



## Stakeholder Interviews Summary

In June 2008 the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors approved a three-year program to update the County General Plan. San Joaquin County last updated the General Plan in 1992. General plans typically look 15-25 years into the future, so this update provides a great opportunity for the County and its citizens to craft policies that will guide our collective future.

In August and September 2008 San Joaquin County conducted a series of stakeholder interviews as part of the General Plan Update. A diverse group of stakeholders participated in the interviews, representing a variety of agencies, groups, and interests, such as the Boards of Supervisors, Planning Commission, County Departments, San Joaquin COG, Cities, Farm Bureau, Sierra Club, Building Industry Association, San Joaquin Partnership, Agricultural Commission, and many others.

The interviews were held to explore the perceptions of problems, issues, goals, and opportunities related to challenges facing the County. Each interviewee was asked the following questions:

- What are the top issues that should be addressed during the General Plan Update?
- What do you think are the major strengths or weaknesses of the existing San Joaquin County General Plan or of County policies for land use and development?
- If we were to interview just three people in the County about future growth, who should be on that interview list? and
- What other advice or comments do you have?

This report summarizes the results of the stakeholder interviews.





## Stakeholders Interviewed

The following stakeholders were asked to be interviewed during August and September. Each stakeholder interviewed identified issues and provided insights about the County in several topical areas. Feedback received during the interviews is summarized in the following pages.

NAME	AGENCY/ORGANIZATION
Steve Gutierrez	Board of Supervisor Dist. 1
Larry Ruhstaller	Board of Supervisor Dist. 2
Victor Mow	Board of Supervisor Dist. 3
Ken Vogel	Board of Supervisor Dist. 4
Leroy Ornellas	Board of Supervisor Dist. 5
Sandra Carter	Planning Commission Dist. 1
Richard Nickerson	Planning Commission Dist. 2
Gregory Gibson	Planning Commission Dist. 3
Michael Devencenzi	Planning Commission Dist. 4
Stan Morri	Planning Commission Dist. 5
Manuel Lopez	County Administrator
Lt. John Williams	Sheriff's Office
John Solis	Emp. & Econ. Dev. Dept.
William Mitchell	Department of Public Health
Ron Baldwin	Office of Emergency Services
David Beadles	Parks & Recreation
Joseph Chelli	Human Services Agency
Bruce Blodgett	Farm Bureau
John Beckman	Building Industry Association
Andrew Malik	City of Tracy
Ken Zuidervaart	City of Ripon
Dwayne Peterson	City of Escalon
Mark Nelson	City of Manteca

NAME	AGENCY/ORGANIZATION
Mike Swearingen	San Joaquin COG
Shelley Burcham	San Joaquin Partnership
Rich Laiblin	Stockton Metro Airport
Scott Hudson	Agricultural Commissioner
Mary Joan Starr	Superintendent of Schools
Stacey Mortensen	S.J. Regional Rail Commission
Daniel Barber	SJVAPCD
Lani Schiff-Ross	First 5 of San Joaquin
Kyle Lerner	Lodi Dist Grape Growers Assoc.
Dale Stocking	Delta-Sierra Group Sierra Club
Trevor Atkinson	Campaign for Common Ground
Tam Gau	SJC Department of Public Works
Jack Sieglock	Previous Board of Supervisors
George Barber	
Margit Arambaru	U.O.P. Engin. & Cmptr. Science
Ron Addington	Business Council
Megan Greve	City of Lathrop

