

**ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE  
ON THE SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF  
THE DELTA PROTECTION COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR 2005**

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As acknowledged by the Legislature in 1992, through the adoption of the Delta Protection Act (Act) and the creation of the Delta Protection Commission (Commission), the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is a living environment of unique significance composed of irreplaceable agricultural, habitat, and recreational resources.

Regional recognition of this jewel has become more prominent in recent months due, unfortunately, to catastrophic events such as Hurricane Katrina. Attention to flood protection and water conveyance has significantly increased at the local, state and federal levels.

While participating in efforts to address these areas of growing concern brought about by Hurricane Katrina, the Commission's charge of implementing the Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Primary Zone of the Delta (Management Plan) entails an even broader focus that is reflected in findings, policies and recommendations in the areas of: environment, utilities and infrastructure, land use, agriculture, water, recreation and access, levees, and marine patrol/boater education/safety. This report provides the opportunity to highlight accomplishments in these areas for the year 2005.

### Commission Transition and Vision

Having listened intently to discussions that took place in 2003 and 2004 regarding the role of the Commission, its members have taken steps to begin an intensely facilitated visioning process to recap accomplishments and explore direction for the future. Initiated in November, it is anticipated this process will be completed in March of 2006, and conclude with the development of a multi-year business plan (including supplemental funding opportunities), an implementation guide, a status review of the Management Plan, data collection for Delta visioning, and the establishment of a repository for Delta-related documents. This visioning process coincides with a change in leadership of the Commission that has included a new Chair, Vice-Chair, and Executive Director. Additionally, seven of the existing nineteen seats on the Commission have been filled with new members.

As part of the "new era" mantra of the Commission, the need has been identified to refocus staffing resources to become increasingly proactive in the areas of legislation, grants, public affairs, and development of an action plan for the Management Plan. Through these avenues, the effectiveness of collaboratively representing those that live, work, and play in the Delta is anticipated to become more regionally prominent. A Strategic Support Team comprised of in-kind contributions of expertise and staffing resources of several members of the Commission has been formed to implement this strategy of refocus.

The Commission has also reviewed administrative practices, and steps have been taken to significantly streamline procedures where feasible. This has provided for budgetary savings while significantly increasing the effectiveness of staffing resources and public service.

## Effectiveness in Preserving Agriculture, Habitat, and Recreation

Based on informational sources that include the Great Valley Center, California Department of Conservation, Department of Water Resources, Little Hoover Commission, and Sacramento Area Council of Government's Blue Print process, the population of the central valley is expected to double by 2040. Correspondingly, development trends in the Primary and Secondary Zones of the Delta are most obviously apparent by the increasing number of proposed residential housing developments, and related commercial and infrastructure facilities.

Local and regional data sources clearly signify a trend of mounting pressures for encroachment of development on the Delta. Indicators demonstrate that this trend will undoubtedly continue at an increasing rate as will the corresponding demand for public use of Delta resources.

The fact that development proposals for the Primary Zone have been minimal in contrast to a significant increase in proposals for the Secondary Zone, clearly demonstrates that the provisions of the Act and the presence of the Commission have been effective in preserving and enhancing agricultural, habitat, and recreational resources. That there has only been one appeal to the Commission since its inception demonstrates the benefits of a proactive approach to collaborative planning that takes conservation into account, along with economic and urban demands.

Nonetheless, the potential for continually increasing development activities in the Secondary Zone to impact the Primary Zone is of concern to the Commission. It is therefore, of utmost priority for the Commission to continue to work in collaboration with project proponents and local entities to preserve and enhance the unique and irreplaceable resources of the Delta through adaptive management and effective implementation of the Management Plan. Continued Commission involvement in the development of local general plan amendments and Delta visioning processes will be instrumental in meeting this intent.

The addition of staffing support through the newly-created Strategic Support Team will allow the Commission to review the findings, policies and recommendations of the Management Plan. This review will provide documentation of accomplishments to date, identification of tasks that remain to be accomplished, and development of a prioritized action plan to strategically address the increasing demands of urban encroachment on Delta resources.

