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

I don't believe the councilmember has been, however, I have been, anyone who has visited Sacramento has visited the Delta.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes, fish populations are crashing. We have turned off the water spigot. There are questions about the health of the Delta as we move forward. Flood controls - the levee system is in peril. The infrastructure is failing.

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures Yes
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon Just salmon
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt Yes
- d. Water quality Yes
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality no, our Water Department (City of San Diego Water Department) is strictly regulated so people have faith that they are receiving quality water from the city.
- b. availability yes, this is a long-term issue with reliability of supply, we must promote conservation through a tiered rate structure.

c. affordability no, water is cheap. If water wasn't so cheap people wouldn't waste so much of it. Although, there is a large low-income population in this district, so a tiered rate structure would help those who may not currently be able to afford their water bills.

d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes. There are mandatory water use restrictions – cannot water your lawns on certain days and only between certain hours. We have a campaign right now: “No time to waste, no water to waste.” There are a lot of behavioral restrictions in place right now that we hope will help in the short term, although they are not long-term solutions. For the long-term we are looking toward storm water capture, and a different pricing structure (tiered rates).

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

Yes. Colorado River and the State Water Project for the majority of our water. Some other sources of water include water transfers from the Imperial Valley and some groundwater (5 – 6 percent).

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes. District 3 is an environmentally minded district and has one of the lowest water usages in the city. This is because they are both environmentally minded and the residents typically have smaller lots.

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

Residents in District 3 are both environmentally minded and the residents typically have smaller lots. They are also very politically minded and involved, whenever city forums on issues are held in the district, District 3 always has the highest attendance out of all eight districts.

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other) We are living in a desert
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California

- c) Political- The Courts are making the decisions about where water goes, not policy makers
- d) Other

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Yes and no. District 3 residents feel that if you use more you should pay more. So they would be able to pay if it were based on the amount used, if you didn't use much your bill wouldn't increase as much. However, a general, across-the-board increase would be difficult for them to afford.

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality Yes, although this is not a huge issue for residents. However, some commercial and industrial businesses are dependent on high-quality water. If the quality wasn't high enough they couldn't continue with their businesses.

Reliability Yes, many want assurances that water will be reliable and available for their businesses.

Availability Yes, many want assurances that water will be reliable and available for their businesses.

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents There would be a huge impact, and the need for a greater level of behavioral controls. But with the right pricing structure residents would be able to live with the amount of water they use and can afford. With right pricing, another water transfer may be possible in San Diego.
- b) Ag This does not apply, District 3 is highly urban
- c) Industrial There would not be a huge impact, but there are concerns that their needs be taken into consideration.

d) Commercial here would not be a huge impact, but there are concerns that their needs be taken into consideration.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

Depends on how costs are distributed. Having cheaper water leads people to be resistant to change their behaviors, as long as they can continue to afford it. People have lush gardens because water is cheap. Although the cost increase should not fall onto those who are already conserving.

- a) Residents
- b) Ag
- c) Industrial
- d) Commercial

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

District 3 is very diverse. It is the center of the LGBT community in San Diego. There is also the greatest ethnic diversity, there are 30 different languages spoken. There is a large population of eastern African and Southeast Asian immigrants. It showcases successful redevelopment. It has Balboa Park - the jewel of San Diego. There is a vibrant arts and culture scene. There are unique historic neighborhoods.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

Festivals and parades (gay pride)  
Somali Independence day is celebrated in this district  
Cultural events  
Large religious community, a lot of the first churches of many religious denominations started in this district

Why do you think they are important?

There is an overall appreciation of community as well as cross-cultural appreciation and collaboration. There is an interconnectedness in this community and that is a lot of the draw of District 3 - why people move here. Everyone does it for the community spirit.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Majority White, second would be Latino.

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No. there is a diverse workforce. Arts & Culture, there is a UCSD hospital in the district, small businesses, light industrial/retail/professional.

### **Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  Newspapers  TV

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Other (describe)**

Social Media, online, e-blast newsletters, neighborhood newsletters.

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?  
Deaf community services, county facilities, Price Charities, Elder Help, Somali Family Services
- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?  
Refugee population

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Little Saigon Foundation  
LGBT Center  
Alliance for African Assistance

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)  
Yes, [tknowles@san Diego.gov](mailto:tknowles@san Diego.gov)

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)  
Yes, [tknowles@san Diego.gov](mailto:tknowles@san Diego.gov)

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?  
Yes

DATE: 10/27/09

Name/Organization: Sergio Paredes, National Association for Hispanic Elderly, Pasadena

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**NOTES:**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

No

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing no
- b) Boating and Recreation no
- c) Farming yes
- d) Water Supply (drinking water) yes
- e) Navigation by Ships no
- f) Housing/jobs yes
- g) Environment/habitat yes
- h) Other no

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing no
- j) Boating and Recreation no
- k) Farming yes
- l) Water Supply yes
- m) Navigation by Ships no
- n) Housing/jobs yes
- o) Environment/habitat yes
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Not even aware where it is located.

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures yes

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon No

c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt No

d. Water quality yes

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of? No

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality **no**
- b. availability **no**
- c. affordability **yes and no**
- d. other

9. Does (Los Angeles) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

**Yes, it is mandatory at this point. He has heard radio ads.**

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**No idea.**

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

**yes**

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other) **people don't conserve water.**
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California **not sure**
- c) Political **not sure**
- d) Other

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

**No, people would be upset because of the economy and possibly even have phone calls to local representatives from the community protesting.**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

If our water is not clean then the produce are good for us to eat.

Quality                      Yes

Reliability                Yes

Availability                Yes

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

a) Residents: big negative impact on families

b) Ag: greatly, farming would go down the drain.

c) Industrial: same thing it's a domino effect.

d) Commercial: same thing.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

a) Residents : people would be upset and there would be negative impacts.

b) Ag: same thing.

c) Industrial: same

d) Commercial: same

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

no

17) What would you say makes your community unique or special?

18) What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

Community activities, informational meeting on every day living topics.

19) Why do you think they are important?

It creates a positive effect when information is available.

20) What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

It depends but mostly Latinos.

21) What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English/Spanish

22) Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

## Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22) In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers  X  TV  X

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events  X

Other (describe)

Residents don't receive as much information as they should but they receive it from local dept. social services programs, homeless shelters, etc.

23) For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

Social services programs

Homeless shelters

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latinos

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Not sure.

24) That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes (anppmsergio@aol.com)

25) Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes (anppmsergio@aol.com)

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

Yes (anppmsergio@aol.com)

DATE: 10/27/09 NAME/ORGANIZATION Rhonda Morken, One 2  
One Mentors

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

Farmers don't have water and they need it.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) **Fishing**
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) **Housing/jobs**
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs**
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

Its too far away from where she lives

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

It seems like people are putting fish before people which is not right

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO**
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO**
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO**

- d. Water quality YES **NO**
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

**N/A**

## **Understanding Water Issues**

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality – **No**
- b. availability – **No**
- c. affordability – **No for now it is okay**
- d. other – **N/A**

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

**Yes**

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**It is mandatory**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

**N/A**

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**From the Colorado River**

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Right now no, but availability could be an issue in the future

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political**
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N./A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

Reliability                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

Availability                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

a) Residents: **Residents would be more concerned**

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b) Ag: **Not sure**

c) Industrial: **Not sure**

d) Commercial: **Not sure**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

a) Residents: **The cost increase would be hard for residents, especially low income families.**

b) Ag: **Not sure**

c) Industrial: **Not sure**

d) Commercial: **Not sure**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

The community she assists is very large and spread out compared to other communities

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

There is a community resource fair. She is not sure when it is held, but it is very well attended by Latinos

Why do you think they are important?

It brings information right to the community

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian, Latino, and Black

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Government jobs

**Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  X  Newspapers  X  TV  X

Community organizations  X  Community events  X

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

- Non-profits

- Hospitals
- County run employment services

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

It is a mix of different groups, but a large Latino population

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

No

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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DATE: 10/28/09

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**NOTES:**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

Yes. The governor is currently reviewing a water deal for the state.

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) **Fishing yes**
- b) Boating and Recreation no
- c) **Farming yes**
- d) **Water Supply (drinking water) yes**
- e) Navigation by Ships no
- f) Housing/jobs no
- g) **Environment/habitat yes**
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- a) **Fishing yes**
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) **Water Supply (drinking water) yes**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) **Environment/habitat yes**
- h) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes, on a MWD tour.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes, the levees are fragile, the Delta smelt are an issue, and once again the peripheral canal is coming up.

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures Yes
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon Yes
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt Yes
- d. Water quality Yes
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality No.
- b. availability Yes.
- c. affordability Yes.
- d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes. We are at level 2 water restrictions in the city, the Water Department has launched a campaign with PSAs, and we have restricted watering days.

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

Yes. There are several sources: the Delta, Colorado River, rain, and now North County is looking to desalination as a local water source.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Reliability and availability are concerns. Quality is not a problem.

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) **Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other) We are living in a desert**
- b) **Not enough water being exported from Northern California**
- c) Political- The Courts are making the decisions about where water goes, not policy makers
- d) Other

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Yes, but they wouldn't be happy about it. The lower class and seniors may not be able to afford an increase.

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      No

Reliability                Yes, because everything is depended on a reliable source of water.

Availability                Yes, because everything is depended on an available source of water.

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents **They would feel an impact, but may adjust by using less water.**

- b) Ag Ag would feel a larger impact than the other areas because water or lack of water severely impacts how they do business. Without water they cannot operate, if they cannot operate, they leave SD, which would have an economic impact on SD.
- c) Industrial Without water or with less water growth in industry is severely impacted.
- d) Commercial Without water or with less water commercial growth is severely impacted.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents – some would be angry, some would be priced out, others would just use less.
- b) Ag – not too much impact on ag
- c) Industrial – would be priced out and leave, or customers would incur costs.
- d) Commercial – would be priced out and leave, or customers would incur costs.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Diverse, sprawl, low density, residents expect the best, NIMBY, high maintenance.

San Diego is at the bottom of the totem poll, furthest away from the water sources, we have the last say and are impacted most.

In general, the community takes water for granted, and many don't understand water issues because we are so far away.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

Recreational activities because of the weather  
Kids and family-oriented activities.

Why do you think they are important?

Community bonding, weather conducive, residents belong to communities more than San Diego, small cities within the large city

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino.

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish and English

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No. Small business and the military

### **Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  Newspapers  TV

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?  
County of San Diego  
Federal and State level assistance too.
- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?  
Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

County supervisors. Other cities in the county.

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes, [slew@san diego.gov](mailto:slew@san diego.gov)

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, [slew@san diego.gov](mailto:slew@san diego.gov)

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

Yes

**DATE: 10/28/09**

**Name/Organization: Craig Ishii, executive director, Japanese American Citizen, Los Angeles**

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**NOTES:**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

N/A

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

N/A

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

N/A

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

N/A

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

N/A

**Understanding Water Issues**

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

a. quality - maybe, depends. A lot of people rely on bottled water or water delivery services, such as Sparklets for their water.

b. availability yes

c. affordability no

d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes, but it isn't formalized. There is a lot of media attention around it, but just encouragement, not mandatory. There are ads giving tactics to better save water. There are fees and penalties for using too much water.

The media is hyping the water situation and the drought, and that we won't have enough water in an emergency situation.

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

No

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

No, because with money we have access to non-government supplied water sources (purchased/bottled water).

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

N/A

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Yes, but not sure how much.

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      Yes

Reliability                      Yes

Availability                      Yes

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

a) Residents They would just change their behaviors, water lawns less, wash cars less, but not cut back on daily water use for laundry, showers.

b) Ag Unsure

c) Industrial Unsure

d) Commercial Unsure

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

a) Residents – If fees are charged, people will change but if monthly bill uniformly increases, people will not change, they will just pay it.

b) Ag – Unsure

c) Industrial – Unsure

d) Commercial – Unsure

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

I can confidently speak on behalf of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> generation Japanese Americans, but not 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation.

Asian communities are very diverse.

Community has been around/in the US a lot longer than other Asian immigrants.

Huge disparity between mid and upper class

Japanese Americans are very cultured and assimilated; now a lot of Japanese Americans do not speak Japanese, although they still observe many of the Japanese traditions

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

Church

Basketball

Festivals – Little Tokyo and Buddhist Temple

Why do you think they are important?

It helps with keeping with the Japanese identity, which is complementary to the American identity. It's a balance between the two.

Community preservation

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Japanese Americans (JA)

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Japanese

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No. Although there are some Japanese farmers, but not a primary form of employment

**Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X                        Newspapers   X                        TV   X  

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_      Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

Little Tokyo Service Center

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Japanese

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

No

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

Yes

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## NOTES/QUESTIONS:

DATE: 10/28/09

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NOTES:

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes, I am aware of political issues concerning water not being able to transport from the Northern California area.

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

I read an article about water needed by certain southern communities but for certain political reason, we are unable to receive that water.

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing no
- b) Boating and Recreation no
- c) Farming yes
- d) Water Supply (drinking water) no
- e) Navigation by Ships unsure
- f) Housing/jobs unsure
- g) Environment/habitat yes
- h) Other no

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing yes
- j) Boating and Recreation yes
- k) Farming definately
- l) Water Supply definately
- m) Navigation by Ships not sure
- n) Housing/jobs yes
- o) Environment/habitat yes
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No, there has been no need

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

I have heard that there are water issues going on and water being wasted but they are not sure how to get it to the Southern California area. Farmers are very upset as well.

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures Yes, three years ago there were floods that devastated roads and I remember Schwarzenegger visiting areas.

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon No

c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt No

d. Water quality No, unsure

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of? No

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
- a. quality **some areas in the Los Angeles are do have quality issues.**
  - b. availability **yes have heard of water ruptures all over LA due to old pipes in the city.**
  - c. affordability **Yes and I feel that it should be affordable**
  - d. other **No**

9. Does (Los Angeles) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

**Yes, I have seen tv commercials and in the newspapers where it was mandatory and enforced by the law to only water your lawn like two times a day. If broken then you receive a citation.**

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**No, unfortunately I don't. I hope it's clean.**

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

**yes**

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other) **yes**
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California **yes**
- c) Political **yes**
- d) Other **cannot think of anything else**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Depending on the increase, it may be a hardship for community members.

