

# Update on Delta Stewardship Council Draft Delta Plan

**Joint Water Planning & Stewardship Committee  
and Special Committee on Bay-Delta  
Item 12b, December 10, 2012**

# Background

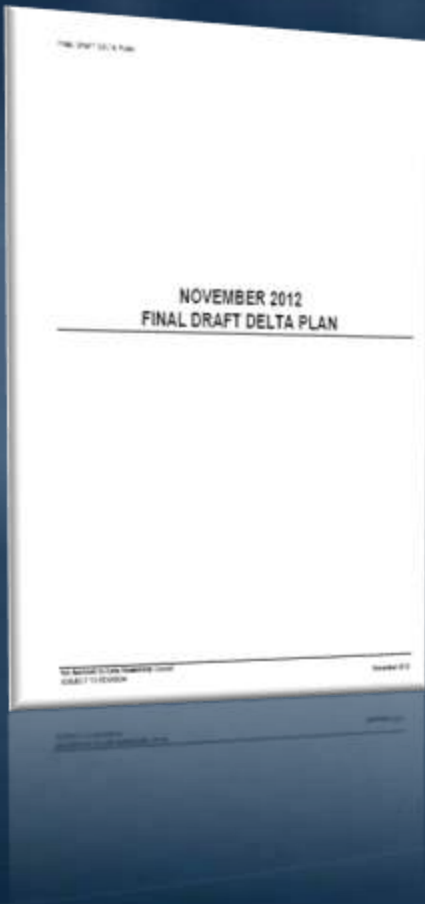


- 2009 Delta Reform Act
- Goal for the Delta Stewardship Council is an enforceable Delta Plan
- Two plus years of process to date

# 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

# Draft Delta Plan/EIR Proposed Project



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

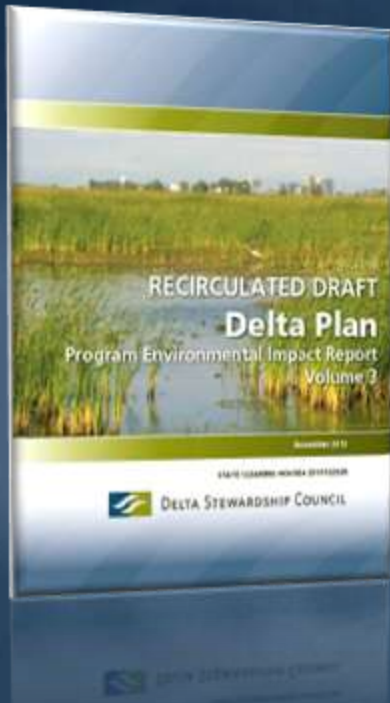
# Status & Process

- On November 30 the Council released:
  - 8th (Final) Draft of the Delta Plan
  - Recirculated Draft Programmatic EIR
  - Proposed Rule Package
- 45 day review/comment period

# Top 3 Water Contractor Concerns

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

# How we will review the EIR



- Is the draft adequate under CEQA?
- How does the draft address BDCP?
- Does the draft provide appropriate analysis of the environmental impact of the proposed plan and each alternative?
- Does the Council have the direct legal authority over each of the proposed policy regulations?

# Next Steps

<b>January 14</b>	Public comments due on all draft documents
<b>January 24</b>	Council hearing on draft rulemaking package
<b>Spring 2013</b>	Final Delta Plan, EIR, and Proposed Regulations released
<b>Spring 2013</b>	Council votes to approve Plan & certify EIR
<b>Summer 2013</b>	Regulations expected to take effect