## Implementation of Findings, Policies, and Recommendations

The significant accomplishments of the Commission in implementing the findings, policies, and recommendations of the Management Plan in 2005, are provided in the areas of environment, utilities/infrastructure and levees, land use and agriculture, water, and recreation/access and marine patrol/boater education/safety programs.

Consistent with the transition of the Commission in 2005, efforts to refocus significant resources toward local and regional collaboration have been initiated. This approach is apparent throughout the listing of highlighted accomplishments. Examples worth noting include: formation of a Delta Mercury Collaborative to collectively provide input into the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load program for the Delta; formation of a collaborative approach to address the increasing issue of abandoned vessels; administration of grant funds for the development of a bio-fuels program by the Resource Conservation and Development Council; co-sponsoring a collaborative approach to develop a management plan for the Lower Yolo Bypass; submittal of an application for Proposition 50 grant funds for working landscapes demonstration projects; facilitator support for development of a Delta branding concept including signage and a visitor center; facilitation of a forum for the discussion of a Delta Loop Trail; and development of opportunities for an active easement and mitigation program.

The success of the Commission to effectively facilitate such forums of collaboration is significantly attributed to the diversity of its members and the rapport and trust it has been able to develop with local and regional stakeholders.

In summary, 2005 has brought an era of transition to the Commission and a reconfirmed commitment of its members to carry out the provisions of the Act and the dedicated implementation of the Management Plan for the preservation and enhancement of agricultural, habitat, and recreational resources of the Delta.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Delta Protection Act (Act) was adopted by the Legislature in 1992 and subsequently amended in 1996, 1998, 1999, and 2000. The Act, codified in the Public Resources Code beginning with Sections 29700, is also known as the Johnston-Baker-Andal-Boatwright Delta Protection Act of 1992.

The Act was created pursuant to findings and declarations of the Legislature that the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is a natural resource of statewide, national, and international significance, containing irreplaceable resources. Furthermore, the Legislature found and declared that it is the policy of the State to recognize, preserve, and protect those resources of the Delta for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations.

The Delta Protection Commission (Commission) was created under the Act. The diverse composition of the Commission provides for stakeholder representation in the areas of agriculture, habitat, and recreation. The nineteen members of the Commission include: landowners from North, South, West, and Central Delta Reclamation Districts; a member of the County Board of Supervisors from each of the five Delta counties (Sacramento, San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Yolo and Solano); a representative from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), and the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG); and high-level leaders from the California Department of Fish and Game, California Department of Parks and Recreation, California Department of Boating and Waterways, California Department of Water Resources, California Department of Food and Agriculture, and the California State Lands Commission. Ex-officio members of the Commission are Senator Mike Machado and Assemblywoman Lois Wolk.

As called for in the Act, a Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Primary Zone (Management Plan) was prepared and adopted by the Commission in 1995 and revised in 2002. The Management Plan sets out findings, policies, and recommendations resulting from background studies in the areas of environment, utilities and infrastructure, land use, agriculture, water, recreation and access, levees, and marine patrol/boater education/safety programs. In conformance with the provisions of the Act, local government general plans are to provide for consistency with the provisions of the Management Plan. The Commission serves as an Appeal body in the event an action of a local entity on a project located within the Primary Zone is challenged as being inconsistent with the Act or the Management Plan.

Provisions of the Act require that on January 1 of each year, the Commission submit to the Governor and the Legislature a report describing the progress that has been made in achieving the objectives of the Act and the relevant sections of the Public Resources Code. The opportunity is therefore provided to share highlighted 2005 accomplishments of the Commission.

## **OVERVIEW**

This report sets out the progress made by the Commission in 2005 toward achieving the objectives of the Act and the implementation of the Management Plan. The following areas of focus will be highlighted:

- Commission transition and vision;
- Effectiveness in preserving agriculture, habitat, and recreation; and
- Implementation of findings, policies, and recommendations.

## **COMMISSION TRANSITION AND VISION**

### Leadership and Representation

The year 2005 has brought a change in leadership to the Commission. Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, Mike McGowan, member of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, became Chair, and Robert Ferguson, representing south delta reclamation districts, became Vice-chair. Linda Fiack was appointed by the Commission as Executive Director effective August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Additionally, several established seats on the Commission were filled by new members as follows: John Beckman, Mayor of Lodi, representing the San Joaquin Council of Governments; Arne Simonsen, Antioch City Councilman, representing Association of Bay Area Governments; Mary Piepho, member of the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors, representing Contra Costa County; Michael Reagan, member of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, representing Solano County; Anthony Perez, South Division Chief, representing the State Department of Parks and Recreation; Sandra Morey, Regional Manager of the Sacramento Valley-Central Sierra Region, representing the California Department of Fish and Game; and Michael Scriven, representing Central Delta Reclamation Districts.