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

We've got water problems like droughts and I feel the biggest issue is bringing water from the northern California area.

Quality                      Yes

Reliability                  Yes

Availability                Yes

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

a) Residents: Residents would suffer

b) Ag: Definitely suffer

c) Industrial: not sure

d) Commercial: businesses would suffer

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

a) Residents : residents would the hardest time since all costs eventually fall upon them. If agriculture has to increase prices, residents pay for it.

b) Ag: same thing. It's a ripple effect down to the residents and working families.

c) Industrial: same

d) Commercial: same

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

What makes our community unique is that we may be the most populated city of California and that is of great importance.

17) What would you say makes your community unique or special?

What makes us unique is that Los Angeles is the most dense and populated urban area in California.

18) What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

Sporting events, cultural events such as Jewish holidays, 5 de Mayo, Black History Month. Plus, the Asian community as well as Hispanic is very involved in creating union.

19) Why do you think they are important?

They are important because they add richness and diversity to our city.

20) What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Mexican American/Hispanic/Latinos

21) What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish/English and Mandarin in certain areas.

22) Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No, unfortunately Los Angeles is not much of an agriculture city.

## Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22) In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_ X \_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)

Churches and city halls. They hear this by word of mouth as well.

23) For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

City Halls

Churches

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Hispanic

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Cannot think of anyone at this time but if I think of anyone I will call back.

24) That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes ([mcastro@maos.org](mailto:mcastro@maos.org))

25) Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes ([mcastro@maos.org](mailto:mcastro@maos.org))

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

Yes ([mcastro@maos.org](mailto:mcastro@maos.org))

DATE: 10/29/2009

NAME/ORGANIZATION Don Gage, Santa Clara City Council

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes- have read and heard a lot about it

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

Issues with protecting non-native fish

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming**
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming**
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

To fish

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

Water quality issues

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO
- d. Water quality YES **NO**

- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality - No
- b. availability - Yes
- c. affordability – Yes, water costs too much
- d. other - No

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

It is voluntary

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

Hetch Netchy Reservoir and wells

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

Yes

If no: Move to question 14

N/A

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other – The population has grown so fast

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Yes, but only the North area of the County not the South

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

The North side of the County would be okay, the South could not

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality **Yes** How: **Poor water quality hurts businesses and ag** No

Reliability **Yes** How: **Poor reliability hurts businesses and ag** No

Availability **Yes** **Lack of available water hurts businesses and ag** How: **No**

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

a) Residents: **People would water less**

b) Ag: **It will be really hard on ag**

c) Industrial: **It would be hard**

d) Commercial: **It would be hard**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

a) Residents: **It would be hard on some especially those with pools or large lots**

b) Ag: **Farms might close**

- c) Industrial: It would have a financial impact that might impact the cost of their products
- d) Commercial: It would have a financial impact that might impact the cost of their products

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

There are a lot of low income individuals and a lack of jobs

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- Garlic Festival- July- Mix of ethnic groups
- Taste of Morgan Hill-Spring- Mix of ethnic groups

Why do you think they are important?

It allows people to get outside and helps the economy

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

25% Latino, 25% Asian, 50% other

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Mushrooms, Cherries, Peppers, Onions

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latinos and Asians work the farmers, Caucasians generally own them

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  X  Newspapers  X  TV  X

Community organizations  X  Community events  X

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

### County Services

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

### Latino and Asian

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Maybe some local churches, but did not know of any specific one.

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **Contact Details**

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Vincent De Paul Society

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

She has heard that the smelt are a big issue and that there is a battle between the environment and the farmer because they don't want to kill the fish in order to send water to the farmers.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming**
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat**
- p) Other

She thinks that we need to find a happy medium between the environment and keeping farming alive.

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

Recreation purposes

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

No, she is more familiar with the affects that the Delta is having on the Central Valley.

If yes: what have you heard?

N/A

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO X**
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO
- d. Water quality YES **NO X**
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No, other than the lack of water being distributed because of the Delta smelt, she said that the topic is constantly in the papers.

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

No, she said that their water is very reasonable.

- a. quality
- b. availability
- c. affordability
- d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

Mandatory

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

Local wells

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

No

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

N/A.

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality

Yes

How:

**No**

Reliability

**Yes**

How: She said that they are unable to rely on the idea that they are going to get water allotted to them for farming.

No

Availability

**Yes**

How: She said that the San Joaquin Valley is all farming, so when there is no water, everyone is affected, if there is no working, there is no buying occurring. No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

She does not think that water supply levels can be decreased anymore than they already have.

- a) Residents: She said that a decrease in water levels would be unbearable for the people; she said that there is a community food bank that is already struggling to keep people fed due to the low water levels.
- b) Ag: She said all industries would have more cut backs and more people would lose their jobs.
- c) Industrial: She said all industries would have more cut backs and more people would lose their jobs.

- d) Commercial: She said all industries would have more cut backs and more people would lose their jobs.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: She said that their water costs are already going up but there has not been a substantial increase, she thinks that it went up about \$1.35 per monthly bill. However, if water costs were to continue to increase the effects could be devastating on some of the surrounding cities.
- b) Ag: She said that an increase in water costs would cause businesses to hire less people and would impact the job situation again. They are already paying high rates for agriculture water; she thinks that they pay about \$1,000 per cubic acre. However, if the farmers have the water and LA is willing to buy the water then it is OK. She said that a farmer could sell water and not grow their crops and make more money that way.
- c) Industrial: Jobs would be lost.
- d) Commercial: Jobs would be lost.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

### **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes, somewhat.

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She thinks that her community is unique because it is very conservative. She said that the funding is run as if it is the city officials' own home and budget. Hanford doesn't get a lot of funding so management is very conservative and they within their means.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She said community events such as the Chili Cook Off and Homecoming Week are important to the community. She also said that they are beginning to bring more culture and arts to the community through Folklorico dancing groups, Filipino dancing groups and Blue Grass bands.

Why do you think they are important?

She believes that these events are important to the community because they are strongly supported by the community. There is always a good turn out and people would not attend if they weren't important to them.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

45% Caucasian, 35% Latino, 20% Filipino, Asian and Vietnamese and 6% Black.

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: walnuts, cotton, alfalfa, dairy, grapes, fruit trees

She said that a lot of farms are medium to large in size, but about 45 percent of the farms are family owned. She also said that they have one of the largest farming companies in the world in their community.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Portuguese, though it is not a large population in the community.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)   X**State employment offices, city and county offices.

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

She said that most people go to the Human Services Department, which used to be the old welfare department.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Caucasian

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

She suggested we speak:

Anita Villreal with United Way 559-584-4536

Dorris with the Soup Kitchen 559-816-7753

Justin Dutra with Young Republicans 559-904-1267

Chaplin Kroner with the Naval Air Station 559-998-4618

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

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## **Contact Details**

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

**DATE: 10/30/09**

**Name/Organization: Pearl Munak, Transitional Food & Shelters Inc**

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**NOTES:**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

No

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

N/A

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

N/A

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs

- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

No

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures No
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon No
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt No
- d. Water quality No
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality **Yes**
- b. availability **Yes**
- c. affordability **Yes**
- d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

**Yes**

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**Voluntary**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**Yes, Wells**

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

**Yes**

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other- **Mercury**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No, they are currently protesting water rates

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality **No**

Reliability **No**

Availability **No**

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

N/A

a) Residents

b) Ag

c) Industrial

d) Commercial –

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

N/A

- a) Residents
- b) Ag
- c) Industrial
- e) Commercial

### **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

N/A

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

Events

Why do you think they are important?

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian and Latino

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish and English

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

- Wine grapes  
- Less than 50

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

- Latino workers

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

- Hospitality

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_Agencies through direct communication\_\_\_

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

Non-profits

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Caucasian

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

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No

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

No

## Contact Details

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## NOTES/QUESTIONS:



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Community Action

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

He has heard about the Delta smelt and the lack of water being pumped from the Delta.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming**
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming**
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

He has had no reason to visit the Delta.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

No

If yes: what have you heard?

N/A

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO X**
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

- d. Water quality YES **NO X**
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. **quality**
- b. **availability**
- c. **affordability**
- d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

He is not sure, but he doesn't think so.

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

N/A

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

Yes

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

He is not aware of where his water comes from.

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they

know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political**
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Yes

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

He said that it would have a significant negative impact.

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

He said that the people of his community would not be able to afford an increase this high.

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

He said that the people of his community would not be able to afford an increase this high.

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                    **Yes**                    How: He said that there are health concerns about the water because in one area it is very sandy and dirty.  
No

Reliability                **Yes**                    How: He said that water reliability affects employment issues, agriculture, production, and the sales and tax that are generated through them.                    No

Availability                **Yes**                    How: He said that water is not readily available so it affects the planning and agriculture land use.                    No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: He said that all of the residents would be affected whether they were working or not.
- b) Ag: He said a decrease in water supplies would hurt the overall economy.
- c) Industrial: He said a decrease in water supplies would hurt the overall economy.
- d) Commercial: He said a decrease in water supplies would hurt the overall economy.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

a) Residents: He said that the residents are already hurting economically, so raising water costs would only cause more damage.

b) Ag: He said an increase in water costs would mean fewer jobs in the area.

c) Industrial: He said an increase in water costs would mean fewer jobs in the area.

d) Commercial: He said an increase in water costs would mean fewer jobs in the area.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

No

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as***

*cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said being able to use the parks for recreation and attending the County Fair are important activities to the community.

Why do you think they are important?

He thinks that these activities are important to the people in his community because they allow for interaction with other community members and allows them to be more active in the community. Also, it allows that residents to become more physically fit and healthy.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Even split between English and Spanish

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: corn, peaches, tomatoes, nectarines, cantaloupe and wheat

He said most farms are large farms.

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

**Community organizations** X \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)** X Family, friends, employers, churches and nonprofits.

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

He said most people go to the County Office of Human Services.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Caucasian

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He suggested we speak with Ed Mota, the Director of Protius – 559-582-9253

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No, No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

He has heard about the Delta smelt and water run off issues

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) **Fishing**
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) **Farming**
- d) **Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) **Housing/jobs**
- g) **Environment/habitat**
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) **Fishing**
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) **Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) **Housing/jobs**
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

Too far away

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

The habitat is a major concern, but it seems fish are coming before people. He is also confused why the Department and environmentalist are trying to save non-native fish.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES** NO

- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO
- d. Water quality YES **NO**
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

The Department needs to put people over fish. There needs to be more studies about the real environmental impacts.

## Understanding Water Issues

- 8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
  - a. quality
  - b. availability- Depends on where you live**
  - c. affordability
  - d. other
- 9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes and that is a good thing.

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**Mandatory**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

**N/A**

- 10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**Underground water, surrounding lakes and the Delta**

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes reliability is an issue

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

Yes, it would be difficult but worth it

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

No

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

No

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>	
Reliability	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>	
Availability	<b>Yes</b>	How:	<b>Watering Lands</b>	No
None of the above <b>N/A</b>				

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **People would not be able to water when they need to**
- b) Ag: **Farmers would not be able to water their farms as needed**
- c) Industrial: **Not sure**
- d) Commercial: **Not sure**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: **Would be bad for residents. Can't do cost increase now.**
- b) Ag: **Would be bad. It would make it even harder to stay in business.**
- c) Industrial: **Would be bad. It would make it even harder to stay in business.**

- e) Commercial: **Would be bad. It would make it even harder to stay in business.**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

**Yes**

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

**The population is high income**

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

- **The annual chili cook-off in May. It brings a mix of ethnic groups**
- **PTA meeting are very well attended in the community. They happen year-round, but mostly during the school year**

Why do you think they are important?

**People have fun at the chili cook-off and receive information at the PTA meetings.**

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian, Black and Latino. It is a very diverse community

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish and various Asian languages

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Commercial and retail

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X        Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_      TV   X  

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_      Community events   X  

Other (describe)   X  

- PSAs (radio and TV)
- Community Meetings
- Internet

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, or social services?

County Services

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

The Executive Director of Casa Blanco Neighborhood Improvements in Riverside

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **Contact Details**

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

**No**

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Have heard a few things

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

The issues that the levees need to be fixed and that there is a problem with salt water intrusion in the Delta

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation**
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

It too far away

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

He has heard about concerns about the levees

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO**

- d. Water quality YES **NO**
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

**N/A**

## **Understanding Water Issues**

- 8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
  - a. quality – Does not know
  - b. availability – Does not know
  - c. affordability – Yes**
  - d. other – N/A
- 9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

**Yes**

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**It is voluntary**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

**He thinks more efforts should be made to encourage people to conserve water.**

- 10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**The California Water Project**

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they

know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other- Declined to answer

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Not much

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

No

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

No

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

No

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality **Yes** How: **Bad water is hard to treat and that means costs go up**  
No

Reliability **Yes** How: **Businesses need a reliable water source for production**  
No

Availability **Yes** How: **Businesses need water for production**  
No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **It would hurt all residents**
- b) Ag: **It would really impact farms**
- c) Industrial: **Businesses would have a financial hit**
- d) Commercial: **Commercial would have a financial hit**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: **Residents could not afford the price increase**
- e) Ag: **Could not afford the increase in cost**
- c) Industrial: **The cost would be passed onto the community which would impact both businesses and residents**

- d) Commercial: **The cost would be passed onto the community which would impact both businesses and residents**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

**No**

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

**N/A**

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

**Did not know of any**

Why do you think they are important?

