

Thursday, July 13, 20107– Deliberations #1

The two-hour long meeting saw a lengthy discussion among City Council members after a staff presentation to the Council on the Basic Principles of the Baylands. Lloyd Zola, the City's EIR consultant, outlined that these basic principles would be a framework or "test" that the City of Brisbane plans to maintain regardless of whatever development decision the City Council makes for the Baylands. These Basic Principles include:

- protecting Brisbane's current character
- incorporating a sustainability framework into Brisbane's General Plan
- preserving large amounts of open space, ensuring public safety
- protecting the Baylands from sea level rise and its existing land uses
- identifying opportunities for facility and utility implementation to guarantee safe and reliable water supply, and
- to explore the potential for part of the Baylands to be used as a High-Speed Rail maintenance yard

Afterward, each City Councilmember went around to discuss what was most important for them to see on the Baylands. Almost all of them cited either sustainability or safety of the Baylands as their top priority. At the end, a number of individuals and community groups, including the Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo County, came up to speak in favor of housing as the most sustainable option for the Bayland's development.