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Meeting Date: 6/7/2012

Report Type: Consent

Title: Designate Existing Segments of the Sacramento River Parkway as the Great California Delta Trail

Report ID: 2012-00499

Location: Existing segments of the Sacramento River Parkway between the confluence of the Sacramento and American Rivers and Freeport; Districts 4 and 7

Recommendation: Pass a Resolution designating the existing segments of the Sacramento River Parkway as the Great California Delta Trail.

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Department: Parks & Recreation Department

Division: Park Development Services

Dept ID: 19001121

Attachments:

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City Attorney Review

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Description/Analysis

Issue: The Delta Protection Commission (DPC) was established with the passage of the Delta Protection Act of 1992. The DPC is a State entity formed to plan for and guide the conservation and enhancement of the natural resources of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta while sustaining agriculture and meeting increased recreational demand. In 2006, Senate Bill 1556 (Torlakson) passed which extended the DPC authority to establish a continuous recreation corridor, including bicycle and hiking trails, around the Delta. The trail network would be known as the Great California Delta Trail (Delta Trail).

DPC staff recently contacted the City to request that the existing developed segments of the Sacramento River Parkway be incorporated into the Delta Trail network. If approved, the DPC will fabricate and install signage to identify the existing segments of the Sacramento River Parkway as the Delta Trail (see Exhibit A). Staff is seeking City Council support to designate the existing segments of the Sacramento River Parkway as a portion of the Great California Delta Trail. When fully implemented, the Delta Trail will be a part of one of the most extensive trail networks in California, linking nearly 1,000 miles of continuous trails from the San Francisco Bay through the Delta and Sacramento region.

Policy Considerations: Naming the existing segments of the Sacramento River Parkway as part of the Great California Delta Trail is consistent with the City's 2030 General Plan. One of the City's goals, as identified in the General Plan, is to provide positive recreation experiences for the City's residents, while maximizing the use of recreational and natural areas through partnerships with other agencies. Naming the existing segments of the Sacramento River Parkway as a portion of the Great California Delta Trail expands the reach of this multi-jurisdictional trail which someday will connect the trails of the San Francisco Bay Area with the entire Sacramento region.

Providing parks and recreation facilities is consistent with the City's strategic plan to enhance livability in Sacramento's neighborhoods by expanding park, recreation, and trail facilities throughout the City and beyond.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): This report concerns administrative activities that will not have a significant effect on the environment and does not constitute a "project" as defined by the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 Cal. Code Reg. §15000 et seq.) Sections 15061(b)(3); 15378(b)(2). The construction of a new park sign is exempt under CEQA Section 15303 which consists of new construction of small structures.

Sustainability Considerations: Not applicable.

Committee/Commission Action: Designating the existing segments of the Sacramento River Parkway as part of the Great California Delta Trail was considered by the Parks and Recreation Commission at its May 10, 2012 meeting. The Commission recommended support of the proposal to designate the existing segments of the Sacramento River Parkway as the Great California Delta Trail.

Rationale for Recommendation: Naming the existing segments of the Sacramento River Parkway as a part of the Great California Delta Trail is consistent with the City's General Plan and Parks and Recreation Master Plan to provide positive recreational experiences and enjoyment of nature through the development, maintenance, patrol and preservation of rivers and natural resource areas.

Financial Considerations: Signage to identify the trail segments as part of the Great California Delta Trail will be fabricated and installed at the Delta Protection Commission's expense and at no cost to the City.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): No goods or services are being purchased as a result of this report.

Background

The Delta Protection Act of 1992 (Act) established the Delta Protection Commission, a State entity formed to plan for and guide the conservation and enhancement of the natural resources of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, while sustaining agriculture and meeting increased recreational demand. The principal jurisdiction of the Delta Protection Commission is an area identified as the 'Primary Zone'. The Primary Zone is shown on Attachment 2; it covers about 500,000 acres of waterways, levees and farmed lands extending over portions of five counties: Solano, Yolo, Sacramento, San Joaquin and Contra Costa.