**N/A**

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

**Caucasian**

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish and Asian languages

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

The technology sector

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_ Newspapers  X  TV \_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_ Community events  X

Other (describe)  X

- The internet

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

- County hospitals

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

The United Neighborhood Association, but he did not have a contact

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

He heard that the legislature was going to hold a special session regarding the water issue and to complete the legislation in the Delta. He has also heard about the conveyance facility, existing levee issues, water storage and funding.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming Tertiary**
- l) Water Supply (drinking water) Primary**
- m) Navigation by Ships Secondary**
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat last concern**
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

He took a tour with the Metropolitan Water District.

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

He heard that legislature was going to hold a special session regarding the water issue and to complete the legislation in the Delta. He has also heard about the conveyance facility, existing levee issues, water storage and funding.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO
- d. Water quality **YES X** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He also thinks that we should be aware of levee failures, the immediate issues regarding the environment and endangered species.

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
- a. quality
  - b. availability** - He said that availability is OK but could become an issue, they have not had to go to mandatory cutbacks yet.
  - c. affordability** – he said that water costs have increased substantially in the last five years.
  - d. other
9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

He said that it is voluntary; however, the City passed an ordinance allowing them to make it mandatory if they need to.

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

Two-thirds come from ground water and the other third is imported from the Colorado River and the State Water Project.

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

N/A

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

He said that he doesn't want to speak on behalf of the residents, but people need water so he thinks that it would be supported if they needed it.

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

He does believe that people do not have a lot of disposable income as it is. He said that they can already feel the effects with the 10 percent increase to

water costs that have been occurring every year for the past five years. He said that they only use 75 gallons of water per capita for residents, which is very little. He believes that they use half of the water the rest of Southern California uses, and they cannot cut back much more.

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

Same answer as above.

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

Same answer as above.

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Reliability	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Availability	Yes	How:	<b>No</b> If they had to go to mandatory conservation then availability would become an issue.

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

a) Residents: He said that residents would have a difficult time if water supplies were decreased. The allocation plan helps with supply interruptions; he said that they receive a lot of points and recognition for conservation efforts.

b) Ag: No Ag in the area.

- c) Industrial: He said that if it were a water intense business then they may have to close down or make cuts backs if water supplies are decreased.
- d) Commercial: He said the city would see a decrease in production.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: He said that residents would have a difficult time if water supplies were decreased. The allocation plan helps with supply interruptions; he said that they receive a lot of points and recognition for conservation efforts.
- b) Ag: No Ag in the area.
- c) Industrial: He said that the bottom line would be affected. How much of an impact would vary from business to business and they may look for other locations. He said an increase in water rates would be like adding on an additional tax.
- d) Commercial: He said that the bottom line would be affected. How much of an impact would vary from business to business and they may look for other locations. He said an increase in water rates would be like adding on an additional tax.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He thinks that his community is unique because it is more urbanized and populated than surrounding areas, such as Mission Viejo.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that the community has a large Hispanic population, so sports such as soccer are highly valued. He said that they have a huge soccer complex that they have been retrofitting with synthetic turf.

Why do you think they are important?

He thinks sports like soccer are important to the community partly because of the ethnic population. He also said that sports for the youth are important because Santa Ana does not have a lot of open space and park acreage is low, so that puts an emphasis on outdoor activities.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino makes up about 70 percent of the population

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Even split between English and Spanish

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

He said that a few years ago the main employer would have been construction, but now it is probably government because they are located in the county seat.

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers** **\_\_X\_\_** **TV** **\_\_X\_\_**

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)** **\_\_X\_\_** Internet

He said that the Spanish speaking population reads La Opinion and everyone else reads the Orange County Register or the LA Times.

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

He didn't know where people go for assistance outside of the county health clinics.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He suggested we speak with the city manager's office.

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

Name

Organization:

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

DATE: 10/6/09

Name/Organization: Bill Marble, City Council Member, Woodland

NOTES: **Ended interview early due to another meeting. MW called to finish interview, but he did not return calls.**

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

The Delta is failing. There is not enough water for Northern California

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

The people are great. There is strong sense of community. Agriculture is strong in the region. There is strong eco system. There are great recreational opportunities.

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

There needs to be more water storage. People also need to understand the need to preserve water rights. He also feels that Southern California should pay for their increase in water supply.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

- The Department needs to address water right issues
- There needs to be a balance between development and habitat restoration

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_ **N/A**

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

**N/A**

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- Recreational
- To visit family or friends
- Other

**No**

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

**Yes**

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

**The community has strong water rights. It also has flood issues and needs water to support the economy.**

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

**N/A**

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- The County fair which takes place in August. It is attended by a mix of ethnic groups

Why do you think they are important?

They build a sense of community

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian and Latino

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

He did not know what are major crops farmed in his community.

He did say most farms have less than 50 employees

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Mostly the farms are owned by Caucasians and worked by Latinos

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*)?

Did not answer

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Did not answer

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ Did not answer

IF OTHER, LIST:

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_ Did not answer

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

**d. If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_

Did not answer

**e. If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

Did not answer

**f. If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

Did not answer

**g. If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

Did not answer

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_

Did not answer

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?

- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

Did not answer

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ **Community events** \_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Did not answer

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

Did not answer

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Did not answer

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Did not answer

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Did not answer

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Did not answer

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 10/6/09

Name/Organization: Larry Westerlund, Fresno City Council

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He said that he feels very disappointed in a number of ways. He said that the really big issue is that they need to get water to the west side of the Central Valley. He also understands that there are several communities polluting the water with ammonia.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He thinks that we need to capture more water in the Sierra in order to create enough flow to release to the agriculture industry, and to allow the Delta to have enough fresh water.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality **YES X** NO

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No, other than the lack of water that is being pumped and the pollutants the are being dumped into the river.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_  
N/A

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

**Recreational**

To visit family or friends

Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

No

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that his community is interested in economic development and sustainable jobs.

Why do you think they are important?

They need to maintain jobs.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He said that his community is multiracial and there is no clear ethnic majority.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and a lot of Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: plums, pears, raisins, grapes, almonds and pistachios

He said that they have a combination of large and small farms.

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Labor - Latino

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

No ethnic majority, cannot answer.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_ **NO X**

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_ **BOTH X** OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

**PREFERENCE X CULTURAL X ECONOMIC X**

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_ **NO X**

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

General water areas: Friant Dam, Prospect Lake and the San Joaquin River

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

Community members and visitors

g. **If no: Why not?**

- Pollution concerns?
- Cultural prohibitions?
- Legal issues?
- Economic forces?
- Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

**YES**   X                        NO   

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

He couldn't think of any

**If no:** Why not?

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ **TV X** \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

**He said most low income residents go to the County for services.**

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

**He didn't know**

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

**No**

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

**Yes**

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 10/6/09

Name/Organization: Enrique, Executive Director, City Heights Business Association, San Diego

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NOTES:

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

I have heard about endangered fish and less water deliveries to Southern California.

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing **unsure**
- b) Boating and Recreation **unsure**
- c) Farming **unsure**
- d) Water Supply (drinking water) **yes**
- e) Navigation by Ships **unsure**
- f) Housing/jobs **unsure**
- g) Environment/habitat **yes**
- h) Other **n/a**

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing **only if sustainable**
- j) Boating and Recreation **only if sustainable**
- k) Farming **only if sustainable**
- l) Water Supply (drinking water) **yes**
- m) Navigation by Ships **unsure**
- n) Housing/jobs **unsure**
- o) Environment/habitat **unsure**
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No, it's too far.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes, see question 2

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures Yes

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon Yes

c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt Yes

d. Water quality No

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of? No

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

a. quality no

b. availability yes, always

c. affordability no, it seems to be pretty cheap

d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes, the city of San Diego and the San Diego County Water Authority are enforcing water restrictions, like not watering everyday.

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

Not sure

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Not any different than in the rest of San Diego, and there are some availability problems in San Diego. We live in a desert.

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California I think there is probably too much water coming from Northern California, and not enough locally, or from our climate in Southern California.
- c) Political There have always been political issues with water in the southwest
- d) Other We live in a desert

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

City Heights is fairly low income, so an increase in water costs will affect them. However, there are also a lot of renters, so water cost is usually covered in monthly rent. In addition, there are not a lot of large lots or landscapes in the community, therefore most are not large water users.

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      No

Reliability                      No

Availability                      Yes, if you cut back on water, some businesses may not survive.

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

I think for all of these (all listed below) there is some acceptable threshold where each group could survive, however, at some point, not sure what that point is, there will be consequences if water is reduced. I also believe there is currently a tremendous amount of water wasted.

- a) Residents
- b) Ag
- c) Industrial
- d) Commercial

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents People would conserve more if the prices were increased, or they have to pay more.
- b) Ag People would conserve more if the prices were increased, or they have to pay more.
- c) Industrial People would conserve more if the prices were increased, or they have to pay more.
- d) Commercial People would conserve more if the prices were increased, or they have to pay more.

### **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Extremely diverse

Many nationalities, cultures and languages  
Very densely populated

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

There are a lot of small businesses  
Family-oriented activities are important (Shopping, eating, cooking)  
Community meetings  
There is a lot of activism and involvement

Why do you think they are important?

Because there the area is so diverse the residents rely on family for cultural familiarity.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Mexican-American

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No. Service industry.

### **Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X   Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV   X  

Community organizations   X   Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)** Mid-City CAN, neighborhood councils & organizations, City Heights Community Development Corporation

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?  
**Community clinics**
- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?  
**Mexican-Americans**

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

**Diana Ross, Mid-City CAN, director, 619-283-9624, x 218**

- 24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

**No, thank you**

- 25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

**No, thank you**

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

**Yes**

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## **Contact Details**

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

DATE: 10/6/2009 NAME/ORGANIZATION Hilary Straus, Deputy City Manager, Hanford

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

He has heard about the fish causing a lack of release of water to areas south of the Delta, the peripheral canal ideas and CAL FED.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

He is originally from Sacramento so he lived around the Delta region.

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

He has heard about concerns with the fish.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

- d. Water quality **YES X** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He said that the water is affecting the farming. If there is enough water it should be let loose because farming supports everything.

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

No

- a. quality
- b. availability
- c. affordability
- d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

He thinks it is mandatory

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

He said his community's drink water comes from drilled wells.

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

No

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

N/A

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No, he said that the area is very sensitive to issues concerning water cost increases, but he was sure that the City Council would be willing to work things out.

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      Yes                      How:                      **No** He said that these are not limiting issues and he thinks that his community is probably ahead of the curve. They have done a lot of long term planning, implementation etc. He said that they have even prepared in case additional water treatment issues come up.

Reliability                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

Availability                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: He said that it would be devastating if water supplies were decreased. It would shut down the economic development and industrial/commercial activities. He said that they need water to live.
- b) Ag: He said that it would be devastating if water supplies were decreased. It would shut down the economic development and industrial/commercial activities. He said that they need water to live.
- c) Industrial: He said that it would be devastating if water supplies were decreased. It would shut down the economic development and industrial/commercial activities. He said that they need water to live.
- d) Commercial: He said that it would be devastating if water supplies were decreased. It would shut down the economic development and industrial/commercial activities. He said that they need water to live.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

a) Residents: He said that increased water costs would be a hardship. While agriculture is not within the corporate limits, everyone is experiencing a very severe recession surrounding dairy products and commodities. Additional costs would make it difficult for agriculture to absorb the costs, so communities would be negatively impacted.

b) Ag: same answer as above.

c) Industrial: same answer as above.

d) Commercial: same answer as above.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He thinks that his community is unique because they are located very close to a naval station and they are poised to absorb growth in the community. He

believes that his community is responsible and does not have battles over land use so they are in good shape to absorb changes.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that community events such as the Thursday Night Market and the Big Moon Festival are important to the community.

Why do you think they are important?

He said that these types of activities are important to the community because they help to celebrate history and diversity. This helps to bring people and money into the area.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

The population is comprised of 60 percent Caucasian, 40 percent Latino and a small, but distinct Asian population

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish, he also said that there is a small Portuguese-speaking population.

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

**a. If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: dairy, cotton, alfalfa, tomatoes, silage, onions, garlic, kiwi, corn and most vegetables.

He said that there is an even split between large farms and small farms.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Owners: Caucasian or Portuguese

Labor: Latino

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers** **\_\_X\_\_** **TV** **\_\_X\_\_**

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Most frequently read papers are the Fresno Bee and the Hanford Sentinel

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

He said that the County is the primary health and social service provider. There are also nonprofits such as the Kings County Community Action and the church system that provide services.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

He assumed Latino but said that there is also a large low income Caucasian population.

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He suggested we speak with Lou Camera, Public Works Director 559-585-2567 and Larry Espics the County Administrator's Office 559-582-3211

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

DATE: 10/6/2009 NAME/ORGANIZATION Kevin Palmer, Family Services Care, Long Beach

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

**No**

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

**No**

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

**N/A**

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat**
- h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat**
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

He has never heard of it.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

No

If yes: what have you heard?

N/A

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO X**
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO X**
- d. Water quality YES **NO X**

- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

No

- a. quality
- b. availability
- c. affordability
- d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

Voluntary

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

He doesn't know where his drinking water comes from.

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they

know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political**
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

Reliability                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

Availability                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **He did not know how the residents or industries would be impacted.**
- b) Ag: **He did not know how the residents or industries would be impacted.**
- c) Industrial: **He did not know how the residents or industries would be impacted.**
- d) Commercial: **He did not know how the residents or industries would be impacted.**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: **He said that it would cause a stress on the community to have to pay more for water because right now he believes that it is free.**
- b) Ag: **same answer as above.**

c) Industrial: same answer as above.

d) Commercial: same answer as above.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He thinks that his community is unique because of its atmosphere. He said that they are building up the area with more condos and businesses. He also thinks that the environment makes his community unique.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that his community finds activities such as going to restaurants, farmers markets and the beach important. He also thinks that the Queen Mary cruise to Catalina is important to his community.

Why do you think they are important?

He thinks these activities are important because they give the community a way to recreate.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He said that his community is very diverse and there is no one prominent ethnicity.

