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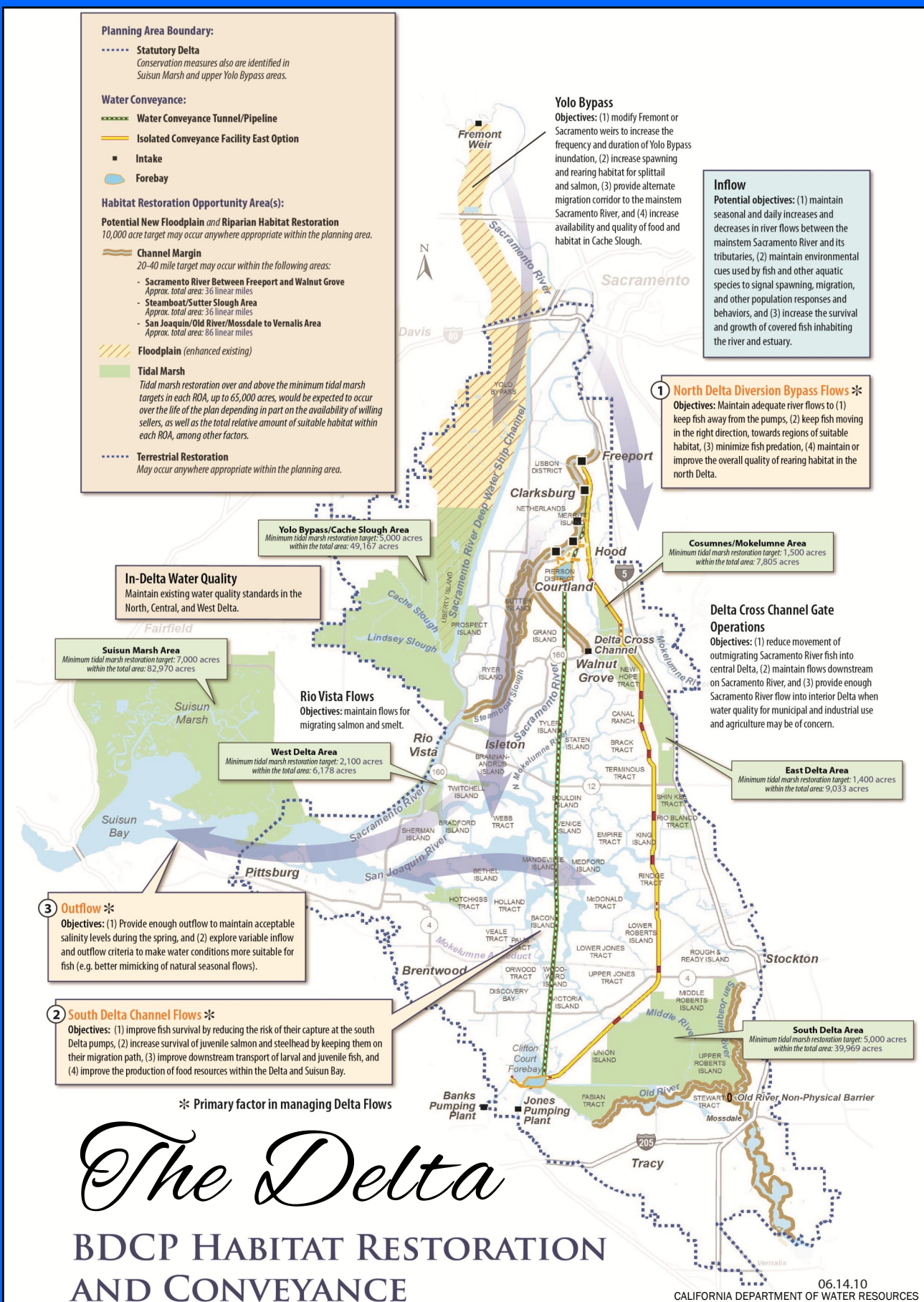
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Agenda

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Our Delta Water Summit program today brings together high level policy, technical and legislative representatives from the state and federal governments along with officials from key water agencies to present, discuss and answer questions. We are featuring a series of three moderated panels. Half of each panel discussion will be devoted to questions and answers.

Opening Session

Master of Ceremonies. Ray Appleton, KMJ Radio-580.

