

# **Lower Yolo Bypass Planning Forum**

## **Proposed Planning Process**

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# Purpose of the Project

Working with a diverse set of representative affected stakeholders and using collaborative methods, create a mutually acceptable management plan for the Lower Yolo Bypass

# Collaborative Planning Process

## Fundamental basis of a collaborative process:

- A structured negotiation of decisions. Participants agree to focus on their self interest and to pose no harm to other's self-interest

## Fundamental hallmarks of a collaborative process:

- Inclusive and Diverse (but not exhaustive) Participation
- Transparent
- Accountable
- Facts-Based
- Hard on Problems; Soft on People
- Sustainable and Durable Results

# **Five Phases of Collaborative Planning**

**Discovery**

**Organization**

**Education**

**Negotiation**

**Implementation**

# Education Phase

- **Develop Common Understanding of Issues**
- **Develop Mutually Acceptable Guiding Principles**
- **Develop Thorough Understanding of Self and Others' Interests**
- **Develop Functional Respectful Relationships**

# Negotiation Phase

- **Invent Solutions Without Deciding**
- **Develop Agreements in Principle**
- **Identify “Gives-and-Takes”**
- **Develop Agreements in Detail**
- **Negotiate Multi-Interest Decisions**

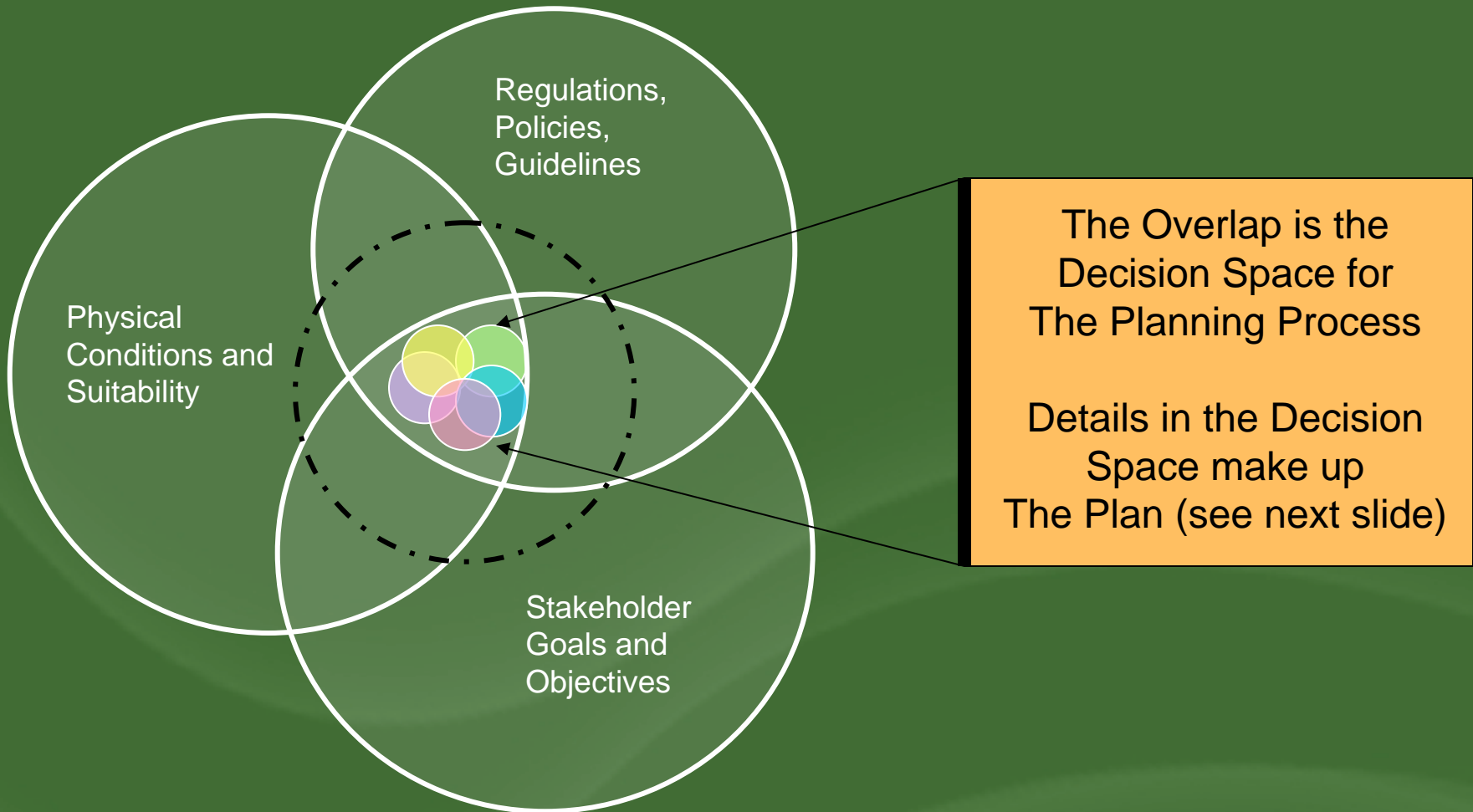
# Process Recommendations

- Triage the topics
- Agree on the Decision Space
- Start with the **BIG** stuff...the “side boards”
- Drill down to the small stuff...the “details”
- Frontload some baseline education immediately

