

My name is Jane Wagner-Tyack, and I am speaking here on behalf of Restore the Delta, a grassroots network of citizens committed to preserving the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. We want to express our dismay once again that the BDCP steering committee was formed to exclude representatives of Delta communities. You have designed a planning process in which the regulated bodies will in effect design the system that will regulate them. We have no confidence in your intention to provide for water quality for any except export purposes, even though a multi-billion dollar economy of farming and recreational and commercial fishing, with the jobs that economy provides, depends on ample clean water in the Delta. We have no confidence in the state's ability to plumb this intricate system in ways that sustain Delta habitat and human communities. We question the science on which you have based many of your decisions. We believe you moved precipitately to consider only an isolated conveyance as the solution to the Delta's challenges. And we think it is a terrible mistake to invest time and resources in planning for more of the kind of infrastructure that has already created unrealistic expectations about water availability and reliability statewide. The state should be putting these resources into efforts toward regional self-sufficiency and the most flexible, resilient systems possible in order to confront unknown conditions in the future.