## What are the top issues that should be addressed during the General Plan Update?

### Growth

- Focus development in incorporated areas and urban communities (e.g., Lockeford and Clements).
- The County's unincorporated communities could accommodate additional growth.
- Should focus on more infill to grow up, rather than out. Taller buildings, clustered development.
- Explore possibilities for new towns (Thornton, East of Liberty Road).
- Should comply with San Joaquin Council of Government (SJCOG) Blueprint. Supports regional cooperation for development.
- Evaluate possibilities for new towns (i.e., Carnegie, Verner, or New Jerusalem sites).
- The impact of future growth (e.g., congestion, water quality, air quality) is a concern for the agricultural community.
- Need to plan for growth of an aging population since 1 in 4 will be over 60 in the future.
- Cities are making development decisions; the County could have more say.
- The County should take a more active role in reviewing and commenting on Sphere of Influence (SOI) amendments and annexations now that the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) policies provide for input.
- Manteca is growing aggressively.
- Tracy could have big plans for future growth/change.
- Empire Ranch and areas near Morada will probably be developed.
- Expand rural residential. Cluster housing with open space and require on-site services.
- Use appropriate development types between urban development and agriculture to maintain desired uses and reduce conflicts.
- Unincorporated communities need to be "urban."
- Need revenue-producing zoning and adequate services.
- Encourage highway commercial development (e.g., Flag City) on unincorporated freeway/highway interchanges.
- Expand commercial along major corridors (e.g., Airport Way and French Camp).
- Antiquated subdivisions are a problem.
- Need to consider the impacts and locations of concentrations of fast food restaurants.
- Expand commercial in arterial corners, such as Airport Way and French Camp Road.
- The Airport area should be open for industrial development.
- The Airport area needs to be protected from possible land use conflicts as Stockton and Lathrop grow closer to it.
- South of Tracy the quarries have a lot of potential for agriculture and industrial development once the mines are reclaimed.

### Land Use

- Urban separators need to be evaluated (e.g., Lodi-Stockton greenbelt).
- Address incompatibility issues between new residential development and agriculture.
- Keep unincorporated areas in agriculture uses.
- Concerned with the proliferation of ranchettes/gentlemen farm parcels in Ag-land areas.
- Evaluate rural residential options (e.g., clustering housing with long-term protection of agriculture or overlay zones on prime Ag-lands to limit annexation and development).
- Ensure that quality development occurs in the County. Development that lasts a long time and has long-term economic viability.
- Need design/performance standards to ensure good development.
- There is a gap in development of brownfields. Need to secure Federal and State funding, age source, and resources for other land uses.
- Quality of life is an important consideration for existing residents when reviewing development proposals.
- Need to review projects for health impacts (e.g., walkability) and require development to address health and safety issues.
- Review development with families in mind.



- Churches and mega-churches are an issue in agricultural areas.
- Establish design standards (e.g., landscaping, distance from roads standards) for churches.
- Adopt more appropriate development fee structures
- Development Title should address "cars for sale" by private parties due to many such cars parked on local streets.
- Opposed to the development of more logistical centers (i.e., warehouses) due to the impacts and poor economic growth for residents and the County.
- There is a need for truck centers in high industry areas to limit the impact of trucks on residential streets (e.g., parking).

## Agriculture

- Would like to see ag-areas better represented in County (e.g., redistricting).
- Agriculture should continue to be a major part of the County's economy but be compatible with urban development where applicable.
- County's support of Agri-tourism has been successful (e.g., Wine Ordinance).
- Agri-tourism promotes local agriculture and programs.
- Local marketing program to promote local products include: signs in stores, school programs, farmers markets in schools.
- Agri-tourism contributes to education for youth (e.g., learn about farm products, nutrition).
- Good agricultural events/venues include farmers markets, Zinfest (Lodi), wine tasting, Fruit Bowl, Dinner in the Orchards.
- Farmers want the option to sell for development.
- Small parcels are breaking up agriculture.
- Preserve agricultural land and prime ag-land, while allowing compatible development.
- Evaluate new requirements for mitigating agricultural acreage loss.
- There is a need for buffers to minimize agricultural/urban conflicts.
- Need to reduce conflicts between agriculture and urban uses that limit agriculture operations.
- Right to Farm ordinance is helpful but gets complaints.
- Need to address crime (e.g., theft of copper wire and fuel) and illegal dumping on farmlands.
- Need to limit public access to farmland, such as roads and waterways.