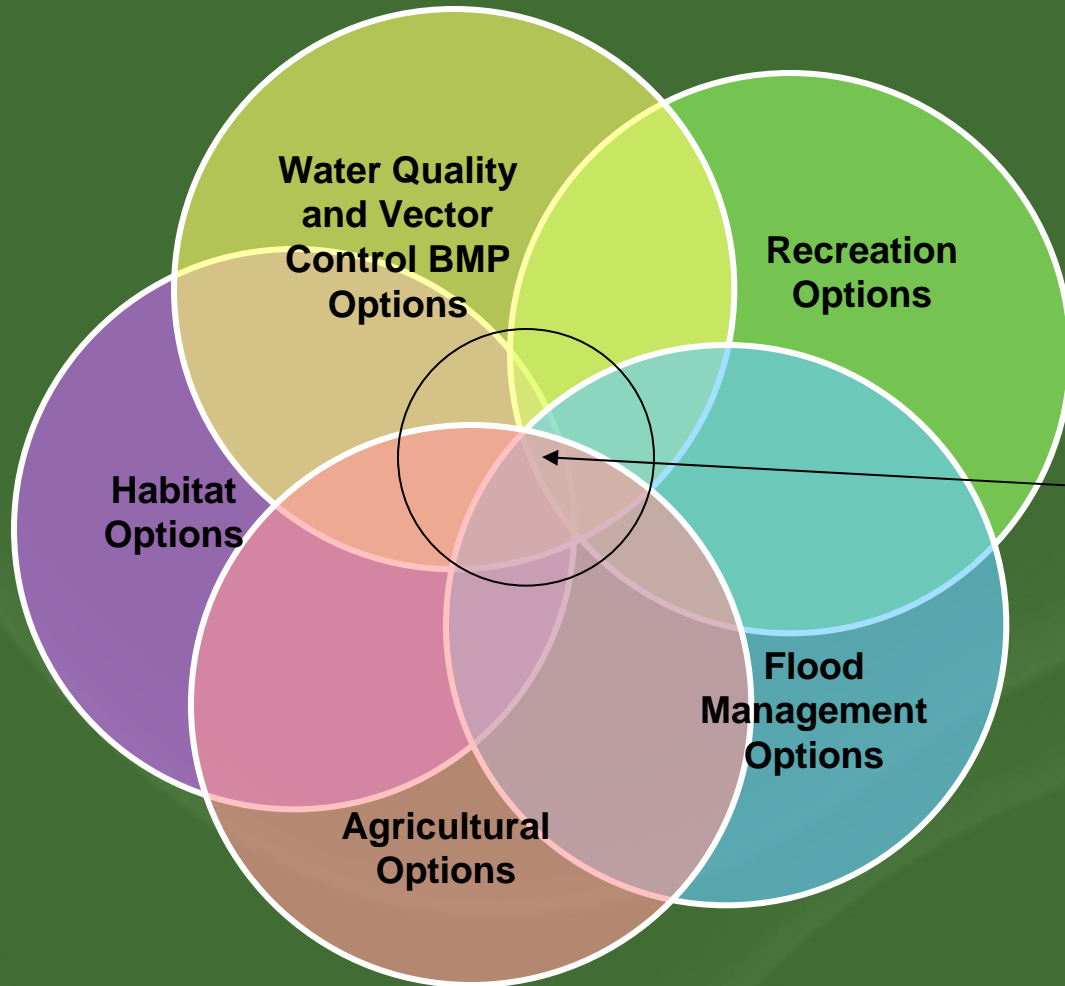
# Planning Decision Space

- The overlap of several variables that defines the reasonable limits of any decision
- Opportunities and Constraints Report:
  - Regulations, Policies, and Guidelines that dictate land / water use in the Lower Bypass
  - Physical Conditions and Suitability for land uses in the Lower Bypass
  - Stakeholder Goals and Measurable Objectives for the Lower Bypass

# Lower Yolo Bypass Planning Decision Space



# Lower Yolo Bypass Management Plan



Details in the Decision Space make up The Plan.

Scenarios will be Created to test out Various Management Approaches

# Regulations, Guidelines Policies

- **Local Government Ordinances**
  - (Grading, etc.)
- **State and Federal Species / Habitat Protection**
  - (State / Federal Endangered Species Acts, BDCP, other HCP/NCCP, etc.)
- **State Hydrologic Compliance**
  - (DFG Streambed Alteration Agreements, etc.)
- **State and Federal Water Quality**
  - (Clean Water Act Sections 303, 401, 404, etc.)
- **State and Federal Flood Management**
  - (State Encroachment Permits, 33 USC Section 408, SB 5 / CVFPP, etc.)

# Physical Conditions / Suitability

- Detailed Topography
- Detailed Bathymetry
- Soil Surveys and Suitability
- Water Quality Conditions and Mandates
- Aquatic / Terrestrial Habitat Conditions
- Agricultural Conditions

# Stakeholder Goals and Objectives

- **Goals – “Big Picture”**
- **Objectives – “SMaRT”**
  - **S = Specific**
  - **M = Measureable**
  - **R = Realistic**
  - **T = Trackable**
- **Establish Success Criteria for each Goal or Objective**

# SMaRT Objectives: Examples

- Create 1,000 acres of tidal habitat by 2030
- Increase design event flood conveyance capacity by an average of 75,000 cfs by 2015
- Increase Lower Bypass agricultural production revenues in Solano County by \$1.5m by 2020
- Limit MeHg production from wetland habitats to an average daily load of 30 lbs

# Design Options: Examples

- Increase the surface elevation of 725 acres of the upper NW portion of Liberty Island to an average depth of 0 – 1 feet msl using dredge spoils from the Port of Sacramento