9:00 a.m. **Welcome.** Joseph Castro, *President, California State University, Fresno.*

9:10 a.m. **Keynote Address. Water Supply Vision for California.** Edmund G. Brown Jr., *Governor, State of California (invited).*

9:30 a.m. **KMPH Video. Overview of Bay-Delta Estuary issues and the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP).** Introduction by Rich Rodriguez, KMPH-TV.

Panel Discussions

9:35 a.m. **Panel No. 1. Water agencies' roles, challenges and expectations with the BDCP.** Moderated by Ray Appleton, KMJ Radio.

- Ara Azhderian, *Water Policy Administrator, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority*
- Joan Maher, *Deputy Operating Officer for Water Supply, Santa Clara Valley Water District*
- Ronald D. Jacobsma, *General Manager, Friant Water Authority*
- Jim Beck, *General Manager, Kern County Water Agency*
- Thomas Birmingham, *General Manager, Westlands Water District*
- Chris Acree, *Executive Director, Revive the San Joaquin*
- John Coleman, *Vice President, Association of California Water Agencies*

10:30 a.m. **Panel No. 2. State and federal administrations' roles and actions associated with the BDCP and short term relief measures.** Moderated by Reina Cardenas, Univision.

- Michael Connor, *Commissioner, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation*
- Gerald Meral, *Deputy Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency*
- Gloria Gray, *Delta Stewardship Council*
- Sunne McPeak, *Delta Vision Foundation*

11:25 a.m. **Panel No. 3. Current legislative efforts to assist with short term relief or longer term solutions.** Moderated by Rich Rodriguez, KMPH-TV.

- Congressman Jim Costa
- Congressman David G. Valadao
- State Senator Jean Fuller
- State Senator Tom Berryhill
- Assembly Member Henry T. Perea
- Assembly Member Jim Patterson
- Assembly Member Rudy Salas
- State Senator-elect Andy Vidak

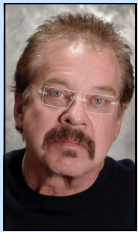
Concluding Session

12:20 p.m. **Summarizing the Summit. Concluding remarks.**

The Speakers



Chris Acree is Executive Director of Revive the San Joaquin, a non-profit organization working to promote stewardship and restore the San Joaquin River. He has also worked with a number of resources agencies and environmental groups. He is a former Fresno County Planning Commissioner.



Ray Appleton is a KMJ Radio-580 talk show host who has made California's water crisis issues a major focus on his program for many years. The Fresno native has been a radio personality since 1966. He worked on a number of radio stations but has been a KMJ fixture since 1987.



Ara Azhderian is Water Policy Administrator for the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, which serves 29 agencies on the valley's West Side. He has worked on a wide range of Central Valley Project water issues, including the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.



Jim Beck is Kern County Water Agency General Manager. The Agency has broad water supply management responsibilities within Kern County. He is active in the State Water Project, groundwater banking and the Cross Valley Canal. Previously, he managed the Agency's urban water district that provides a supplemental water supply for Bakersfield.



Thomas W. Birmingham is Westlands Water District General Manager. Westlands is the nation's largest agricultural water district. He is active in water and environmental law and has represented both public agencies and private parties in matters related to water and related issues. Mr. Birmingham served as the District's General Counsel from 1995-2000.



Reina Cardenas is a news anchor for KFTV, Channel 21. She grew up in the valley as part of a farm working family after immigrating from Mexico. Ms. Cardenas recently received an Emmy Award for her work. She has reported extensively on water issues.



Dr. Joseph I. Castro is the new President of California State University, Fresno. He has been serving as Vice Chancellor, Student Academic Affairs, at the University of California, San Francisco. In January 2012 he was recognized for extraordinary contributions to advancing university diversity. In his 23-year career, Dr. Castro has served in UC leadership positions at Berkeley, Davis, Merced and Santa Barbara.



John A. Coleman is Association of California Water Agencies Vice President. He has been a member of the East Bay Municipal Utility District board since 1990. Mr. Cole-

man is a Past President of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies and a joint powers authority for recycled water service. Mr. Coleman has many other water-related affiliations.



Michael L. Connor is Commissioner of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, a position he has held since 2009. Mr. Connor has served as Counsel to the U.S. Senate and Natural Resources Committee where he managed legislation for Reclamation and developed water resources legislation. From 1993-2001, he served in the Department of the Interior.