- There is an issue of habitat "sprawl" due to the San Joaquin County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan (SJMSCP) environmental easements that are limiting the ability to continue farming operations.
- Need to reduce buffers for neighbors and have buffers on easement land.
- Need to address the loss of ag-infrastructure (e.g., fertilizer/pesticide companies, seed companies, insurance brokers, and processing plants).
- Federal/State landowners are difficult neighbors for agriculture.
- Need to promote "Buy Local" and "Select San Joaquin."
- Food Bank needs more local produce.
- Need to educate people on where our food is grown.

## Community Specific

- Concerned with the impact of Stockton and Lathrop as they grow towards French Camp.
- French Camp doesn't want to be a part of Stockton or Lathrop. Residents would like services provided by the County.
- Would like to protect French Camp, the jail, and the hospital. These uses should be preserved in the General Plan.
- Its more palatable to French Camp to have ranchettes or rural residential than more "urban" types of development.
- Farmington water supply is a problem.
- Cars for sale parked on the street, especially in Tracy.

## Economic Development

- Need to make sure the County has a solid tax-base in the future and is capturing sales tax.
- Need more retail for jobs and tax revenue.
- Lack of attracting more sales tax revenue.
- Capture more jobs on County property.
- Need more industrial parks.
- Consider business parks with on-site services.
- County should focus more on industrial, not residential, with some commercial in select areas.
- Need more jobs.
- Take advantage of the airport, train infrastructure, and port.

- Should target key industries (e.g., airport, corporate headquarters, port, distribution centers).
- Need to attract and retain students and high paid professionals (e.g., Silicon Valley workers).
- Promote literacy among County residents to prepare them for the job market.
- Need to address affordable housing (e.g, all income groups, workforce housing, Housing Authority, developers).

### Circulation

- Review the Expressway Study (SJCOG) for traffic networks.
- Consider compatibility of traffic levels of service (LOS) policies between County and Cities.
- Large truck traffic volume has increased.
- The number of vehicles originating from outside the County has increased.
- Traveling through the County to another destination outside of the County has increased.
- Need to preserve rights-of-way for regional expressways.
- Need to establish routes to job centers.
- Need better planning for safe traffic flow.
- Need wider streets with more traffic lanes in commercial areas.
- Address traffic-calming (e.g, use less asphalt).
- Revise the Development Title.
- Airport needs better access from I-5.
- Airport needs daily services for local employees.
- I-5 is congested and poorly maintained.
- Eight Mile Rd. should be thoroughfare with limited egress/ingress.
- Linne Road is the only east/west road and another road is needed further south (i.e., Durahm Ferry).
- Need better street design/engineering to reduce enforcement needs (e.g., speed bumps).
- Extension of Arch-Sperry will be a major economic driver (e.g., Airpark 5-99).
- Need to consider school locations in the transportation section of the general plan.
- Need transportation planning for local schools.
- Eight Mile Road is becoming too congested.

### Transportation

- Include mass-transit options and create opportunities to have affordable housing around transit.
- Encourage and plan for more multimodal transportation options.
- A BART extension should be evaluated (e.g., ACE has been successful).
- Evaluate a City/County JPA for rail service.
- Address problem with running freight on commuter railroads.
- Consider acquisition of a route for rails.
- Consider short haul freight service.
- Rails to Trails program was a failure.

### Natural Resources/Environment/Climate Change

- Need to address compliance with AB 32—Global Warming Solutions Act—and how to mitigate for climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Need to address the impacts to neighbors of habitat protection areas.
- Concerned with the habitat program (i.e., HCP) which is in conflict with agriculture.