- Return the upper 135 acres of Prospect Island to production agriculture that allows for seasonal passive flooding to a depth no greater than 2 feet

# Proposed Schedule / Sequence

- September 12, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- September 24, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- October 7, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- October 20, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- November 6, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- December 9, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- January 6, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

# Proposed Schedule / Sequence

## September 12 to November 6

- Focused Presentations / Discussions on:
  - Regulations, Policies, Guidelines
  - Physical Conditions and Suitability
  - Goals, Objectives, Success Criteria

## November to February 2009

- Initial Proposals of Design Options
- Detailed Presentation Education related to Design Options

## March to June 2009

- Combine Design Options into Draft Management Scenarios

# Proposed Schedule / Sequence (cont.)

## June to July 2009

- Test / Assess Draft Management Scenarios based on proposed Success Criteria

## July to August 2009

- Prepare Draft Final Management Scenarios

## September to October 2009

- Select Consensus Final Management Scenario
- Prepare Management Plan

# Public Participation

# Lower Yolo Bypass Planning Forum Public Participation

- **Two Week notice on all public events**
- **All full Planning Forum meetings are open to the public**
- **Development and use of a comprehensive stakeholder database to communicate Planning Forum events / updates**
- **Develop a Project Website that will include a project calendar, background materials, meeting materials, links to other key websites, etc**
- **Discussion of Planning Forum status at Delta Protection Commission and Yolo Working Group meetings**
- **Periodic, timely Public Workshops to discuss Planning Forum progress and get public feedback**
- **Focused Media Strategy to leverage feature stories, OpEd Pieces, etc**
- **Coordination with other Key Planning efforts (BDCP, Delta Vision, CVFPP, etc)**