Agricultural Land Stewardship Planning
in the Delta

Presentation for the
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....conventional [CEQA] mitigation approaches do little to help the affected farmer and local community that have social and historical ties to the land.
How this effort began:

• BDCP & CVFPP review
• Unprecedented impacts
• Challenges of using conventional mitigation
• Need to engage farm interests in the discussion
Our Stewardship Approach:

• Gather mitigation ideas
• Meet with agricultural groups and experts
• Build a set of creative options
• Refine toolbox with input from agriculture
Communicating with the agricultural community

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Developed in consultation with:

California Department of Food and Agriculture
California Department of Conservation
Delta Conservancy
Delta Stewardship Council
Delta Protection Commission
Four Types of Strategies

- Support farming directly
- Incentives for wildlife-friendly farms
- Promote non-traditional agriculture
- Economic development
Examples of Strategies

Wildlife friendly farming

Magicvalley.com

Hedgerow Farms
Examples of Strategies

Promote economic development
Examples of Strategies

Infrastructure Improvements
Other Examples

• Financial support for Williamson Act
• Carbon sequestration/subsidence reversal
• Flood protection
• And many more
Where we are going:

• Pursuing several funding sources

• Seeking help from agriculture to develop toolbox of strategies

• Exploring ways to implement
Questions?

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