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Retail

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe)  X  City Hall

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

He said that most low income residents go to the Rancho Dominguez General Lee Building for social assistance.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

He didn't know.

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He suggested we speak with the General Lee Building: 213-744-6027 and the Multi Purpose Center: 562-733-1147

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of

anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

DATE: 10/6/2009 NAME/ORGANIZATION Val Lurch, Vice Mayor,  
Long Beach

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

He has heard about issues with levees.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming**
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming**
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

He used to live in the Delta region.

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

He has heard of flood hazards and fish conditions.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO
- d. Water quality **YES X** NO

- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He just said that we need to realize that we have a problem with how we divert water.

## Understanding Water Issues

- 8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. **quality**

- b. **availability**

- c. **affordability**

- d. other

- 9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes, it has been very successful and they have reduced their water use significantly in the last four years.

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**Mandatory**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

**N/A**

- 10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

He said that about one-third of their water supply comes from the Colorado River, a third from the Californian aqueduct and a third from ground water.

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) **Political** – he thinks that water distribution has always been political
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No, he does not believe that his community would be able to pay for increased water costs.

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Reliability	<b>Yes</b>	How:	He said that they had to make conservation mandatory because they do not have a reliable source of water.
	No		
Availability	<b>Yes</b>	How:	He said that manufacturers are being affected by availability because the less water there is available, the more money they have to pay for it.
			No
None of the above			

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: He said that they would have to landscape less and turn to more desert and drought tolerant plants, their quality of life would go down.
- b) Ag: No Ag in the area.
- c) Industrial: He said that industries that use a lot of water would be greatly impacted.
- d) Commercial: He thought that this may provide less water for drinking.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: He said that it would be a financial burden.
- b) Ag: No Ag in area.
- c) Industrial: He said that it would cost more for those that rely on water, therefore, it would cost the consumer more to buy the products.
- d) Commercial: He thought that the commercial industry would be affected less than others.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He thinks his community is unique because it is the greatest large small city in the state. He said that it is the 37<sup>th</sup> largest city in the nation and even though they are big they have little communities with little ideas. It provides a small town feeling.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that his community finds activities such as the 25<sup>th</sup> marathon, the boat race to Catalina, the Grand Prix, sailing, boating and other aquatic activities important.

Why do you think they are important?

He thinks these activities are important because they give the community a sense of pride and some of them are things that they have done for more than 25 years.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

He believes that he lives in the most diverse city in the US. 40 percent Caucasian, 41 percent Latino, 16 percent Black and the rest is a mix, including Cambodian.

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish and Hmong

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Long Beach has good movement because they are the third largest port in the world. He said that one out of every eight jobs in the community is

connected to the port. He said that the second largest employer would be air craft manufacturing.

**Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers X** TV \_\_\_\_\_

**Community organizations X Community events X**

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

The most frequently read papers are the Press-Telegram, the Grunion and the Uptown Gazette.

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

He said that most low income residents go to the Health Department, which is run separately from the County.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

**Latino**

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He suggested we speak with Kevin Walter, the Director of the Water Department 562-570-2318

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your

community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

DATE: 10/7/09

Name/Organization: Don Haines, Galt City Council

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## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He has a lot of concerns about the Delta. He is very concerned about its ecology, it being drained, water being diverted south and the Delta food chain.

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

He thinks that in order to fix the Delta the levees need to be fixed, we need to stop urban runoff and we need to look at the effects of salt on the water.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

d. Water quality YES **NO X**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ **Both X**

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

He lives in the Delta region because where he is located is in a central location with a lot of space and a green belt.

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

N/A

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends
- o Other

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He believes that his community is unique because the people are passionate and out spoken. He said that his community has character and there is space around the city. He thinks that there are a lot of positive opportunities in front of Galt.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

He said it is questionable if he will stay in the area for generations to come because of the state of California, but he thinks that he will remain in the area for the next eight to 10 years.

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that his community finds annual festivals, sports programs, the park and services like harmonica lessons and guitar lessons important to the community.

Why do you think they are important?

He thinks that these types of activities are important because they keep kids out of trouble, they teach people how to achieve goals and interact with one another, and he believes that sports can often times be the backbone to a community.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian and Latino, he believes that they are even in percentages.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English primarily and some Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No, but it is a reasonable portion.

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Government, both state and local agencies and the Department of Corrections are the primary forms of employment.

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

He declined to answer.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_ **NO X**

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

**RECREATION X** FOOD \_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMIC \_\_\_\_\_

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

He thinks that people fish in the Delta because there is a larger pool of fish and an increased chance to catch fish.

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES \_\_\_\_ **NO X**

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

N/A

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

N/A

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES \_\_\_\_ **NO X** He doesn't know of any.

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

**If no:** Why not?

- o Not enough interest?

- o Not enough money?
- o No leadership?
- o Other reasons?

Did not know

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers X TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) X Internet, the city Web site and the school district web site.

He said the most frequently read paper is the Sacramento Bee.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

He doesn't know.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

He doesn't know.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

No

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

She has heard about issues regarding the levees, agriculture, property rights, drinking water, the peripheral canal and boating.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

She visited the Delta for awareness, to view the levees and see how the agriculture in the area is being impacted.

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

She has heard about issues regarding the levees, agriculture, property rights, drinking water, the peripheral canal, habitat restoration and boating.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO

- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO
- d. Water quality **YES X** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

She wants people to realize the impact on agriculture and the decrease in agriculture land. She also thinks that property rights are an issue.

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality**
- b. availability**
- c. affordability**
- d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

She said it depends on which city within the county you are in.

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

She said their water comes from the Metropolitan Water District and Orange County Waters which get their supply from the Colorado River.

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

She said that she cannot address this issue. It would also affect agriculture and it would depend on if they would all have to depend on completely potable water or interruptible sources.

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality **Yes** How: She said that a lot of agriculture has been asked to reclaim their water which is causing issues with salinity.  
No

Reliability **Yes** How: She said that they are currently relying on interruptible sources and they have perishable products that they have to protect. No

Availability **Yes** How: She believes that the lack of rain is creating a drought and making water unavailable to them. No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: She said to reference the question above.
- b) Ag: She said to reference the question above..
- c) Industrial: She said to reference the question above.
- d) Commercial: She said to reference the question above.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: She said that residents would experience job losses.
- b) Ag: She said that increased water supply would have a negative impact on businesses and may cause some businesses to move.
- c) Industrial: She said that increased water supply would have a negative impact on businesses and may cause some businesses to move.
- d) Commercial: She said that increased water supply would have a negative impact on businesses and may cause some businesses to move.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She thinks that the Orange County agriculture community is unique because it is in the middle of an urban zone and almost all of the agriculture work is done on an interim basis (lease the land they work)

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She said that Orange County is a very large bedroom community but they attend a lot of farmers markets.

Why do you think they are important?

She thinks that activities such as farmers markets are important to the community because they help to bring fresh produce to the consumers.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

She thinks that most people commute out of the area to work in industry, technology and education.

### **Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers \_X\_\_\_\_\_** **TV \_X\_\_\_\_\_**

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe) \_\_X\_\_\_\_\_** Internet

**The most frequently read paper is the LA Times**

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

**She said that most people go to County facilities and food banks.**

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

**Latino**

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

**No**

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

**Yes**

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

**Yes, No**

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

**DATE: 10/7/2009 NAME/ORGANIZATION Thomas Gonzales, LULAC, Long Beach**

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### **General Delta Related**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

**Yes**

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

**No**

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

**N/A**

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing**
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming**
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming**
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat**
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

He said he has gone to social functions in Delta towns and passed through it during his travels.

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

He has heard of environmental issues, fish issues, farming issues and flooding issues.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

- d. Water quality **YES X** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He said that he understands that it is a big tug of war between the needs of Southern California and Northern California. He thinks that farmers use most of the water in the state.

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

a. quality

b. availability

**c. affordability** – He said that their water bills are going up 17 percent in the beginning of this month and they have to supplement underground water with imported water for selling purposes.

d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

Mandatory

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

He said that their water is ground water and imported water, though he is unsure of what Northern California source it is imported from.

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

No

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

He said that he is not aware of any water quality or reliability issues so he cannot see his community justifying paying more water. He said that if there are these types of issues no one knows about them because there is no water education in the community.

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Reliability	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Availability	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

He could not answer this other than saying that it depends on the amount of water that is decreased. Also, he said that they need water education in the community so people can understand why their water may be decreased.

a) Residents:

b) Ag:

c) Industrial:

d) Commercial:

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: He said it would be a negative impact financially.
- b) Ag: He said that an increase in water costs would impact community farms and the price of their products.
- c) Industrial: He was not sure to what extent the industry would be affected, but he knew it would be a negative impact.
- d) Commercial: He was not sure to what extent the industry would be affected, but he knew it would be a negative impact.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

### **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

No, because it mirrors the surrounding areas.

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He said that there are two distinct communities in the Long Beach area, a well-to-do area and a poorer area comprised of multiple ethnicities and socioeconomic classes.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

For the Latino community, accessibility to education and participation in community activities is very important. He said that a lot of Latino families are unable to participate in all the community events because of economic issues, they are priced out of the activities.

Why do you think they are important?

N/A

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

37 percent Latino, 35percent Caucasian, 14percent Black, 14percent Asian (including Filipino and Cambodian)

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

The primary languages are English, Spanish and Cambodian. He said that the Latino population speaks English and Spanish, and about half of the Latino community speaks Spanish at home.

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

He thinks that most people are employed through government jobs, manufacturing (Boeing Company), and Port jobs through shipping and oil.

**Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X   Newspapers   X   TV   X  

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

The most frequently read paper is the Press Telegram.

A lot of the Latino population uses the Spanish radio and TV programs for information. However, he said that they only pay attention to what is relevant to them and they more likely to notice something if it has to do with children.

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

He said that social assistance outlets are few and far between. There are some organizations such as Centro Salom that are funded through churches and St. Mary's Hospital, where people can go to get help with food and necessities. He said that the Long Beach Immigration Center also helps out with information.

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Overwhelmingly Latino and Black

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Lou Pinel, involved community member, 562-494-5204  
Adolpho Lopez, past LULAC member 310-859-6840  
Aide Castro, Mayor of Lynnwood, 310-863-8385  
Henry Saltezer, LULAC member 562-225-6442

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**DATE: 10/7/2009 NAME/ORGANIZATION Maria Razo, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of San Bernardino**

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### **General Delta Related**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

Concerns about the fish

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

No interest

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

Levee failures and concerns about the fish

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO**
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO

- d. Water quality YES **NO**
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality**
- b. availability**
- c. affordability**
- d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**It is voluntary for agencies but mandatory for residents**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

No

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they

know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes especially availability

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Reliability	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Availability	<b>Yes</b>	How:	<b>The farms need the water to stay in business</b>
	No		
None of the above <b>N/A</b>			

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **People would need the water but won't have it**
- b) Ag: **Farmers would need water but wouldn't have it**
- c) Industrial: **Not sure**
- d) Commercial: **Not sure**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: **It would hard for them to pay their bills**
- b) Ag: **Not sure**
- c) Industrial: **Not sure**
- e) Commercial: **Not sure**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

They have a high percentage of low income residents.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Not that she is aware of.

Why do you think they are important?

N/A

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino and Vietnamese

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Industry

**Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X        Newspapers   X        TV   X  

Community organizations   X        Community events   X  

Other (describe)   X  

- Web sites
- The County's hotline (211)

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

Through community hospitals and non profits. They also use organizations like the Housing Authority.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

### Black and Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

The Executive Director of the Health and Human services Department for San Bernardino.

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

He remembers hearing about the Delta smelt, the peripheral canal/conveyance options, and issues with Southern California's water supply.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming**
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming**
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

He has not had time to travel to the Delta.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

He is familiar with the Delta smelt, the canal issues, levee issues, the farmer's concerns and the option of flooding some land in the diversion process.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO X**
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

- d. Water quality    YES        **NO X**
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

**No**

## **Understanding Water Issues**

- 8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
  - a. quality
  - b. availability
  - c. affordability
  - d. other
  
- 9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

**Yes**

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**Voluntary**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

**N/A**

- 10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**He said that their water comes from the public utilities, which consists of wells, the Santa Ana River and the Bunker Hill Basin. He said about 98 percent of their water is ground water and the rest is purchased from the SWP or the Colorado River.**

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

No

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

N/A

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Reliability	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Availability	<b>Yes</b>	How:	<b>The price of the water is too high.</b>
No			

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **He said that outdoor water use would decrease and the landscaping would either die off or change.**
- b) Ag: **He said that there is a significant agriculture industry that would be hurt and the price of water would increase even further.**
- c) Industrial: **It would hurt the industry financially.**
- d) Commercial: **It would hurt the industry financially.**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: **He said residents would lose jobs because of the cut backs employers would have to make.**

b) Ag: He said that an increase in water costs would cause these industries to either take less money for profit or lay off employees, which would be damaging to the employment base of the community.

c) Industrial: He said that an increase in water costs would cause these industries to either take less money for profit or lay off employees, which would be damaging to the employment base of the community.

d) Commercial: He said that an increase in water costs would cause these industries to either take less money for profit or lay off employees, which would be damaging to the employment base of the community.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He said that his community is unique because it has its own public utility, so it is less impacted by outside water sources.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

Bicycling, tennis, little league baseball and soccer are important to the community.

Why do you think they are important?

He thinks these activities are important to his community because the area has good weather so sports are easy to participate in on a year around basis. He thinks that the year around activities are what attract people to the area.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Even split with Caucasian and Latino.

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No, but he would consider a secondary for of employment.

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

They grow citrus fruits.