### The Delta

- Peripheral Canal and the fact that the Delta Blue Ribbon Task Force is proposing a new government structure to regulate the Delta Primary/Secondary Zones (e.g., Coastal Commission).
- Concerned with the loss of land use control if the Peripheral Canal moves forward.
- Peripheral Canal is detrimental to tax base.
- Peripheral Canal may further limit water availability for agricultural uses.
- The Delta boundaries may be expanded and include waterways that feed into the Delta. Very concerned with the impact that would have on the County and Cities.
- Need State funding for the levee system.
- Lathrop and Stockton will be impacted by changes to the governance of the Delta and flooding issues.

### Water

- Adequacy of water supply.
- Need more water (e.g., surface water supplies).



- Need less reliance on groundwater, it is not a sustainable source.
- Need more water conservation so the County is self-reliant.
- Agricultural water supply is a concern.
- Parks and recreation water is facing challenges.
- Need a water plan for the County (e.g., Strategic Water Plan).
- Ground water quality for domestic water has many issues.
- There is substantial salt-water intrusion in the ground water.
- Address groundwater recharge (e.g., overlay zone over ag-areas to protect them for future recharge use) and identify recharge areas now.
- Water treatment is needed in unincorporated communities.

## Recreation

- Develop parks now, during the downturn in the market.
- Need to review where access for recreation is proposed (e.g., public trails and Ag-spraying can be controversial).
- Need to address school playgrounds, public areas/parks, and walkable communities in rural areas.
- There is a lack of available fields for youth sports programs.
- Existing sports programs have long waiting lists.
- Existing parks aren't meeting weekend demand.
- There is pressure for parks to be converted to other uses.
- There has been an overall net decrease in open space.
- City of Ripon has potential new park areas.
- City of Tracy isn't acquiring new lands for parks, rather they are transferring park needs to other jurisdictions.
- There is limited river access and development is encroaching on existing access points.
- Homeowners near rivers oppose the development of new river access points.

## Health and Safety

- Address requirements for hazard mitigation plans in the Safety element
- Broaden the County's mitigation plan to include cities, special districts (e.g., schools, reclamation).

- Need to recognize the elements of risk and assume a risk or emergency will occur.
- Air quality is an issue.
- Pollution of all kinds (e.g., air, water) is an issue.
- Need to address hazardous materials placement and siting.
- Tremendous population growth will put pressures on health services.
- Need more livable/healthy communities and need to evaluate how land uses affect the health of local communities.
- Need to get healthy food to poor neighborhoods.
- Need to address maintenance issues in rural residential areas.
- Should consider a "Health Element" for the General Plan.
- Collaborations are needed, such as "Steps to a Healthier San Joaquin" to reduce obesity, asthma, and diabetes.
- Playgrounds are limited due to liability issues. It is unclear who monitors parks which can be areas of crime.
- Need community "buy-in" for local police protection.
- Concern over adequate safety protection (Sheriff) in remote areas.
- Sheriff needs to address project proposals that are difficult to serve.

## Flooding

- Need standards for levees and flood-safe communities.
- Need setbacks for residential development near levees (e.g., 150-foot setback required in Lathrop).
- Need to go beyond the 100-year floodplain designation.
- Need to address flood plain/control issues (e.g., 200-year flood protection).
- Should focus on where development has occurred or will occur first.
- SB 5 and SB 85. Strategies for 200-year compliance are not clear.
- Levee districts that allow river access may be eroding levees.
- Could develop resilient communities or signature street design.
- Aesthetics of levees have been given higher priority than safety.

