



California's New Water Legislation: A Bucket of Reform or But a Drop?

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In 2007, Governor Schwarzenegger commissioned the Delta Vision Task Force and directed it to come up with strategies to sustainably manage the Sacramento–San Joaquin inland Delta. The Task Force's efforts culminated with a series of bills passed into law in 2009. In an excellent article published in the Fall 2010 edition of *Natural Resources & Environment*, Christian Marsh and Peter Prows provide a cogent analysis of this very important legislation and the work of the Task Force. Ultimately, they conclude, "Rather than instituting a paradigm shift in water rights, California's strategy focuses on restoring the Delta ecosystem through regional and statewide efforts, and sets the table for a physical solution—a peripheral canal or other alternative conveyance system that can better manage the conflicts between people and the environment." The entirety of the article can be found here: http://briscoelaw.net/pubs/NRE_FA10_marsh_prows.pdf

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