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Education and government

**Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers X** TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**The most frequently read paper is the Press Enterprise.**

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

**He said that most low income residents go to the County Hospital and homeless shelters that are located throughout the county. He also said that the public utility has a low income program that helps provide utilities for elderly and economically challenged residents.**

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

**Latino**

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

**He recommended speaking with the local schools and colleges but didn't have any specific contacts.**

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

**Yes**

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

Southern California wants water from the Delta. Also there are concerns about the Delta Smelt

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

It too far away

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

He has heard about concerns about the levees and the idea that fish are being put ahead of people

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO**

- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO
- d. Water quality **YES** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality – No
- b. availability – No
- c. affordability – No
- d. other – N/A

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

It is voluntary

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

The California Water Project

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they

know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Not right now, but it could be in the future

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

No

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

No

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

No

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

Reliability                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

Availability                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **They might be impacted, but sure exactly how**
- b) Ag: **It would be hard on farmers to maintain their crops**
- c) Industrial: **It would depending on the business. He could not say exactly**
- d) Commercial: **It would depending on the business. He could not say exactly**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: **It would impact most people times are tough in this economy**
- e) Ag: **Yes farmers would lose crops**
- c) Industrial: **The price of goods would go up and that would impact businesses and people**

- d) Commercial: **The price of goods would go up and that would impact businesses and people**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

**Yes**

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

**It is very diverse**

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

**The moon festival every October. It brings out a mix of people but mostly asians**

Why do you think they are important?

**People learn about government programs**

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian, Latino, Vietnamese, Chinese

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

The technology sector

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  X  Newspapers  X  TV  X

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

#### County services and non-profits

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

#### Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

#### No

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

#### Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

#### Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

**No**

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

No

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

N/A

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat**
- h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat**
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

She doesn't travel very often so she has never made it up to the Delta.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

No

If yes: what have you heard?

N/A

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO X**
- d. Water quality **YES X** NO

- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No

## Understanding Water Issues

- 8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. **quality**

- b. **availability**

- c. affordability

- d. other

- 9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**Mandatory**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

- 10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**She was not aware of where her water comes from.**

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) **Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)**
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

She said that the people in her community would not be able to afford an increase to their water bills because the community has such a high population of low income residents.

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

Reliability                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

Availability                      **Yes**                      How: **She said that they are being forced to reduce the amount of water they use because there is not a lot of water available. The fines are very strict for abusing the amount of water used.**

No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **She was not sure how residents would be impacted.**
- b) Ag: **She said that there are a lot of items grown in the area and a decrease in water supplies would negatively impact them because they wouldn't be able to grow as much.**
- c) Industrial: **She said that the companies that use a lot of water for cleaning and production would be negatively impacted because they would not be able to produce as much as they currently are.**
- d) Commercial: **She said that the companies that use a lot of water for cleaning and production would be negatively impacted because they would not be able to produce as much as they currently are.**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: She said that the residents would be impacted financially because they would have to pay more for water and they are already struggling because everything costs so much.
- b) Ag: Again, she said that everything would cost more for the residents because the businesses would be paying more and they would need to make that money up.
- c) Industrial: Again, she said that everything would cost more for the residents because the businesses would be paying more and they would need to make that money up.
- d) Commercial: Again, she said that everything would cost more for the residents because the businesses would be paying more and they would need to make that money up.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She believes that her community is unique because it is mostly comprised of immigrants from South America that are really low income and Spanish-speaking.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She said that education issues are very important to the Latino population. A lot of Latino residents sign up for ESL or computer classes because they want to be able to work but need to know how to use a computer in order to get certain positions. She also said that people are very involved in youth sports.

Why do you think they are important?

She thinks that these activities are important because they help people to find jobs and allow concerned parents to help their children with homework. They usually go to programs such as Academia Habla for help and support.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: strawberries, corn, oranges, avocados and watermelons

She said most farms are large farms.

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

**Community organizations** **X** Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)** **X** She said most people find information at local community centers and through their children's schools.

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

She said that most people go to the SOS clinic in Costa Mesa for medical and dental help and they go to the Delhi center for food programs and social assistance.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino – specifically single parents and  
Native American – specifically seniors

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

She recommended we speak with Erick Harmona, the Community Organizer for the Orange County Congregational Services 714-470-8178

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

She could not remember any specific topics.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

It has never been in her travel plans.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

She could not think of any.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO X**
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO
- d. Water quality YES **NO X**

- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

a. quality

**b. availability**

c. affordability

d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**Mandatory**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**She was not aware of where her water comes from.**

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California**
- c) Political
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Yes

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

She thinks there would be a slight impact but people would still be able to afford it because they would be measuring the importance of the quality of water they are receiving with the price they are paying.

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

They would not be able to afford an increase in cost by this much.

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

They would not be able to afford an increase in cost by this much.

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality **Yes** How: She could not say because the effects would be different depending on the industry. No

Reliability **Yes** How: She said that their water source is unreliable because she does not know how much of their water they can use. No

Availability **Yes** How: She said that water is not readily available so they have a hard time being able to afford it. No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: She said a decrease in water supplies would be a huge issue because they are already seeing a decrease in supplies and are having to push for more conservation and they are seeing an increase in their water bills.
- b) Ag: She said a decrease in water supplies would be a huge issue because they are already seeing a decrease in supplies and are having to push for more conservation and they are seeing an increase in their water bills.
- c) Industrial: She said a decrease in water supplies would be a huge issue because they are already seeing a decrease in supplies and are having to push for more conservation and they are seeing an increase in their water bills.
- d) Commercial: She said a decrease in water supplies would be a huge issue because they are already seeing a decrease in supplies and are having to push for more conservation and they are seeing an increase in their water bills.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies

would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

a) Residents: She said that we are currently in an economic crisis so a price increase would have a huge impact on the community. They said that the more the cost of water goes up, the more the cost of the product increases.

b) Ag: She said that we are currently in an economic crisis so a price increase would have a huge impact on the community. The more the cost of water goes up, the more the cost of the product increases.

c) Industrial: She said that we are currently in an economic crisis so a price increase would have a huge impact on the community. The more the cost of water goes up, the more the cost of the product increases.

d) Commercial: She said that we are currently in an economic crisis so a price increase would have a huge impact on the community. The more the cost of water goes up, the more the cost of the product increases.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She said that her community is unique because they have their own water system.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

She said that they host several large events such as the Water Festival that features water sports, boating and fishing. She finds these types of activities to be important to the Latino population.

Why do you think they are important?

She thinks that these activities are important because it brings people back to nature.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish, then Cambodian, then English

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Industry based jobs and manufacturing are the primary employers for the community.

**Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers \_X\_\_\_\_\_** **TV \_\_X\_\_**

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe) \_\_X\_\_\_\_\_** Internet, City Hall, and the electronic newspapers

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

She said that most people go to the federal assistance programs like Welfare for help.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino, then Cambodian then Black

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

She recommended that we speak with the Cambodian Chamber of Commerce president, Edward Tang (already contacting him)

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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DATE: 10/9/09 NAME/ORGANIZATION Sue Sorensen, Hanford  
City Council

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

She has heard about the Delta smelt and agricultural concerns (lack of water).

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming**
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation**
- k) Farming**
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other**

She feels that people should come before fish.

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

Recreational reasons

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

The federal government is taking over policy that should be left to the state government

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO X**

- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO
- d. Water quality YES **NO X**
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

**a. quality**

**b. availability**

**c. affordability**

**d. other**

Very strong federal water requirements for the state impact water costs.

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes, it is a limited program.

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

Mandatory, they enforce alternating days for watering, but that is it.

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

### Ground water supplies

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes, availability is an issue

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other**

The big issue is where the water goes. Northern California wants to keep it all but the Central Valley and Southern California needs it too.

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Reliability	<b>Yes</b> and commercial businesses	How:	It would greatly impact agriculture No
Availability	<b>Yes</b> time.	How:	Agricultural would have a very hard No

None of the above N/A

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **Residents landscapes would be impacted.**
- b) Ag: **Many farms would close.**
- c) Industrial: **Many businesses would close.**
- d) Commercial: **Many businesses would close.**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: Residents landscapes would be impacted.
- b) Ag: It would be a big impact to the industry.
- c) Industrial: Many businesses would close.
- d) Commercial: Many businesses would close.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

No

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

She said that her community finds the weekly farmers market, held every Thursday in the evening from May until October, to be very important to the community.

Why do you think they are important?

She feels that these types of activities are important to her community because they allow people to get community information, it supports local businesses and builds a sense of community.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian and Latino

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish, and Portuguese

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: dairy and nuts

She did not know the amount of employees working on these farms.

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Generally, Caucasians own the farms and Latinos work the farms

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X  

Newspapers   X  

TV   X

Community organizations   X        Community events   X  

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a.      Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

She said most low income residents go to the County Services for assistance.

- b.      What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

She suggested we speak with the Executive Director of St. Paul De Vincent in Hanford.

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of

anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

Water is needed from the Delta to support the Central Valley. The people are trying to save fish and putting the environment ahead of people

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming**
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming**
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat**
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

Have passed through over the years

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

Water quality issues and sewage being dumped into the rivers of the Delta

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO**
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO

- d. Water quality **YES** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

**N/A**

## **Understanding Water Issues**

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality - **No**
- b. availability – **Not an issue for residents, but it is an issue for farmers**
- c. affordability – **yes, water is very expensive**
- d. other – **The department needs to realize that water storage is needed**

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

**No**

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**It is voluntary**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

**But she does think water conservation is needed**

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**Local wells**

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

No

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

N/A

If no: Move to question 14

N/A

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other – The population has grown so fast

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

N/A

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

Reliability                      **Yes**                      How: **It is mostly an impact to agriculture. They can't farm their whole land which results in a loss of jobs.**                      No

Availability                      **Yes**                      How: **Same as reliability. Less water and access to water leads to less jobs**                      No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **The city would have to dig more wells to provide water to the residents.**
- b) Ag: **It would have a large economic impact. The city depends on water for jobs**
- c) Industrial: **She does not believe industry would be impacted as much**
- d) Commercial: **The price of goods would be impacted and jobs would be lost**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: Individuals would have a hard time paying bills, especially in this economy
- b) Ag: Farmers would not farm all their land because they could not afford it due to the cost.
- c) Industrial: The would be impacted but likely not as much as other groups
- d) Commercial: Would likely be more impacted than industry

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

No

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- The Corcoran Cotton festival which is every September. It mostly attended by Latinos

Why do you think they are important?

The event brings the community out

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

80% Latino, 20% mix

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Mostly cotton and most farms employ more than 50 people

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Management is mostly Caucasian and mostly Latinos work the fields

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  X  Newspapers  X  TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) X

- Spanish radio is very popular

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

Services through the County

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Corcoran Chamber of Commerce

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of

anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **Contact Details**

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**NOTES:**

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### **General Delta Related**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

The Delta Smelt and concerns about the pumping system

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

He took a tour of Delta hosted by an educational foundation based out of Fresno Co.

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

There are many stressors on the Delta. The top two are storm water discharge and water quality issues.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES** NO

- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO
- d. Water quality **YES** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. **quality** – Yes, they have had to drill new wells due to poor water quality
- b. **availability** – Okay for now
- c. **affordability** – Okay for residents, but not for farmers. It is costly for ag.
- d. other – N/A

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

It is mandatory

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

Ground water

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they

know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Yes

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

Yes

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

That would be the limit

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

No

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Reliability	<b>Yes</b>	How:	Farmers do not know how much water they will have so it makes it hard to plan for what crops to grow. No
Availability	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: Residents would landscape less and think about smarter ways to keep their yards, such as plants that need less water
- b) Ag: Portions of farm acreage would be retired and farmers would experiment with crops that don't need as much water as their current plants
- c) Industrial: It would hurt jobs. Industry would cut back on production and many may move to another city other than Hanford
- d) Commercial: It may lead to a reduction in jobs which would impact the local economy

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: The poor would be greatly impacted by a cost increase. They would have less money to spend which would impact the economy.

- b) Ag: In the long term it would be okay because farmers could adjust for the price increase as long as they knew the water supply would be there for years to come.
- c) Industrial: As long as the increase is not significant industry should be okay. They need the water.
- d) Commercial: Same as industrial. If they can count on the water and cost increase isn't huge they can make it.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

No

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

Did not know of any

Why do you think they are important?

N/A

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian, Latino, Black, Asian

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Dairy, Almonds, nuts, peaches, plums, row crops, alfalfa

Most farms employ more than 50 workers, but it is seasonal work

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Most of the owners are Dutch, Portuguese or Caucasian. Most of the workers are Latino

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers  X  TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations  X  Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

#### County Services

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

#### Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

#### No

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

#### Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

#### Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **Contact Details**

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 11/4/2009 NAME/ORGANIZATION Carlo Wilcox, Corcoran  
Irrigation District

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

The Delta Smelt, Water Quality issues, salmon issues

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation**
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships**
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation**
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships**
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

Business and recreation

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

It has a very sensitive eco system; there are water right concerns, water quality concerns, and water supply concerns

If yes: what have you heard?

It is the largest supply of water for the state and there is a competition for its water. There is also a concern about the levees if there is an earthquake.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES** NO

- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO
- d. Water quality **YES** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

**a. quality** – Not right now but could have issues in the future

**b. availability** – Not right now but could have issues in the future

**c. affordability** – Yes has doubled in cost in the past two years

d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

It is voluntary

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

Ground water

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they

know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) **Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)**
- b) **Not enough water being exported from Northern California**
- c) **Political**
- d) **Other- Supply has not met the growth of the community**

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Yes but it will impact the economy

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

Declined to answer

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

Declined to answer

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

Declined to answer

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality <b>agriculture</b>	<b>Yes</b> No	<b>How: Lower production from</b>	
Reliability	<b>Yes</b>	<b>How: Will have to import water</b>	No
Availability	<b>Yes</b> <b>need water for the economy</b>	<b>How: Corcoran is a farming town, they</b>	No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **Residents will reduce their landscaping and lower their water use**
- b) Ag: **Farmers will not farm parts of their land**
- c) Industrial: **It will not be as big of an impact as on ag, but it will lead to a loss of jobs**
- d) Commercial: **It will not be as big of an impact as on ag, but it will lead to a loss of jobs**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: **It will affect people's quality of life**
- b) Ag: **Farmers will start to plant crops that need less water.**

- c) Industrial: **They would have to cut back on projection and cut jobs**
- d) Commercial: **They would have to cut back on projection and cut jobs**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

### **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

**No**

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

**N/A**

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

- **The Cotton Festival every October which draws a mix of people**

Why do you think they are important?