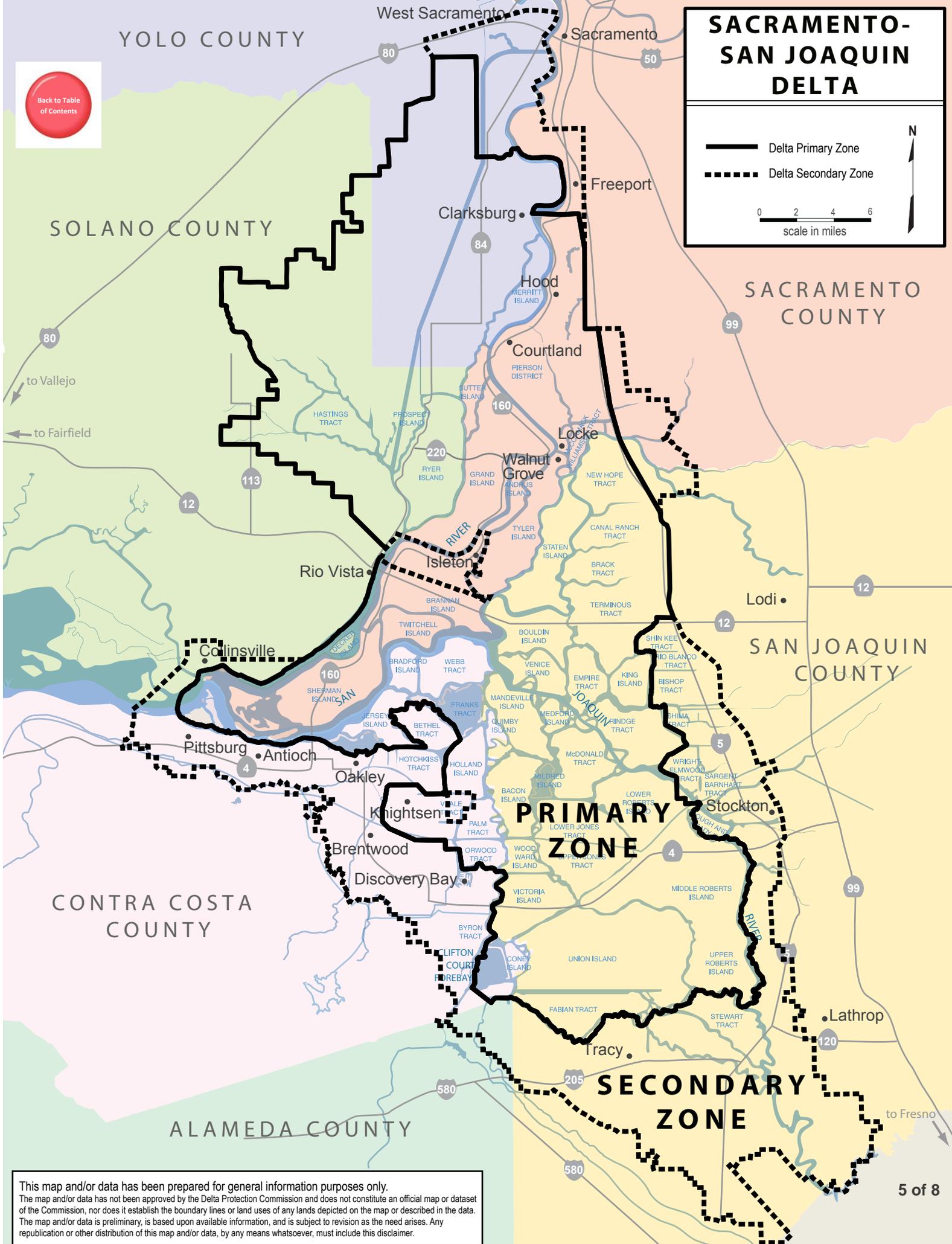
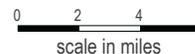
The Delta Protection Act also recognizes a Secondary Zone within the greater Delta region. It is also shown on Attachment 2. The Secondary Zone lies outside the Delta Protection Commission's area of authority. It is that portion of the greater Delta region that is developed with incorporated cities or was planned for urban development at the time the Delta Protection Act was adopted. The Secondary Zone includes the City of Sacramento along with parts of West Sacramento, Stockton, and Antioch, among others.

In 2006, Senate Bill 1556 (Torlakson) passed which required the Delta Protection Commission to establish a continuous recreation corridor, including bicycle and hiking trails, around the Delta. The continuous regional recreational corridor is to be called the 'Great California Delta Trail'. The bill also required "a plan to link the San Francisco Bay Trail system to planned Sacramento River trails in Yolo and Sacramento Counties". The Delta Protection Commission's request to designate the existing segments of the Sacramento River Parkway is in partial fulfillment of this long term project.

Similar multi-jurisdictional trail networks may be found in the region with the San Francisco Bay Trail, the Bay Area Ridge Trail, or the Tahoe Rim Trail. All three are multi-jurisdictional trail networks that benefit from regional trail planning, implementation and the use of a cohesive standardized signage program for the benefit of the trail users.

SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA

-  Delta Primary Zone
-  Delta Secondary Zone



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RESOLUTION NO. 2012-

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

DESIGNATING THE EXISTING SEGMENTS OF THE SACRAMENTO RIVER PARKWAY AS THE GREAT CALIFORNIA DELTA TRAIL

BACKGROUND

- A. The Delta Protection Act of 1992 (Act) established the Delta Protection Commission, a State entity formed to plan for and guide the conservation and enhancement of the natural resources of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, while sustaining agriculture and meeting increased recreational demand.
- B. In 2006, passage of Senate Bill 1556 (Torlakson) required the Delta Protection Commission to establish a continuous recreation corridor, including bicycle and hiking trails, around the Delta.
- C. The continuous regional recreational corridor is to be called the 'Great California Delta Trail' and is planned to link the San Francisco Bay Trail system to planned Sacramento River trails in Yolo and Sacramento Counties; thus creating an extensive trail network estimated to cover more than 1,000 miles.
- D. The Delta Protection Commission has requested that the designate the existing segments of the Sacramento River Parkway as part of the Great California Delta Trail. The affected section of the Sacramento River Parkway begins at the confluence of the Sacramento and American Rivers and extends southward to the City's southern border with Freeport with gaps near Miller Park and in the Little Pocket and Pocket areas of the City.
- E. Once designated as a part of the Great California Delta Trail, the Delta Protection Commission will fabricate and install identification signage.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The existing segments of the Sacramento River Parkway, beginning at the confluence of the Sacramento and American Rivers and extending southward to the City's southern border with Freeport as shown on Exhibit A as attached shall be named as a part of the Great California Delta Trail.

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