### Visioning

While acknowledging the valued leadership of the former Chair and Executive Director, in place for ten and twelve years respectively, the Commission recognized the opportunity to initiate a visioning process to recap accomplishments to date and explore direction for the future of the Commission and the Delta.

The Commission has listened carefully to understand the views expressed about its role and effectiveness during discussions of the Legislature in 2003 and 2004, in the recommendations of the California Performance Review, and in the analysis of the Legislative Analyst's Office, and the Report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee by the Resources Agency in 2003.

A facilitated visioning process was initiated in November with a focus on both mission and funding. Given the budgetary constraints of the Commission, several member entities have committed to fund the facilitator expertise. The process will take into consideration that the

Delta is facing increasing pressures having the potential for impacting and even depleting irreplaceable resources. With a target completion date of March 2006, it is anticipated the process will culminate in:

- A business plan for the Commission for one, five, and twenty years, including supplementary funding options;
- An implementation guide for the business plan;
- A status review of the Management Plan for development of a prioritized action plan;
- Data collection for Delta (Primary Zone and Secondary Zone) Visioning; and
- The establishment of a repository for Delta-related documents.

The process will include an illustration of the areas of stakeholder and regional interest for which the Commission has the potential to further provide an umbrella of discussion, collaboration, and proactive program implementation irrespective of those areas of specific focus for which other entities, such as CALFED, are responsible. The Commission's role in developing a vision as the voice of those that live, work, and play in the Delta, along with other visioning efforts underway at the local, state and federal levels will also be a focus of discussion and refinement.

#### Strategic Support Team

In 2005, the Commission identified the benefits of strategically developing proactive approaches for accomplishing goals and objectives in the areas of legislation, grants, public affairs, and development of an action plan for effective implementation of the Management Plan. A nineteen-member Strategic Support Team has been created for this purpose. Through the commitment of Commission member entity staff with expertise in the identified areas, to supplement the existing three-member staff of the Commission, significant progress has been made in the ability of the Commission to be more proactive and effective as demonstrated in accomplishments cited throughout this report. This in-kind contribution has allowed the Commission staff to initiate proactive measures while keeping within existing budgetary limitations.

#### Administrative Streamlining and Budget

Several measures have been implemented to streamline administrative processes and to increase staff effectiveness and public service while minimizing budgetary demands. Measures taken include: improved telephone technology; utilization of electronic communication, establishment of a reimbursement process for services provided to Delta partners; relocation of meeting location; and increased utilization of resource agency partnerships and expertise.

The 2005-06 budget of the Commission totals \$329,000 (\$151,000 from the Environmental License Plate Fund and \$178,000 from the Harbors/Watercraft Fund). A Budget Change Proposal in the amount of \$30,000 was submitted in 2005 for the 2006-07 fiscal year to address carryover budgetary needs from 2004-05. It is anticipated that opportunities to

address budgetary constraints and proactively explore supplemental funding options will be identified through the visioning process for implementation in the 2007-08 budget year.

## **EFFECTIVENESS IN PRESERVING AGRICULTURE, HABITAT, AND RECREATION**

The adoption of the Act demonstrates the Legislature's recognition of increasing threats to the unique natural resources of the Primary Zone of the Delta from urban encroachment having the potential to significantly impact regional agriculture, wildlife habitat, and recreation uses. As reference, the Primary Zone is comprised of 500,000 acres and the Secondary Zone is comprised of 238,000 acres.

Information presented in sources that include the Great Valley Center's *State of the Great Central Valley of California*, the State Department of Conservation's *Farmland Conversion Report*, the State Department of Water Resources' *Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Atlas*, and the Little Hoover Commission's *Still Imperiled - Still Important* indicates an anticipated doubling in the population of the Central Valley by 2040. This demonstrates the increasing significance and importance of the Legislature's foresight to create the Commission to assure preservation and enhancement of the Delta's unique natural resources into the future.