**It brings a sense of community which is important to a small town like Corcoran**

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Cotton, hay, nuts, alfalfa, wheat, corn

Generally more than 50 employees on each farm

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Declined to answer

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  X  Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV  X

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

Did not know

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Did not know

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

No

- 24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

- 25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **Contact Details**

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

**DATE: 11/2/09**

**Name/Organization: Dewayne Crenshaw, executive director, Coalition of Neighborhood Councils**

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**NOTES:**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes, I used to be water policy advisory for Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

Yes, there is special legislations action about water

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes. Getting water to agricultural users, water use by farmers, environmental issues.

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures Yes
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon Yes
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt Yes
- d. Water quality Yes, brackish water
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality no
- b. availability yes
- c. affordability no
- d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes. I have seen ads on TV, and in the mail sent by the Mayor and the city. There are alternative watering days, encouraging use of low-flow appliances and overall urging of usage cut backs.

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

Yes. Colorado River, mostly.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

No, although availability is always a concern, but not an issue right now.

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

n/a

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

It would be difficult.

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality No

Reliability Yes

Availability Yes

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

a) Residents There would be an impact, but people would adjust, they probably use too much water now as it is.

b) Ag N/A

c) Industrial Could probably manage some reduction.

d) Commercial Could probably manage some reduction.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents – it would be harmful to families to get by on rationing, there would need to be other ways to subsidize.
- b) Ag N/A
- c) Industrial – The cost would be absorbed and passed along to customers.
- d) Commercial – The cost would be absorbed and passed along to customers.

### Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Most are on a fixed income, larger working class with lower income levels, older senior citizen populations, highest homeownership rate in county.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

Religious gatherings  
Youth-targeted events  
Community events  
Festivals

Why do you think they are important?

Not sure.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Spanish

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No. There isn't a real strong job-base.

**Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers** \_\_\_X\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe) Civic groups, newsletters**

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

**Social Services Center on Market Street**

**Welfare office**

**Nonprofit organizations**

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

**Equal between African Americans and Latinos**

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

No.

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No.

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

Yes

**DATE: 11/2/09**

**Name/Organization: Pedro Anaya Jr., executive director, Greater Golden Hill Community Development Corporation**

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**NOTES:**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

I saw something on KPBS, but can't exactly recall. Maybe something about allocation of water in that area and it being re-appropriated. But again, can't be sure.

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

No idea, don't want to even venture a guess.

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

No idea, don't want to even venture a guess.

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs

- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No, haven't ever thought about it.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

No.

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures No
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon No
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt No
- d. Water quality No
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality Yes
- b. availability Yes
- c. affordability Yes
- d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes. The mayor has issued mandatory cutbacks, there are penalties and incentive programs for water usage. There are different conservation tools available.

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

Yes. Colorado River and the All American Canal.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Availability is an issue.

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

There is a huge budget crisis in San Diego right now, so San Diegans and the Mayor must make tough decisions about what to save and what to pay more for.

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Some may be able to. Golden Hill is spli; half would be able to afford it but half wouldn't - like the renters and small business owners.

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      Yes

Reliability                      Yes

Availability                      Yes

An overall example of how our community feels the impacts is that we want to beautify the area by planting trees. However, we can't plant trees if we don't know if there will be enough water to water the trees so they can continue to grow. Trees are an important element to the community, as they beautify it and reduce blight.

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents Landscaping would be compromised. Also Balboa Park borders Golden Hill and without water Balboa Park will diminish. Right now a lot of residents use the park as free recreation. Without the park there will be a health crisis, no activities, no place for kids to play, no open grass areas.
- b) Ag N/A
- c) Industrial Small local businesses fight everyday to keep their doors open, without water they could not survive. Closure of businesses affects the entire community.
- d) Commercial Small local businesses fight everyday to keep their doors open, without water they could not survive. Closure of businesses affects the entire community.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents – they would have to pay or reduce their water use, as owners. As renters it may be harder to afford rents if landlords pass along the water-cost increase. Some may move out of Golden Hill.
- b) Ag N/A
- c) Industrial – not sure.
- d) Commercial – will pass along cost to customers who may not be able to afford it, may cause businesses to close.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

One of the oldest communities in San Diego, very historic. Very topographically, geographically and demographically diverse. There are many urban canyons, small town/main street feel to the community, walk able community, don't need to leave Golden Hill to get anything you need, very supportive of local businesses, neighbor based.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

Business mixers  
Volunteerism  
Old House Fair  
Walkabouts  
Biking/hiking  
Outdoor activities  
Educational programs

Why do you think they are important?

There has been a strong effort to make our community the way it is, a lot of effort has gone into making it this way. The community has seen what happens without community and neighbor interest, and doesn't want to go down that path again.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino (53 percent)

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No. Working class, service employees, small business owners, administrative workers.

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

#### Other (describe) CDC, e-mail, Web

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

Family Health Centers of San Diego

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

Sherman Heights Community Center, Jerry Guzman, 619-232-5181

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes, [pedro@goldenhillcdc.org](mailto:pedro@goldenhillcdc.org)

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, [pedro@goldenhillcdc.org](mailto:pedro@goldenhillcdc.org)

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

Yes

**DATE: 11/2/09**

**Name/Organization: Jessica French, San Benito Chamber of Commerce**

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**NOTES:**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

Delta smelt.

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a)
- b) Fishing
- c) Boating and Recreation
- d) Farming **Yes**
- e) Water Supply (drinking water)
- f) Navigation by Ships
- g) Housing/jobs **Yes**
- h) Environment/habitat
- i) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- j) Fishing
- k) Boating and Recreation
- l) Farming **Yes**
- m) Water Supply (drinking water)
- n) Navigation by Ships
- o) Housing/jobs **Yes**
- p) Environment/habitat
- q) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes, Recreational purposes

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes, smelt & farming

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **No**

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **No**

c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **Yes**

d. Water quality **Yes**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality **Yes**
- b. availability **Yes**
- c. affordability **Yes**
- d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

**Yes**

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**Voluntary**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**Yes, I use bottled water!**

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

**Yes**

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other) **Yes**
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California **Yes**
- c) Political **Yes**
- d) Other-

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No!

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      **Yes**

Reliability                      **Yes**

Availability                      **Yes**

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

a) Residents- **Significant, there is a 7 year sewer moratorium with no building**

b) Ag- **Significant**

c) Industrial **Significant**

d) Commercial – **Significant**

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents - **Significant**
- b) Ag
- c) Industrial
- e) Commercial

### **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

**Yes**

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

**Small County with only 2 cities, a lot of county residents, landlocked with no major freeways**

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

**Farmers market, rodeo & parade in June, Christmas parade in November, outdoor movie night during the summer, County Fair**

Why do you think they are important?

**There is not a lot to do for kids and families without these events**

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

**Caucasian and Latino**

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

## Spanish and English

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

- Lettuce, organic produce, fruit
- More than 50 season

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

- Latino workers, Caucasian owners

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

- Hospitality

## Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers **X** TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations **X** Community events **X**

Other (describe) County Chambers newsletter since the county has a high commuter population

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

## Health Foundation

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

Yes

## Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

DATE: 11/3/09

Name/Organization: Felix Galaviz, President, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Alameda County

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**General Delta Related**

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

He is concerned about the Delta. He is worried about the levees and levee failure due to earthquakes

a. Positive: what do you think are its best attributes and why?

The Delta has a strong water supply

b. Negative: what do you think it needs to be done to "fix" it?

The Department needs to spend money on Delta improvements and they need to decide which parts of the Delta they are going to concentrate on.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X NO**

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X NO**

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X NO**

d. Water quality **YES X NO**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_N/A

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.**

## **Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area?

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends

o **Other**  
Sometimes on business

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

It is growing at a very quick rate.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as***

*cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

- In December all local chambers get together for a large regional chamber

Why do you think they are important?

Businesses want to be heard. They want to learn from each other.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Mostly Asian and Latino, but the community is very diverse.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Mandarin, Tagalog, Spanish

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Commercial, industrial and education employment

## Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

Not sure

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES   X              NO       

a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

Asians and Latinos

b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION        **FOOD**   X      BOTH       OTHER       

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

PREFERENCE        **CULTURAL**   X      ECONOMIC       

c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES   X              NO       

e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

Half Moon Bay

f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

Latino and Asian

g. **If no: Why not?**

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES  X  NO \_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

Cinco de Mayo festival in Oakland every May, mostly attended by Latinos

**If no:** Why not?

- o Not enough interest?
- o Not enough money?
- o No leadership?
- o Other reasons?

N/A

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_

**Other (describe) X**

- Twitter
- Emails from the City and chamber
- Facebook
- Chamber mixers

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

- Public clinics and the emergency room

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

- Latino and black

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

- N/A

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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Planning Commission

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

He has followed Delta issues for many years. The issue he has heard most about is the Delta Smelt

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

Fishing

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes in addition to issues with Delta Smelt he has also heard of concerns about salt water intrusion and water quality concerns

If yes: what have you heard?

There are a lot of water issues such as sewage dumping and the water that comes out of the Delta is not treated correctly.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES** NO

- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO
- d. Water quality **YES** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

How the Delta might be affected by global climate change such as a raise in water levels.

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality – Yes
- b. availability – Not right now, but could be in the future
- c. affordability – Yes
- d. other – N/A

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

It is voluntary

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

Ground Water

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes water quality is an issue

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) **Political**
- d) **Other-** There are large issues in the area with the quality of the ground water

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Yes

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

Yes

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

It would be very difficult, but most could handle it

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

No

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                    **Yes**                    How: **The cost to treat the poor quality of the water impacts residents and businesses**                    No

Reliability                    **Yes**                    How: **The concern about reliable water is a huge concern to the ag industry. They can't project what crops to grow because they don't know how much water they will have.**                    No

Availability                    **Yes**                    How: **During high water use times such as summer the water supply drops which effects residents and businesses**                    No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **Many would stop landscaping and let their lawns and bushes die.**
- b) Ag: **Farmers would have to farm less of their land and lay off workers**
- c) Industrial: **Prices of goods would go up and jobs would be lost**
- d) Commercial: **The cost of goods would go up**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: People would conserve more
- e) b) Ag: The crop pattern would change in the area. Farmers would start to plant different crops that require less water.
- c) Industrial: The cost of goods would go up and that would be hard on businesses and residents
- d) Commercial: The cost of good would go up and that would be hard on residents. Businesses might have to lay off people

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

It has a large percentage of the population that is employed by the state prison. It also has a large employment of industry workers and people that work in agriculture.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

The Cotton Festival every October. It is mostly attended by Hispanics  
The Christmas Festival, every December, attended by a mix of ethnic groups  
The Cinco De Mayo Festival every May mostly attended by Latinos

Why do you think they are important?

They are traditional community events that have been part of the community for a long time

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino, Black, Asian, Caucasian

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Cotton, tomatoes, wheat, alfalfa

Most farms employ more than 50 people

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latino

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

**Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  X  Newspapers  X  TV  X

Community organizations  X  Community events  X

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

- Community Churches have a strong following

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

- State and County services

b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

No

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 11/4/09

Name/Organization: Cynthia Sterling, Fresno City Council

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NOTES:

## General Delta Related

1. How do you feel about the current state of the Delta?

She thinks that the Delta is old and it needs to be re-looked at. She also thinks that the Delta was established for a certain number of people and the amount of people has increased to at least three times the original population.

a. **Positive:** what do you think are its best attributes and why?

N/A

b. **Negative:** what do you think needs to be done to "fix" it?

Ms. Sterling thinks that some of the things that state is currently doing will help fix the Delta, but they need to put a group together that will conduct an EIR and address the concerns in the Delta.

2. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO\_\_\_

b. condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO\_\_\_

c. status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO\_\_\_

d. Water quality **YES X** NO\_\_\_

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

She wanted to draw attention to the fact that the issues with the smelt have stopped water flow to the valley. Farmers and land lay barren this year and it has caused a great economic devastation.

3. Do you work or live in the Delta, or both?

Live \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_

**If one or both go to question 4. If neither, go to question 5.  
Understanding Community Character**

4. Why do you choose to live and/or work in the Delta area? .

N/A

5. **(ONLY IF PERSON DOESN'T LIVE OR WORK IN DELTA)**

Do you ever go into the Delta? If so, for what purpose?

- o Recreational
- o To visit family or friends

o **Other** – She attended a class in the Delta with the Fresno Farm Bureau.

6. Do you think your community is unique to other communities, either inside or outside of the Delta?

Yes

If yes, go to question 7. If no and person lives IN Delta, skip to 8; if no and person does NOT live in Delta, skip to 9

7. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

She thinks that her community is unique because it is built on a desert but the community is based on agriculture. The climate is perfect for growing crops that feed the world.

8. **ONLY ASK IF PERSON LIVES IN DELTA**

Do you see your family remaining in (insert community name; i.e. Stockton, etc) for generations to come? Why or why not?

N/A

9. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Ms. Sterling said that football season, sports, the veterans' parade, Cancer Month, Black History Month, school activities and access to parks and recreation are important activities to her community.

Why do you think they are important?

She thinks that these activities are important because they keep people focused and they are inexpensive recreation activities. Without activities to keep the community busy, they will become idle and contribute to the gang issues.

10. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

She said that her community is about 75 percent Latino with the rest of the population being made up of Caucasian, Asian and Black. She said that there are 103 ethnic groups within Fresno County.

11. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish are evenly spoken.

12. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes, including employers such as Zachary Farms, rendering farms, packing companies and electronic recyclables.

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Crops: cattle, chicken, lettuce, almonds, walnuts, leafy green vegetables and all fruits.

