

Status of Delta Stewardship Council and Overview of Draft Delta Plan

Special Committee on Bay-Delta
Item 4c
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Delta Reform Act 2009 (SBX7-1)

- Goals
 - Achieve coequal goals of water supply & ecosystem
 - Protect & enhance the Delta environment
 - Balance conservation & development of land resources
 - Improve flood protection
- Tasks
 - Develop sustainable management plan
 - Develop performance measures to track progress
 - Ensure new projects are consistent with the Delta Plan
 - Ensure BDCP meets criteria in Delta Reform Act



DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

A California State Agency



Appointed Council Members

- Phil Isenberg, Chair (Sacramento)
- Gloria D. Gray (Inglewood)
- Randy Fiorini (Turlock)
- Patrick Johnston (Stockton)
- Felicia Marcus (Emeryville)
- Hank Nordhoff (Del Mar)
- Don Nottoli (Galt)



Delta Plan

- Feb 14 – First Draft Plan released
- Mar 18 – Second Draft Plan released
- Mar 24-25 – Council workshop
- Stakeholder panels on water mgmt, in-Delta, ecosystem, and emergency preparedness
- Delta Plan includes policies & recommendations
- Delta Independent Science Board to review scientific findings





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MWD Comment Letter on First Draft Plan

- Key Concerns
 - Stay within the legal authorities specified in the Delta Reform Act
 - Recognize Delta policies & plans developed through other local & governmental processes
 - Recognize fiscal constraints & promote a strategic levee investment plan
 - Create a system for measuring progress on the recommended actions



Delta Stewardship Council

Delta Plan & EIR Schedule

Month	Delta Plan and EIR
Jan 2011	Scoping meetings
Jun 2011	Public Draft EIR & Delta Plan
Jun – Aug 2011	Public review period
Nov 2011	Draft Final EIR & Delta Plan
Dec 2011	Final EIR & Delta Plan



Summary

- Staff will be commenting on each Draft
- Coordinating with other Delta watershed users
- Staff will provide regular Board updates