### Infrastructure/Utilities

- There are about 100 Special Districts (e.g., water, sewer, reclamation).
- Adequate capacity is a concern.
- Small pockets of development are user-based and they are too small for the County to address their problems.
- Potential for new development is a concern to the provision of infrastructure.
- Should allow cities to develop and use tax-sharing agreements to fund infrastructure.
- Include provisions for “green” infrastructure.
- The County or Cities will need to provide infrastructure to allow for more growth and limit the number of wells and septic systems.
- Need quality infrastructure.
- Disposal of wastewater, refuse, and maintaining septic systems is a significant issue.
- Address storm drainage to minimize run-off from properties (e.g., multi-purpose facilities).
- Need to increase fees for permits and regulations to address water and sanitation.
- Address street lights and paved walkways.
- Thornton could tie into the Sacramento Regional Sanitation for wastewater service.
- Rural residential expectations for services that aren't readily available is an issue.
- Need to integrate high risk kids with young children to see beneficial ripple effect.
- Need alternatives for youth.
- School districts need land to serve the population.
- Colleges and universities need support (e.g., Tracy satellite campus, Cal State Stanislaus annex).
- Difficult to plan ahead for high schools and infrastructure for schools.
- Rural residential parcels are difficult when trying to develop schools.
- Joint-use schools are difficult to develop due to funding requirements.
- There aren't enough parks and recreation facilities to meet the needs of growing sports programs.
- Schools conflict with adjacent agriculture.

### County Services/Operations

- Need to link the Health Department with the Community Development Department.
- About 65-70% of childcare providers are license exempt (families and friends) and there is a 25 percent vacancy rate in childcare centers.
- Need more coordination/communication with the Cities.
- Need to work with Cities to provide fire and police services.

### Education

- Encourage universal and free preschool that is “ag-friendly” (with gardens) and green friendly.
- Need for open communication with Stockton, Lathrop, and the Manteca School District.
- Need to create partnerships with schools.



## What do you think are the major strengths or weaknesses of the existing San Joaquin County General Plan or of County policies for land use and development?

- The existing General Plan allows for the Board of Supervisors to find support for bad ideas.
- Support for existing General Plan policies against new towns.
- There are problems with converting ag-land into habitat.
- Replacement sidewalks, roadways, structures and utilities seem to be a low priority.
- The continued approval of new residential areas is an issue when older, deteriorated areas aren't being fixed.
- Supplying parks and recreational areas has lagged behind the recreational demand of new development.
- Access to County waterways is denied in lieu of continued private residential development along those areas.
- Developers have been able to reduce parkland requirements or provide land in drainage areas that cannot be developed for year-round activities.
- Parks and recreation policies have not been enforced or followed.
- Failure to meet public requests for adequate soccer, softball, and baseball field areas, weekend picnicking, river access, fishing, and zoo experience.
- The reliability of funding for park services and care continues to be inconsistent.
- BOS has avoided supporting a new high school near French Camp because of the growth-inducing impact.
- Agricultural zoning doesn't need to be changed.
- The County's policy to direct all growth to the cities should be re-evaluated. Commercial and industrial development may have a place in unincorporated areas to generate tax revenue and provide jobs.
- Existing General Plan built on lots of input.
- It is hard to figure out what is allowed in the General Plan.
- The General Plan has numerous elements and parts and should be a more user-friendly document.
- Eliminate 5-acre ag zoning.
- The existing General Plan has strong agricultural policies.
- Plans collect dust and aren't taken seriously.
- Need accountability and need to use language that is not permissive. Should use "shall."
- Players keep changing (e.g., elected officials) and very little is accomplished.
- The General Plan is important to emergency services operations for receiving hazard mitigation funding.
- The existing General Plan is a strong document, but it allows single-lot development that is difficult to serve. It is also difficult to interpret (e.g., what is a public system?).
- The County's code has worked very well.