The Commission has found that development trends in the Primary and Secondary Zones become most apparent by the increasing number of residential housing developments and related commercial/infrastructure facilities proposed for both zones (although predominantly in the Secondary Zone). Data from sources that include the State Clearinghouse, local government planning entities, and project proponents clearly signify a trend of increasing encroachment of development on the Delta. Indicators that include regional population forecasts, and city and county general plan update movements demonstrate that this trend will undoubtedly continue.

When assessing development trends, the Commission recognizes that there are corresponding trends in recreational use, public access, diversity in agricultural cropping patterns, habitat and open space enhancements, and infrastructure dependence for public safety. Indicators that include agriculture production and farmland conversions, recreational facility user rates (including boating needs assessments), private to public land conversions, conservation easements (including mitigation banking sites), and infrastructure maintenance expenditures (or lack thereof) depict increasing demands on Delta resources that will continue as urban demands increase.

In that development proposals in the Primary Zone have, for the most part, demonstrated "smart growth" planning in 2005, it is apparent that provisions of the Act and the presence of the Commission have been effective in promoting good land stewardship practices to preserve and enhance agricultural, habitat, and recreational resources.

The fact that there has only been one appeal to the Commission in the twelve years of its existence illustrates the integral effectiveness of a proactive rather than reactive approach to effective planning that takes into account conservation along with economic and urban needs

and demands. This balanced planning and smart growth approach has provided an effective shield for the resources of the Delta from potentially significant impacts of urban encroachment.

While development in the Primary Zone has been moderate and consistent with the provisions of the Management Plan, activities in the Secondary Zone, have continued to increase at a significant rate in 2005. Thus, the potential for development activities in the Secondary Zone to impact the Primary Zone continues to be of increasing concern for the Commission in assuring the resources of the Primary Zone are not compromised.

A detailed listing of projects the Commission is monitoring is available on the Commission's web site [www.delta.ca.gov](http://www.delta.ca.gov). It is worth noting, however, that in 2005 seven major development and five infrastructure proposals in the Secondary Zone were introduced and continue to be considered for approval by the appropriate local entities. The presence of such proposals in the Secondary Zone, while predominantly absent from the Primary Zone, is demonstrated confirmation of the effectiveness of the Commission to preserve and enhance the unique resources of the Primary Zone pursuant to the intent of the Act.

The Commission recognizes that there will continue to be increasing demands for resources spurred on by increasing trends in urban growth and development. It is, therefore, the intent of the Commission to continue to work toward having a positive and collaborative dialogue with project proponents and local entities to proactively achieve the Commission's goals of preserving and enhancing the unique resources of the Primary Zone through balanced planning and continued implementation of the Management Plan. Commission participation in the crafting of local general plan update processes and Delta visioning processes underway will be an integral component of meeting this intent. The membership of the Commission including representatives from local Delta jurisdictions is naturally conducive to such participation. The diverse composition of the Commission provides for the successful building of local stakeholder trust and rapport while promoting regional recognition and partnership collaboration. The collaborative efforts successfully initiated and administered by the Commission, as cited herein, include a diverse array of perspectives by participants that bring expertise and knowledge to the table of discussion as a voice for the Delta.

It is anticipated that the demonstrated effectiveness of the Commission in preserving agriculture, habitat, and recreation will be further exhibited in 2006 as the efforts of the newly-created Strategic Support Team continue to review and analyze the Management Plan culminating in an evaluation of accomplishments to date, areas yet to be prioritized and accomplished, and areas not yet identified that warrant inclusion.

## **IMPLEMENTATION OF FINDINGS, POLICIES, AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The following summary provides highlighted 2005 accomplishments in implementing the Management Plan in the areas of Environment, Utilities and Infrastructure, Land Use and

Agriculture, Water, Recreation and Access, Levees, and Marine Patrol/Boater Education/Safety Programs.

