

Healthy Delta Communities Plan Update

As mentioned in our December post, Restore the Delta is releasing its Healthy Delta Communities Plan through email releases throughout 2008.

In today's post, we are featuring a special report authored by Tom Zuckerman, an attorney with the Central Delta Water Agency and resident expert on the California Delta and California water needs. Mr. Zuckerman's *A Water Plan for the 21st Century: Regional Self-Sufficiency Scenario* is the substance behind Restore the Delta's assertions that the restoration of floodplains could significantly increase water storage during rainy periods which could then be drawn on during dry periods for agricultural use.

Such water management practices and storage options would not only help to reduce current levels of water exports, which ironically increase when the Delta needs the water the most, but such programs would also improve reserves and delivery of water for agriculture use in dry periods. We believe that the implementation of Mr. Zuckerman's plan could be an important component of innovative water management practices that would protect the Delta's ecosystem and save the state the multi-billion dollar expense of building a peripheral conveyance system.

To learn more, click on http://www.restorethedelta.org/healthy_delta.html to download a copy of *A Water Plan for the 21st Century: Regional Self-Sufficiency Scenario*.

Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla
Campaign Director
Restore the Delta
Making the Delta fishable, swimmable, drinkable, and farmable by 2010!
Barbara@restorethedelta.org
www.restorethedelta.org
ph: 209-479-2053
PO Box 691088
Stockton, CA 95269