## What other advice or comments do you have?

- There are opportunities in the County for:
  - manufacturing (auto parts);
  - rail service in County;
  - biotech industry;
  - partnering with UOP, Delta College for training;
  - aerospace industry (aircraft maintenance);
  - food processing and “added food value”; and
  - renewable energy (biodiesel and solar).
- Review “Building Healthy Communities” PowerPoint presentation (2006) (Judy Corbett).
- Review Stockton 2020 website showing college kids wanting to improve Stockton.
- Policies should include accountability and consequences for not adhering to them.
- Need to obtain a wide range of input from the community and stakeholders.
- Spanish translations/translators should be used for public outreach.
- Would like to see clear direction between the Cities and the County on hot-button issues in the General Plan and agreements to address the issues.
- Would like to have the General Plan Update finish on time.
- The update won’t be driven by the economy, similar to the City of Stockton General Plan Update during the early 1990s.
- The County and the General Plan will need to provide input into the COG’s Blueprint process. The existing 1992 General Plan covers many of the issues and policy direction that the Blueprint is moving toward.
- Need to acknowledge and work with the Attorney General’s office on climate change issues.
- We need to ask ourselves, “Are we better off than we were \_\_\_ years ago?”
- The Emergency Response Plan Update (Multi Hazard Functional Plan) is scheduled for update on a three-year cycle.
- Coordinate with the waste management agency.



# Community Workshops to Gain Input

Similar to the stakeholder interviews summarized here, four rounds of community workshops will be held throughout the General Plan Update to gain input from the public on issues and opportunities, alternative futures, and the General Plan documents. The first round of Community Workshops will occur in October and November 2008 and will describe the General Plan Update and solicit input on issues and opportunities in the County and unincorporated communities. Below is a schedule of the upcoming workshops.

## Upcoming Community Workshops

Community	Date/Time	Meeting Location
Manteca	Tuesday 10/7/08, 7pm	Brock Elliott Elementary, Multi Purpose Room 1110 Stonum Lane, Manteca, CA 95337
Ripon	Wednesday 10/8/08, 7pm	City of Ripon Community Center 334 West Fourth Street, Ripon, CA 95366
Escalon	Thursday 10/9/08, 7pm	Escalon Library 1540 Second Street, Escalon, CA 95320
French Camp	Monday 10/13/08, 7pm	French Camp Elementary, Multi Purpose Room 241 East Fourth Street, French Camp, CA 95231
Lammersville/Tracy	Tuesday 10/14/08, 7pm	Larch Clover Center 11157 West Larch Road, Tracy, CA 95304
Lodi	Wednesday 10/15/08, 7pm	Lodi Grape Festival, Jackson Hall 413 East Lockeford Street, Lodi, CA 95240
Stockton/Delta	Monday 10/20/08, 7pm	Public Health Auditorium 1601 East Hazelton Avenue, Stockton, CA 95205
Mountain House	Tuesday 10/21/08, 7pm	Mountain House Community Services District 230 S. Sterling Dr., Ste. 100, Mountain House, CA 95391
Morada	Wednesday 10/22/08, 7pm	Newman Springs Christian Fellowship 4799 East Foppiano Lane, Morada, CA 95212
Lockeford/Clements	Monday 10/27/08, 7pm	Lockeford School House 19456 North Jack Tone Road, Lockeford, CA 95237
Woodbridge	Wednesday 10/29/08, 7pm	Woodbridge Elks Lodge 19071 N. Lower Sacramento Road, Woodbridge, CA 95258
Thornton	Thursday 10/30/08, 7pm	New Hope Elementary, Multi Purpose Room 26675 North Sacramento Road, Thornton, CA 95686
Linden	Monday 11/3/08, 7pm	Linden High School, West Gym 18527 East Front Street, Linden, CA 95236
Lathrop	Wednesday 11/5/08, 7pm	Lathrop Elementary, Multi Purpose Room 15851 South Fifth Street, Lathrop, CA 95330



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## **Growth**

- Growth will occur, and growth is good
- Control housing and development
- Certain areas of the county have land-owners waiting to sell for development
- Need to encourage City/County communication on future growth
- Tracy's SOI is currently too large (i.e. 100 + years of growth capacity) and they perceive themselves as a separate part of the County, more a part of Bay Area
- Lodi wants to expand and will likely adopt an Area of Interest boundary
- Concerned that past County growth policy may change to allow more commercial and industrial development that may lead to leap-frog development
- Need to define the edges of cities and the County
- How will fringe development (i.e., unincorporated development adjacent to cities) occur?
- Need better relationships, coordination, and agreements on fringe development.
- SB375 seems to be pushing for consistency on density and public services. Concerned with any proposed urban growth outside of a city and what impacts SB 375 will have.
- There should be separation between communities to give each community its own feel/character.
- Cities should control their growth.
- Need to define what makes the County special

