

OPINION

Delta plan harms our region

Re "New Delta plan is not a responsible solution" (Viewpoints, Oct. 11): Mayors Andy Morin and Pauline Rocucci were right on the money, literally, in their assessment of the draft Delta Plan.

The draft plan would require the Sacramento region to develop expensive alternative water sup-

plies for the future, rather than relying on our local water sources and the infrastructure investments we have already made.

On top of that cost, we'd pay a water tax to fund the very bureaucracy that hopes to impose the restrictions.

The Delta plan could raise water bills and limit the economic growth of our region. It could undermine environmental protections for the American River and reduce recreational opportunities. Residents and businesses in the Sacramento region need to understand the potentially devastating impacts.

All Californians need to support a solution to the water supply and environmental crisis in the Delta - but not one that puts an unfair share of the burden on Northern California.

- John Woodling, Citrus Heights

Serve local water needs first

Two local officials reveal the negative side of having a 2009 "Delta Stewardship Council" designed to bring all parties to the table to work out the ongoing problem of balancing state water supplies with a healthy ecosystem.

They fear that their cities will no longer be able to "use our local water to meet local demands." They want to protect "hard-fought regional gains."

They have a point, yet seem to miss the larger issue: growing Southern California demand, represented by Rep. Tom McClintock and agricultural interests.

In the face of scarce resources, I vote for local needs before growing out-of-region demands.

Lastly, where are our local state representatives in all this? Why is the burden on the local cities to explain this issue, anyway?

- Reginald Bronner, Lincoln

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