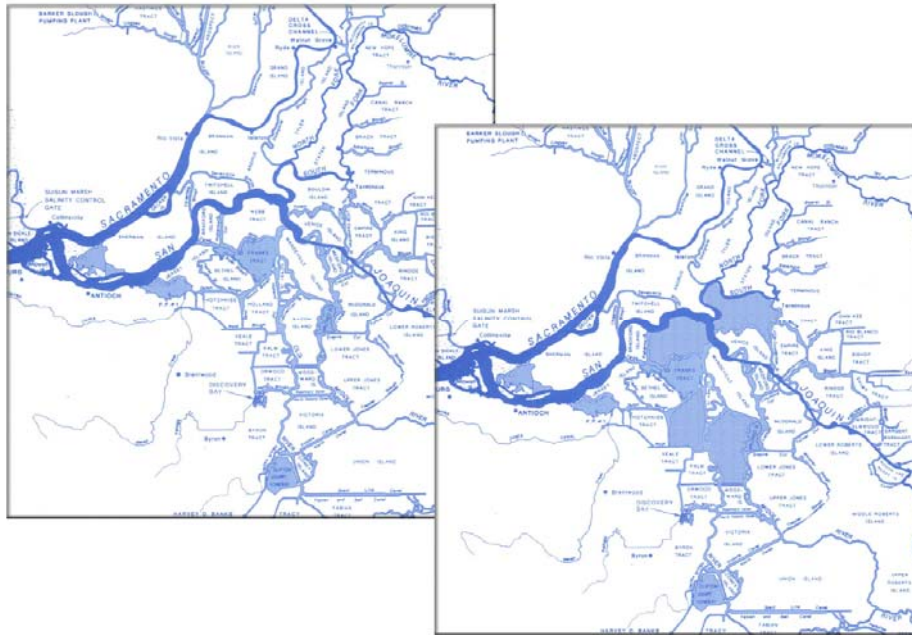




# DELTA WETLANDS PROJECT

## CENTRAL TO A SUSTAINABLE DELTA

Imagine a Delta without the Delta Wetlands Project islands (Webb, Holland, Bacon & Bouldin). If these islands were reclaimed by nature -- by flood, earthquake or other failure such as Jones Tract -- the Delta would cease to exist as we know it. And, the water export projects that depend on the physical Delta would cease to exist as we know them. Drs. Mount and Twiss of the University of California have shown that without changes to existing Delta levees and land use, there is a 2/3 chance that something like that will happen, to some Delta islands, in the next 50 years<sup>5</sup>. But it doesn't have to happen, and developing the Delta Wetlands Project is a significant first step in making sure that it doesn't.



The Delta Wetlands Project consists of 20,000 acres, on four islands in the central and west Delta, which are bounded by 56 miles of levees. These islands are central to the Delta and central to any comprehensive or effective plan for a sustainable Delta.

Development of the Delta Wetlands Project will stabilize over 20% of the most critical and vulnerable Delta islands. Subsidence on project islands will be all but eliminated, all habitat island levees will be brought up to Delta standards, and the reservoir island levees will far exceed these standards. This is in addition to the Project's other benefits: a new water supply, increased operational flexibility and ecosystem improvements.

<sup>5</sup> Subsidence, Sea Level Rise, Seismicity in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Report to the Levee Integrity Subcommittee of the California Bay-Delta Authority Independent Science Board, Dr. Jeffrey Mount and Robert Twiss, December 2004