

# Update on Delta Stewardship Council Draft Delta Plan

**Special Committee on Bay-Delta  
Item 4a, June 26, 2012**

# Status & Process



- 6<sup>th</sup> (Final Staff) Draft released May 14
- 30 day review/comment period
- Council met June 14 and 15

# EIR Proposed Project /Draft Delta Plan



- 14 proposed policies, including:
  - Covered action process
  - Reduced reliance actions
  - Habitat conditions
  - Prioritizing Levee investment
- 68 recommendations

# Key Components of Draft Plan

- Covered Action Process
- Reduced reliance test for exports, transfers, or direct uses in the Delta
- Attention to stressors, including flow
- Restoring the Delta
- The Delta as Place
- Levees

# Top 3 Water Contractor Concerns

- Reduced reliance/Council review of local water management decisions
- One-Year Transfers
- BDCP

# Reduced Reliance Policy

- A proposed action is inconsistent with the Delta Plan if (1) one or more water suppliers that would receive water as a result of the proposed action have failed to reduce their reliance on the Delta and adequately contribute to improved regional self-reliance; (2) that failure has significantly caused the need for the proposed action; and (3) the proposed action would have a significant adverse environmental impact in the Delta.
- This policy covers a proposed action to export water from, transfer water through, or use water in the Delta.



# Reduced Reliance, con't

- “reducing reliance on the Delta and adequately contributing to improved regional self-reliance” means a significant reduction in net water use, or in the percentage of water used, from the Delta watershed, which may be achieved through investment..., and at a minimum, must be achieved through compliance with existing state laws regarding water conservation, water efficiency and urban and agricultural water management planning, including requirements for adoption of rate structures that promote water efficient practices and conservation.”

# Next Steps

- Council to meet June 28 and 29 to approve final changes
- Summer – Council to release Final Draft Plan?
- Summer – Supplemental EIR circulated
- Summer – Office of Administrative Law Process initiated
- Late Fall – Final Plan and EIR adopted by Council?