She said that most farms are large farms that employ more than 50 people.

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

She said that those involved in the farming industry in her community are mainly Caucasian, Pakistani, Latino and Asian.

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### Delta Uses By The Community

13. Are there specific businesses owned or frequented by (*Interviewer – reference top ethnic groups identified in question 10*) ?

She said that the Latino community frequents the EDC, First 5 Fresno, the Housing Authority and Social Services.

14. Do you believe that certain ethnic or cultural groups use the surrounding rivers, lakes and/or streams to fish more than others?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ **NO X**

She doesn't know.

- a. **If yes:** What groups? *Interviewer list all that apply*

N/A

- b. **If yes:** Do you think the majority of these individuals are fishing for recreational purposes or for food for both or some other reason??

RECREATION \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_\_\_ **BOTH X** OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OTHER, LIST:

N/A

- b. **If for food:** why do you think that is? A matter of preference, or for cultural, or economic income reasons?

She said most people are probably fishing for economic reasons.

**PREFERENCE**   X   **CULTURAL**   X   **ECONOMIC**   X  

- c. **If for recreation:** Why do they fish in the Delta? Do they go into the Delta in preference to other places? Why or why not?"

N/A

- d. **If yes/follow up:** Are there popular areas where certain ethnic or cultural groups go to fish or do other water-related activities?

YES            NO

N/A

- e. **If yes/follow up:** Where are they?

General areas for fishing: Mendota slough, Kerman River, Delta area, local dams and the San Joaquin River.

- f. **If yes/follow up:** Who are the primary users of these areas?

People who live in Fresno County.

- g. **If no: Why not?**

N/A

- o Pollution concerns?
- o Cultural prohibitions?
- o Legal issues?
- o Economic forces?
- o Other reasons?

15. Do certain ethnic or cultural groups engage in specific activities or go to events that have specific meaning to only (identify particular group – i.e. Latino community, Hmong community – as identified in question 10)?

YES   X   NO \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** What are the activities or events and where do they take place?

She said that the Filipino Society puts on a lot of ethnic events and the community celebrates Cinco de Mayo, Martin Luther King week, Cesar Chavez day and there is an Asian/Pacific Islander festival that is held sometime in May or June.

**If no:** Why not?

N/A

- Not enough interest?
- Not enough money?
- No leadership?
- Other reasons?

## Information and Communication

16. In your opinion where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers**   X   **TV**   X  

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)**   X  

She said a lot of people use the Internet. The most frequently read paper in the community is the Fresno Bee, however, she reads newsletters from the Water Association and the Water Coalition to learn about the Delta crisis.

17. For people who may be considered low-income in your community (earning less than \$52,000 per year for a family of four):

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such government services and/or healthcare?

She said most low income residents go to the Health Department and the EDD office in Fresno because they are the hub for 14 other cities within the county.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

She said that most low income residents are Latino, Black or Asian.

18. Over the course of this interview, we've touched on cultural activities, recreation, and some pretty specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we're always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

She recommended speaking with other council member, and mayors in the surrounding cities.

19. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

20. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests in the Delta are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **Contact Details**

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 11/4/09

Name/Organization: Jim Patterson, San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors

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**NOTES:**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

Peripheral canal, levees and Delta smelt

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing **Yes**
- b) Boating and Recreation **Yes**
- c) Farming **Yes**
- d) Water Supply (drinking water) **Yes**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs **Yes**
- g) Environment/habitat **Yes**
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing **Yes**
- j) Boating and Recreation **Yes**
- k) Farming **Yes**
- l) Water Supply (drinking water) **Yes**
- m) Navigation by Ships **Yes**
- n) Housing/jobs **Yes**
- o) Environment/habitat **Yes**
- p) Other **Natural Values**

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes, Recreational purposes

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes, concern that it will be over used by extracting fresh water and compromise its environmental integrity. Impacts of climate change on health of Delta and should be taken into consideration while planning for the future.

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **Yes**

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **Yes**

c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **Yes**

d. Water quality **Yes**

e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality **Yes**
- b. availability **Yes**
- c. affordability **Yes**
- d. other – **Distribution, not even. Conservation and energy efficiency.**

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

**Yes some water districts have programs**

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**Combination of both during specific seasons**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**Yes, ground water, surface reservoir**

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

**Yes**

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other- **Over use**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Paso Robles voters denied ballot bill, can afford a modest increase in some areas but was defeated in election

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality **Yes**

Reliability **Yes**

Availability **Yes** **Agricultural over pumping**

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

a) Residents- Significant, there is a 7 year sewer moratorium with no building

b) Ag- **Significant**

c) Industrial **Significant**

d) Commercial – **Significant**

Some residents and companies are using all of the water they have.  
Mandatory conservation impacts crop production.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents - Significant
- b) Ag Significant
- c) Industrial Significant
- e) Commercial Significant

### Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

No

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Similar to all coastal counties

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

Creek Day, Watershed Fair, Botanical Garden

Why do you think they are important?

N/A

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

## Spanish and English

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

- Wine grapes, vegetables, cattle  
- More than 50 season

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

- Latino

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

- Hospitality

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_X\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

### Through the county

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

### Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

Yes

### Contact Details

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**

DATE: 11/5/09 NAME/ORGANIZATION Lou Camera, Public Works Director, City of Hanford

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

Issues regarding pumping and the effects on the Delta Smelt

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs**
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

To go boating

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

He has heard many issues about the Delta including:

- Possible levee failure
- The need to supply the Central Valley and Southern CA with water from the Delta
- The need for water storage
- That its seems fish are coming before people
- With a lack of water to the south from the north jobs will be lost
- That there is a general lack of balance between the supply of water in the Delta and the need for water in Southern California

If yes: what have you heard?

Lack of water distributed from the Delta areas throughout the State that need it

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:
- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO
  - b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES** NO
  - c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO
  - d. Water quality **YES** NO
  - e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
- a. quality – Yes
  - b. availability – long term there will be issues but not right now
  - c. affordability – Not currently a problem
  - d. other – N/A
9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

It is mandatory

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

From ground water

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes, especially water quality. Due to water quality issues they have had to drill new wells

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) **Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)**
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political- The Courts are making the decisions about where water goes, not policy makers
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Maybe if it was small

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

No

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

No

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

No

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality **Yes** How: **Yes ag needs good water to grow good crops** No

Reliability **Yes** How: **Yes ag is impacted because there is not enough water** No

Availability **Yes** How: **Yes again farmers are the most impacted because they don't a strong available water supply** No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

a) Residents: **The cost of water would go up and people would lose jobs**

b) Ag: **Farmers could not farm all of their land and people would lose jobs, farms would close**

c) Industrial: **It would cost businesses more to operate and many would have to have close**

d) Commercial: **It would cost businesses more to operate and many would have to have close**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: People would water less and let their lawns die off
- e) Ag: Farmers would farm less and the price of produce would go up
- c) Industrial: Industrial businesses might move out of state
- d) Commercial: Commercial business would raise prices or close

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

### **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

It has a lot of open space. It is ag centered. It also has a very high percentage of low income residents

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

The Kings Co fair every July which brings a mix of people  
The downtown fair's market which takes place every Thursday, May to October which also brings a mix of people

Why do you think they are important?

They are entertaining and social events

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Dairy, Corn, Alfalfa, Nuts, Vegetables

Most employ 50 or more

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latinos work the farms and Caucasians own them

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

**Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio X                      Newspapers X                      TV X

Community organizations X                      Community events X

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

a.        Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

County Services

b.        What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

No

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## **Contact Details**

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:** N/A

DATE: 11/5/2009 NAME/ORGANIZATION: Gerri Shipske, Long Beach City Council

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NOTES:

**General Delta Related**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

Controversy over water plans and the endangered fish

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat **Yes**
- h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing

- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat **Yes**
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

**Yes**

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

**Vacation and recreational purposes**

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

**No**

If yes: what have you heard?

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO**
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO
- d. Water quality YES **NO**

- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
- a. quality
  - b. availability
  - c. affordability **Yes**
  - d. other
9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

**Yes**

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**Mandatory program, although they do not cite for it.**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

**N/A**

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**Aquifers and purchased from the State and wells**

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other **Water shortage due to the pipe fees from the water department**

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

Reliability                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

Availability                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents **Yes**
- b) Ag
- c) Industrial **Yes**
- d) Commercial

**They are dependant on the current supply and could not afford an increased rate for more water.**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents

- b) Ag
- c) Industrial
- e) Commercial

### Negative

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

Has its own city water department; Diesel Plant and good water conservation

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

Good Neighbor Festival (Sept) and Parades

Why do you think they are important?

The community wants to come together for a tighter community

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Most Diverse in CA, 85 percent Caucasian in some areas

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish, some Cambodian and Tagalog

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Government, School District, City, CSULB, Hospitals

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers **X**\_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) **online**\_\_\_\_\_

Hard to reach to senior community at all

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

Public health department (city) and non-profits

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Mixed, Latino but shifting to Cambodian and Caucasian

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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## Contact Details

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### **General Delta Related**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

**Yes**

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

**Yes**

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

**He remembers many issues including:**

- Legal issues regarding water rights
- Waste water discharge issues
- Problems with the Delta fisheries
- Issues with the pumps in the Delta
- The impact of the Delta Smelt restoration project

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs

**g) Environment/habitat**

h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

i) Fishing

j) Boating and Recreation

k) Farming

**l) Water Supply (drinking water)**

m) Navigation by Ships

n) Housing/jobs

o) Environment/habitat

p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

He went on an educational tour of the Delta for business

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

He has mostly heard about concerns about the Delta levees

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO

- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO
- d. Water quality **YES** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

**N/A**

## **Understanding Water Issues**

- 8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
  - a. quality – Yes
  - b. availability – Yes
  - c. affordability – Yes especially for ag businesses
  - d. other – N/A
- 9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

**Yes**

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

**It is mandatory**

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

**N/A**

- 10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

**From ground water**

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California**
- c) Political- The Courts are making the decisions about where water goes, not policy makers
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Yes

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

Might be okay

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

No

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

No

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality **Yes** How: **The deeper they have to drill to get the water the worse the water quality gets** No

Reliability **Yes** How: **Its is very hard on ag and businesses because they need reliable water** No

Availability **Yes** How: **Same thing, it is very hard on ag and business. They need water to stay in business and keep people employed** No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **Not totally sure, but people would likely lose jobs**
- b) Ag: **Areas of farm land that are currently farmed would not be farmed in the future. This would lead to unemployment for farm workers and produce processing plants**
- c) Industrial: **Largest hit would be processing plants. They would have to cut production and lay people off.**
- d) Commercial: **It would lead to increase costs of goods and business closures**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: **It would be a big hit to most residents**
- e) Ag: **Farmers would have to increase the cost of their goods. Sales might go down.**
- c) Industrial: **The hardest hit would be packaging plant and other ag based industrial businesses. They would have raise their prices**
- d) Commercial: **Commercial operations would have to buy less produce and increase the cost of the items**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

**No**

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

**N/A**

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

The Cotton Festival is big event. He is not sure exactly when it takes place but many Latinos attend.

Why do you think they are important?

It brings the community together

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Latino

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

Yes

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

Cotton, tomatoes, wheat

Most employ 50 or more

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

Latinos

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

N/A

### **Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio X                  Newspapers X                  TV X

Community organizations X      Community events X

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a.      Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

Did not know

- b.      What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

No

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of

anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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### **General Delta Related**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

**Yes**

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

**Yes**

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

**There is a need for water to be provided to Southern California from the Delta. There are numerous stakeholders that have conflicting concerns and thoughts about the project. There is a need for something more than the current state water project.**

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat**
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

Not interested

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Could not state specific problems other than what she has read.

If yes: what have you heard?

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO

- d. Water quality **YES** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

The issue of salt water infiltration

## Understanding Water Issues

- 8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
  - a. quality – Yes
  - b. availability – Yes, but not horrible
  - c. affordability – No, it is okay right now, but could get worse
  - d. other – She does not believe the state should regulate water. She thinks it should left up to the counties.
- 9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

It is voluntary

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

- 10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

From ground water

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they

know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) **Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)**
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political- The Courts are making the decisions about where water goes, not policy makers
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Yes

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

Yes

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

No

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

No

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Reliability	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>
Availability	Yes	How:	<b>No</b>

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **They would landscape less, let their lawns die, development would decrease.**
- b) Ag: **There is no ag in her area.**
- c) Industrial: **Development would decrease which would lead to less tax revenue and more unemployment .**
- d) Commercial: **People would be laid off.**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: **People couldn't afford it and they would move.**
- e) Ag: **There is no ag in her area.**
- c) Industrial: **There would be lack of growth.**

d) Commercial: **People would be laid off.**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

**Yes**

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

**They don't rely on surface water or the State Water Project for their water supply. Also people in their community are very poor.**

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

**The Route 66 festival every September brings out a mix of ethnic groups.**

Why do you think they are important?

**They bring money into the community's economy**

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

**Latino**

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English, Spanish and Tagalog

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Government jobs

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio  X       Newspapers  X       TV  X

Community organizations           Community events    

Other (describe)  X

- Community churches
- The Internet

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

County Service

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino and Black

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

No

- 24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

- 25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes, somewhat

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

He has heard about the condition of the levees in the Delta as well as the Delta smelt.

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

He has driven through the area.

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

He is aware of issues with salt water backing up into the Delta, levee failures, smelt issues and water constituent issues.

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES X** NO

- d. Water quality **YES X** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

He just said that his community is being affected by the water restrictions south of the Delta.

## Understanding Water Issues

- 8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?
  - a. **quality** – They have to rely on aquifers when they do not get the water they are supposed to be allotted and the wells and have an arsenic issue.
  - b. **availability** – The water they are supposed to receive has been curtailed.
  - c. affordability
  - d. other

- 9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

Mandatory

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

- 10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

He said that all of their water is pumped from underground wells where the water starts in the Sierras in the Northeast then runs Southwest into the aquifers below the valley.