## **Land Use**

- Ambiguity over who is responsible for unincorporated islands within cities
- There should be more industrial uses close to the airport
- There are too many subdivisions
- Would like to see more trees and sidewalk required in new developments
- Opposed to very dense development
- Need more spaces and developments that meet the needs of families
- Protect the airport from encroachment from development and incompatible land uses
- Should have continuity in new development; it should look like development has occurred under a master plan
- Communities should have hubs; a sense of place, centers where people can go and congregate
- Need entertainment uses



## **Economic Development**

- Need to have educational facilities spread throughout the County
- Encourage education of the workforce and County residents
- Should encourage business infill

## **Agriculture**

- Need to protect Agriculture/Prime Ag-land, but balance it with development
- Ag-vandalism in the Delta is major problem (e.g., crop-theft, destruction of equipment)
- Need to save agriculture
- Concerned with the condition/sanitation of animals in dairies
- Agri-tourism adds value to agriculture and should be used to expand tourism

## **Community Specific**

- French Camp would like to be left alone, however growth will come from the cities to maintain employment growth
- More commercial services are needed in the southern Stockton area
- French Camp should be evaluated for historic landmarks

## **Natural Resources/Environment/Climate Change**

- Concerned with how policies are implemented
- There is a lack communication to advisory groups who need to know what is taking place
- Native American burial sites, gathering sites, sacred sites need protection
- Need clear information related to where development is proposed
- Should have local resource representation accompany archeologist on site surveys
- Need policies protecting inadvertent discoveries or known sites
- Public Works department has proceeded with projects without proper noticing to Native American groups
- Need to improve on the provision on parks and recreation
- Enjoys County parks and feels they are needed
- Need more bike paths and pedestrian facilities to make it easier for people to walk and ride and get out more

## **The Delta**

- Changes have occurred in the Delta and its treatment; pollution is shocking
- The County has ignored the Delta in both budget and time/personnel
- The Delta recreation areas have become a dumping ground for burnt out autos, hazardous waste, camping garbage, effluent
- Trying to tighten – up the GP to limit the impacts that are occurring in the Delta.
- Correia Road/White Slough are major areas of concern
- Against peripheral canal. It will diminish water quality, increase salinity, block channels, and take land
- Incorporate Delta Protection Commission policies in the General Plan.
- Include a Delta Element or chapter in the resources section.



- Create a checklist for development that occurs in the Delta
- Should include ag-buffers between urban, agricultural, and habitat areas
- Promote ag-related activities without urban development
- Need to provide housing for farm workers
- Need to address flood control, invasive species, climate change, abandoned vessel removal, agriculture, economic development,
- Promote and enhance the recreation experience in the Delta

## **Health and Safety**

- Areas of the county are not protected for fire hazards.
- There are 19 separate Fire Districts in the County and there is issues with their long-term viability
- Fire Districts are concerned with annexations that take funding and limit their service.
- SJ LAFCO is pursuing consolidation of Fire Districts.
- With growth the Airport will produce more noise; it should be protected from complaints and allowed to grow and expand
- Forward Landfill should be closed because it poses a safety concern to the Airport and will limit Airport expansion
- Need stronger litter laws
- There are issues with illegal dumping
- Need more directional/hazard signage to keep people out of dangerous areas

## **Flooding**

- There are over 50 Reclamation Districts controlling flooding

## **Infrastructure/Utilities**

- The County has a lot of Special Districts (i.e., over 105) that provide services