The actions noted clearly demonstrate that in addition to its roles of monitoring development to assure consistency with the Management Plan and participating in efforts to further the goals of the CALFED program in the areas of water conveyance and fisheries habitat, the Commission has substantially redirected its resources to facilitating forums for local and regional collaboration to proactively initiate programs and address issues of common interest and concern. It is anticipated that this mantra of a "new era" Commission will bring recognition of the effectiveness of adaptive and collaborative management in carrying out the provisions of the Act and the implementation of the Management Plan.

The diverse composition of the Commission provides for the successful building of stakeholder trust and collaboration at all levels and brings diverse perspectives.

### Environment

*Goal: Preserve and protect the natural resources of the Delta, including soils. Promote protection of remnants of riparian habitat. Promote seasonal flooding and agriculture practices on agricultural lands to maximize wildlife use of the hundreds of thousands of acres of lands in the Delta. Promote levee maintenance and rehabilitation to preserve the land areas and channel configurations in the Delta.*

- Grant application in the amount of \$1.2 million has been submitted under Proposition 50, Working Landscapes Program. Project proposal includes collaborative partnerships with Ducks Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy, Hart Restoration, local reclamation districts, and several Delta farmers to complete several ag. friendly habitat demonstration projects in four of the five Delta counties and to facilitate local festivals to bring regional recognition of Delta resources.
- Facilitated development of the Resources Conservation and Development Council bio-energy program utilizing awarded grant funding. Formation of 501(3)(c) completed and development of directory of bio-energy resources underway with anticipated completion in early 2006.
- Participated as a site sponsor of California Coastal Clean-up Days.
- Facilitated initiation of Delta Branding Program, including visitor center concept, Delta-wide signage, and formation of Delta Alliance. Formation of 501(3)(c) underway. Mission statement completed and funding solicitation progressing. Signage to be posted in early 2006.
- Participated in efforts to post interpretive signage at Delta In-Channel Islands by soliciting in-kind contributions from Delta counties. Design completed. Creation of signs underway.
- Co-sponsor with North Delta counties on invasive species removal at public access site in North Delta.

## Utilities/Infrastructure and Levees

*Goal: Protect the Delta from excessive construction of utilities and infrastructure facilities, including those that support uses and development outside the Delta. Where construction of new utility and infrastructure facilities is appropriate, ensure the impacts of such new construction on the integrity of levees, wildlife, and agriculture are minimized. Support the improvement and long-term maintenance of Delta levees by coordinating permit reviews and guidelines for levee maintenance. Develop a long-term funding program for levee maintenance. Protect levees in emergency situations. Give levee rehabilitation and maintenance priority over other uses of levee areas.*

- Provided letters of support for levees subvention funding and for local, state, and regional collaboration.
- Joined with the Yolo Basin Foundation as co-sponsor of a facilitated Lower Yolo Bypass stakeholder process to develop a comprehensive management plan for the Lower Bypass in the North Delta. Feasibility study has been completed. Development of scope of work is underway.
- Provided support for award of federal funding for creation of Long-term Management Strategy (LTMS) for Dredging Re-use and Permit Streamlining. Partial funding awarded.
- Participated in the development of the Sacramento Floodway Corridor Forum Guidelines. Draft guidelines have been completed for endorsement.
- Initiated discussions with local Ag. Commissioners to develop collaborative rodent control program.
- Provided comments on several infrastructure projects proposed for the Primary and Secondary Zones of the Delta to assure consistency with the Land Use and Resource Management Plan.
- Facilitated posting of farm friendly signage on Delta roadways.
- Provided comments in support of potential enhancements to Port of Sacramento, including potential partnership with Port of Oakland.
- Provided a forum for distribution of information regarding emergency response programs and Delta-wide coordination.

## Land Use and Agriculture

*Goal: Protect the unique character and qualities of the Primary Zone by preserving the cultural heritage and strong agricultural base of the Primary Zone. Direct new residential, commercial, and industrial development within the existing communities as currently designated and where appropriate services are available. Support of long-term viability of commercial agriculture and to discourage inappropriate development of agricultural lands.*

- Strategic Support Team has formed and initiated development of an action plan for the Land Use and Resource Management Plan to identify areas of accomplishment, establish prioritization for accomplishments yet to be completed, and most importantly, identify areas not yet included in the plan to be considered for inclusion during the visioning process.