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) **Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)**
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) **Political**
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

He said it is a possibility. The community does not currently get surface water, although there has been discussion about trading ground water for well water.

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

He thinks that this increase would be an issue, but one the people in the community would be able to get over if it meant better water.

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

He thinks that this increase would be much more of an issue, and he does not think that his community would be able to afford it very well. He said that the source of the water is not a concern to his community; it is that there needs to be a change in the politics.

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

He does not think his community could afford this increase.

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

Reliability                      **Yes**                      How: They cannot rely on their water source because they do not get the water that they are supposed to receive when there are pumping restrictions.                      No

Availability                      **Yes**                      How: The water is not available because they do not get the water they are supposed to receive because it is restricted.                      No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: He said they have already seen people leaving the valley and foreclosing homes due to a lack of water and jobs.
- b) Ag: He said that the agriculture industry would take the hardest hit, and it would cause the community to continue to overdraft the water aquifers,
- c) Industrial: He does not think that industry would be affected as long as there are people in the area to continue to do the work.

- d) Commercial: He said that the lack of water is already an issue for the community because they are impacted by the lack of ag work in the area.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: He said that overall there would be less money going around.
- b) Ag: An increase in rates would cost the farmer more to conduct business.
- c) Industrial: He was not sure if the industrial industry would be able to bear this cost.
- d) Commercial: He believes that the commercial industry would suffer because people would have less disposable dollars to buy goods.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

Yes

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

He thinks that his community is unique because Lemoore and Hanford have a government presence through the prisons and the naval base in the community. They are less dependent on agriculture than other communities in the Central Valley.

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

He said that activities such as high school sports, downtown farmers markets and parades are important to his community.

Why do you think they are important?

He thinks that these types of activities are important because they help create a sense of connection so the people in the community don't feel like strangers.

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Caucasian and Latino, however, Kings County is now less than 50 percent Caucasian.

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English is the most prominent but Spanish is also very popular.

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Government work.

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio   X                        Newspapers   X                        TV   X  

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_      Community events \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

The most frequently read newspapers is the Hanford Sentinel then the Fresno Bee.

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

He said most low income residents go to the Welfare Department, rural clinics, and medicade/medial offices. He said that there are services all over the community and it just depends on what type of service the person needs.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful,

but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

He recommended that we speak with Asst. Principal at Lemoore High School, Ed Martin, 559-924-6600

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes, no

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

No

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

N/A

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other :

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

She thinks it is too far away.

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

No

If yes: what have you heard?

N/A

If no: move on to question 6

N/A

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES X** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES X** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO X**

- d. Water quality YES **NO X**
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

No

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

Does not know, could not answer.

- a. quality
- b. availability
- c. affordability
- d. other

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

She did not know.

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

N/A

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

Yes, if they do not already have one she thinks that they should.

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

She is unaware of where her drinking water comes from.

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

She does not know, could not answer.

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other

N/A

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No, she does not think that her community can afford any increase to their water bills.

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

She does not know, could not answer.

Quality	Yes	How:	No
Reliability	Yes	How:	No
Availability	Yes	How:	No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: She does not know, could not answer.
- b) Ag: She does not know, could not answer.
- c) Industrial: She does not know, could not answer. .
- d) Commercial: She does not know, could not answer.

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: She does not know, could not answer.
- b) Ag: She does not know, could not answer.
- c) Industrial: She does not know, could not answer.

d) Commercial: **She does not know, could not answer.**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

**She does not know, could not answer.**

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

**N/A**

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

**She does not know, could not answer.**

Why do you think they are important?

**N/A**

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

**She does not know, could not answer.**

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

English and Spanish

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

- a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

- c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

She does not know, could not answer.

**Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)**

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (describe)   X   City officials**

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

She does not know, could not answer.

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

She does not know, could not answer.

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

No

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

No

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

No

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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### **General Delta Related**

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

Water needs to distributed from the Delta to the Central Valley and Southern California

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

For business

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

Yes

If yes: what have you heard?

Lack of water distributed from the Delta areas throughout the State that need it

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES** NO
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO

- d. Water quality YES **NO**
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality – No
- b. availability – Yes there is a serious drought
- c. affordability – Yes the price of water is very high
- d. other – N/A

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

It is mandatory

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

From ground water and the Colorado River

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they

know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political- The Courts are making the decisions about where water goes, not policy makers
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

No

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

No

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

No

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

No

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality **Yes** How: **If water quality is forced to go up again costs will go up even higher and that would be very bad for businesses and employment** No

Reliability **Yes** How: **Farmers need to know they have a reliable water source so they know what crops to plant for the future.** No

Availability **Yes** How: **Farmers would be the most impacted. They would have bring up the cost of their water** No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **The price of food would go up and people would landscape less**
- b) Ag: **The cost of running a farm would go up, the costs of goods would go up which would hurt the economy, and unemployment would go up too**
- c) Industrial: **Businesses would move from the area and unemployment would go up**
- d) Commercial: **Businesses would move from the area and unemployment would go up**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: **People would move from the area**
- e) Ag: **Farmers would sell their land**
- c) Industrial: **Industrial plants would move from the area**
- d) Commercial: **Commercial business would close all together or relocate.**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

**Yes**

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

**It is very diverse it has parts that are rural and parts that are urban**

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

**The LA County fair is very popular. It takes place in September and brings out a mix of people**

Why do you think they are important?

It's a good opportunity for the community to have fun and learn about community programs

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

It is a mix, there is not any primary ethnic group

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

Again it is very diverse, there are no primary languages

21. Moving onto employment, is farming considered a primary form of employment in your community?

No

a. **If yes:** Do you know what the major crops or goods are that are produced in your area? Do you know if the farms employ less than 50 people or more than that?

N/A

b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

c. **If no:** What do you believe is the primary form of employment in your community?

Tourism, the airport, and the entertainment industry

### Information and Communication (for overall outreach purposes)

22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

Radio \_\_\_\_ Newspapers X TV \_\_\_\_

Community organizations \_\_\_\_ Community events \_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_

- Mostly community and ethnic newspapers

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

Non-profits and County Services

- b. What ethnic groups do you think make up the largest percentage of low-income residents in your community?

Latino, many of which are illegal

Over the course of this interview, we have touched on water availability and cost issues, cultural activities, recreation, and some specific details about [insert ethnic communities discussed]. Your answers have been very helpful, but we are always looking for additional viewpoints. Do you know of anyone else in your community that you think we should talk to about these issues?

No

24. That brings me to the end of my list of specific questions. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings hosted by DWR in your community? (If yes, collect contact information, name, address, mailing and email; if no go to question 20)

Yes

25. Also, would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about DWR projects and the ongoing process of the BDCP? (If yes, notate details in contact info below)

Yes

**Interviewer:** Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. This information is very valuable and will help DWR and the Bureau ensure that all interests related to the Delta and its water supplies are considered. If you think of anything else you would like to share about your community please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX or e-mail me at XX.

Lastly, it may be necessary for us to follow up on some of this information as we are compiling our reports, would it be ok for us to follow up with you directly in the future should we need additional information?

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

No

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

There is a decline in the fish population in the Delta. There are also many water quality issues. He has also heard the possibility of building a canal to take water from the Delta to Southern California

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other- It is important for the health of the Bay**

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other- It should only be a source of water for Northern California**

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

Yes

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

Fishing and sight seeing

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

N/A

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

He is concerned about the water pumps and the impact of those pumps on fish

If yes: what have you heard?

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures **YES** NO

b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon **YES** NO

- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt **YES** NO
- d. Water quality **YES** NO
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality – Yes
- b. availability – Yes
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- d. other – N/A

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

Yes

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

Both mandatory and voluntary programs

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

N/A

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

From the Macolomy River

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they

know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California
- c) Political
- d) Other- To much water is being exported from the Delta. There are also impacts to environment due to the pumps**

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Declined to State

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality **Yes** How: **The quality of drinking water has gone down** No

Reliability **Yes** How: **The reliability of drinking water has gone down** No

Availability **Yes** How: **People have to start really watching their water use** No

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

- a) Residents: **People would do less irrigation, less landscaping and more water conservation**
- b) Ag: **There would be more conservation and farmers would change what they grow**
- c) Industrial: **The cost of production would go up**
- d) Commercial: **The cost of production would go up**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

- a) Residents: **Declined to state**
- e) Ag: **Declined to state**

c) Industrial: **Declined to state**

d) Commercial: **Declined to state**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water costs were increased – i.e. families would suffer, farms would reduce size/product costs would go up, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

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Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

**Declined to state**

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

**Declined to state**

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

***(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)***

**Declined to state**

Why do you think they are important?

**Declined to state**

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

Declined to state

20. What are the primary languages spoken in your community?

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N/A

- b. **If yes:** What is the general ethnic makeup of those involved in the farming industry in your community?

N/A

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22. In your opinion, where do residents in your community get information about government programs and projects? Some examples are outlets such as:

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Community organizations   X        Community events   X  

Other (describe)       

23. For people who may be considered to be living in poverty in your community:

- a. Where do these individuals receive services such as government services, healthcare, social services?

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### General Delta Related

1. Are you familiar with the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta?

Yes

**No**

2. Have you read or heard anything about Delta related issues in the news in the last 6-12 months?

Yes

If Yes: Do you remember any of the topics addressed?

He has heard some things on National Public Radio but can't remember specific issues

If No: Move on to question 3

3. What do you think the Delta is primarily used/needed for?

- a) Fishing
- b) Boating and Recreation
- c) Farming**
- d) Water Supply (drinking water)
- e) Navigation by Ships
- f) Housing/jobs
- g) Environment/habitat
- h) Other

4. Based on the prior question, what do you think the Delta SHOULD be primarily used and protected for?

- i) Fishing
- j) Boating and Recreation
- k) Farming
- l) Water Supply (drinking water)**
- m) Navigation by Ships
- n) Housing/jobs
- o) Environment/habitat
- p) Other

5. Have you ever used or visited the Delta?

No

If Yes: For what purpose/why?

N/A

If no: Why not (too far, no interest, etc)

No reason

6. Are you familiar with any problems or concerns associated with the Delta?

No

If yes: what have you heard?

N/A

If no: move on to question 6

7. Are you familiar with the current conditions of the Delta, such as:

- a. Flood hazards associated with levee failures YES **NO**
- b. Condition of fish, including bass, salmon and sturgeon YES **NO**
- c. Status of endangered fish, including Delta smelt YES **NO**

- d. Water quality YES **NO**
- e. Are there other issues in the Delta that you think we should be aware of?

N/A

## Understanding Water Issues

8. Do you believe that (enter city) has any of the following water issues?

- a. quality – Yes
- b. availability – Yes
- c. affordability – No
- d. other – N/A

9. Does (enter city) have any type of water conservation program that you know of? For instance, have you seen any advertisements or other information that indicates there is a need to conserve water – requests for you to water your lawn less, or take shorter showers, etc?

No

If yes: Is it mandatory or voluntary?

N/A

If no: Do you think water conservation is needed in (enter city)

Yes

10. Do you know where your drinking water comes from?

No

**Interviewer:** not looking for sale source, trying to find out if they know supply source, so if they say "water agency" probe further to see if they

know where the "water agency" gets its water supply from; you're eliciting a body of water.

11. Do you think that water reliability, quality or availability are of issue to your community?

Yes

If yes: Move to question 12 then 13

If no: Move to question 14

12. What do you think is the primary cause of this/these issues?

- a) Environmental factors (drought, habitat needs, other)
- b) Not enough water being exported from Northern California**
- c) Political
- d) Other

**Interviewer: If people believe that water reliability, quality or availability is an issue, we want to determine why they think that.**

13. Would the people of your community be able to afford an increase to their water costs if it meant higher quality or a more reliable source of water?

Not Sure

If yes: What would the impact to your residents be if their water bill was increased by 10 percent, but it meant better or more reliable water?

N/A

What if they saw a 25 percent increase on their monthly water bill?

N/A

What about if it was more than a 50 percent increase?

N/A

**INTERVIEWER: Trying to gauge what the threshold is related to cost and water availability/reliability**

14. Do you think that agricultural, commercial or industrial businesses in your community is being impacted in any way by issues of water quality, reliability or availability?

Quality                      Yes                      How:                      No                      **Did not know**

Reliability                      Yes                      How:                      **No**

Availability                      Yes                      How:                      No                      **Did not know**

None of the above

15. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water supplies were decreased from current levels?

a) Residents: **Did not know**

b) Ag: **Did not know**

c) Industrial: **Did not know**

d) Commercial: **Did not know**

Interviewer: we are trying to gauge overall impacts if water supplies were decreased – i.e. families are too poor, farms would reduce size, companies would go out of business or would have to raise prices for their customers, businesses would provide lower levels of service, etc.

16. What would the impact or impacts to the residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial industries in your community be if water costs were increased to maintain the current level of water supplies?

a) Residents: **People would water their land less**

e) Ag: **Farmers would have to farm less crops**

c) Industrial: **Did not know**

d) Commercial: **Did not know**

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## **Understanding Community Character (for overall outreach purposes)**

Do you think your community is unique to other communities in (enter region – i.e. Bay Area, Southern California, along the Coast, etc)

No

If yes, go to question 17.

17. What would you say makes your community unique or special?

N/A

18. What activities are important to your community (if you are speaking with a leader in a certain ethnic group, refer specifically to that group; i.e. What activities are important to the Hmong community, the Latino community, etc)

*(Interviewer: If this question causes confusion or they don't know what "activities" we are referring to, reference things such as cultural events, meetings hosted by community groups, or annual festivals)*

The annual Cinco De Mayo Festival in May. It is mostly attended by Latinos

Why do you think they are important?

Individuals can get together with members of their own ethnic group. It also builds a sense of community

19. What would you identify as the primary ethnic makeup of your community?

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- For newspapers, Spanish newspapers are a very good source of information and outreach

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### Non-profits and community health centers

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