Jim Costa is a Member of the House of Representatives, representing California's 16th District. Mr. Costa is a former member of the California Assembly and Senate. He has long been recognized as a water expert. Mr. Costa serves on the Committee on Natural Resources that oversees federal water issues.



Jean Fuller is a State Senator from the 18th District, including portions of Tulare County. Ms. Fuller was a valley educator for more than 30 years. She is a past Bakersfield school superintendent. She was elected to the State Senate in 2010 and previously served in the Assembly. She has been active on water and rural issues.

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The Speakers

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Gloria D. Gray is a member of the Delta Stewardship Council and the West Basin Municipal Water District board. Ms. Gray is Vice Chair of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. She has served on a Los Angeles County water quality task force. Ms. Gray retired in 2003 as a Los Angeles County Department of Health Services administrator.



Ronald D. Jacobsma is Friant Water Authority General Manager. He joined the Authority in 1989 and focused on financial and operational issues prior to becoming General Manager in 2003. Mr. Jacobsma is active in the Central Valley Project Water Association, the Association of California Water Agencies, San Joaquin River Group Authority, and the Family Farm Alliance.

Joan Maher is a Deputy Operating Officer and Water Supply Division Manager for the Santa Clara Valley Water District. She represents the District on Delta issues, on the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority board, and as State Water Contractors President.



Sunne Wright McPeak is President of the Delta Vision Foundation, created in 2006. Ms. McPeak, active in California water issues for more than 40 years, is President and chief executive officer of the California Emerging Technology

Fund. From 2003-06, she served as Secretary of the state Business, Transportation and Housing Agency.



Gerald Meral, Ph.D. was appointed Natural Resources Agency Deputy Secretary for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDGP) in 2011. Dr. Meral was Planning and Conservation League Executive Director from 1983-2003. He was California Department of Water Resources Deputy Director from 1975-83 and directed the Environmental Defense Fund's Western water program from 1971-75.



Jim Patterson represents the 23rd Assembly District and is a former Mayor of Fresno. He has owned and operated radio stations in California and Idaho, and is presently the Managing Partner of radio station KGED in Fresno.

Henry T. Perea was elected to the



California State Assembly in November 2010 in the 31st District. Mr. Perea is a co-founder of the California Latino Water Coalition and is its Central Valley Chair. He is engaged deeply in trying to find an equitable solution to the state's water problems. Mr. Perea is a former Fresno City Council member.

Rich Rodriguez co-anchors the KMPH Fox 26 weekend news. He is a 35-year veteran in the broadcast elec-

tronic media industry. In 1998, Mr. Rodriguez received an Emmy for television newscasting.



Rudy Salas Jr. since 2012 has represented the 32nd Assembly District, covering parts of Kern and Kings counties.



He is a former Bakersfield City Council member. In the Legislature, Mr. Salas Chairs a Select Committee on Regional Approaches to Addressing the State's Water Crisis.

David G. Valadao is a first-term



member of the House of Representatives from the 21st Congressional District. Mr. Valadao is a dairy farmer. He has been active in agriculture and dairy industry groups. He serves on the House Appropriations Committee.



Andy Vidak is the State Senator-elect from the 16th District. Mr. Vidak began his professional career in the valley produce industry for a number of farming and packing operations (mostly in western Fresno County) and became a partner in a lettuce cooling operation in San Joaquin. Since 1997, he has grown cherries on a farm west of Hanford. He also raises cattle in Tulare County.



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Since it was conceived in the spring of 2007, the California Latino Water Coalition (CLWC) has grown quickly into one of our state's most active and best known advocacy groups as it constructively seeks solutions to water supply and infrastructure issues, needs and problems.

Motivating the CLWC is a well-founded concern that Latinos long have been underrepresented and largely unheard from on water issues, even though they tend to be the first to lose jobs when water supplies are reduced.

Well-known Latino entertainer and comedian Paul Rodriguez, who grew up in the San Joaquin Valley, is Chairman. He has helped guide formation of the CLWC into swift growth into a respected statewide organization of influential Latino leaders whose work is directed at meeting water needs of all Californians.

Today, the CLWC continues its efforts to help state and federal officials know and understand that water supply decisions affect real people, as well as the society and economy those Latinos and other individuals support.

The Coalition is grateful for your interest, and welcomes your involvement and support.

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