- Provided comments on general plan updates underway by several Delta Counties, and regional blue print planning efforts, to assure consistency with Land Use and Management Plan. Continuing to participate and provide input.
- Provided comments on several projects involving the Primary Zone and continued monitoring of projects in the Secondary Zone having the potential to impact the Primary Zone.
- Provided extensive information to Little Hoover Commission regarding land use indicators and trends in the areas of agriculture, habitat, and recreation to utilize in the review of CALFED pursuant to direction of the Governor.
- Participated extensively in CALFED discussions regarding development of a vision for the Delta and was instrumental in bringing recognition of the need to include local perspectives and consider other visioning processes underway by State Parks, Department of Fish and Game/Department of Water Resources, and local governments and councils of governments, including the SACOG Blueprint Process.
- Facilitated discussions with Sacramento County and Delta landowners to develop potential establishment of Conservation easements/ag buffers in Northeast Delta.
- Initiated development of a proposal for a DPC-facilitated easement program for the Delta.
- Initiated efforts to encourage eco-tourism with local and regional partners.
- Initiated discussions with regional partners to address landowner concerns regarding conversions of land from private to public ownership. Primary areas of issue include tax base status, water user fees, and lack of funding for management plan development.
- Proactively provided media with verified data relevant to increasing demands for urban encroachment on the Primary Zone.

## Water

*Goal: Protect long-term water quality in the Delta for agriculture, municipal, industrial, water-contact recreation, and fish and wildlife habitat uses, as well as all other designated beneficial uses.*

- Supported the solicitation of Groundwater Program grant funding. Funding awarded to several Delta counties. Monitoring programs have been implemented.
- Formed Delta Mercury Collaborative consisting of diversified Delta interests to provide input to the State Water Quality Control Board for an effective and feasible Mercury TMDL program as mandated by U. S. Environmental Protection Agency. Submitted initial contact letter and testimony. Continuing to provide formal input.
- Participated in efforts to seek legislative support for funding for implementing mercury monitoring mandates.
- Provided support for Integrated Regional Water Management Plan grant funding. Several Delta counties successfully awarded funding.
- Provided coordination among local water agencies and ag commissioners for compliance with ag waiver program mandated by the State Water Quality Control Board.
- Provided collaborative forum for input for the North Delta Improvement Program relative to cost-benefit ratios from a stakeholder perspective.

## Recreation and Access, and Marine Patrol, Boater Education, and Safety Programs

*Goal: Promote continued recreational use of the land and waters of the Delta to ensure that needed facilities that allow such uses are constructed, maintained and supervised; to protect landowners from unauthorized recreational uses on private lands; and to maximize dwindling public funds for recreation by promoting public-private partnerships and multiple use of Delta lands.*

- A draft aquatic component for inclusion in a future Delta Recreation Master Plan has been completed and circulated for comment;
- Initiated formation of a forum for discussion of a Delta Trail concept with stakeholders and prospective regional partners;
- Facilitated collaborative environmental/enforcement agency approach to development of abandoned vessel programs to effectively utilize grant funding from Department of Boating and Waterways;
- Facilitated successful resolution to hunting access on Liberty Island issue.
- Provided forums for discussion of, and provided input for, development of State Parks Central Valley Plan and local Parks Master Plans to assure the Delta stakeholder perspective is taken into consideration;
- Provided comments on existing marina expansion projects to assure the concept of "existing footprint" is taken into consideration when feasible;
- Developed road-show concept for implementation in 2006 to improve networking and educational opportunities. Increased outreach program by providing presentations in arenas that include rotary clubs, chambers of commerce, and local service groups;
- Provided support for implementation of the Clean Boating Network sponsored by the California Department of Boating and Waterways, the California Coastal Commission, and Contra Costa County. Continuing to participate in program implementation;
- Provided comments on county park master plans to assure inclusion of Delta and opportunities for consistency with Delta Branding efforts;
- The value of the Commission's ability to bring together successful collaboration in areas often subject to conflict cannot be reiterated enough. Only through programs that encourage stakeholder participation will the valuable and unique resources of the Delta continue to be recognized and appreciated locally and regionally;

## **ATTACHMENTS**

**Attachment "A"** Delta Protection Commission Roster

**Attachment "B"** Delta Protection Act of 1992 Map of Zones