

**Delta Stewardship Council Active Projects List**

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The tables below highlight a sample of active projects for Council member review. Active projects include both potential covered actions and related plans and projects. An explanation of Column 4, Status, is provided on page 6.

**Changes since August 2023** are denoted with an asterisk (\*). One project was removed this month.

***State Projects***

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location (County)</b>	<b>Proponent</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Status</b>	<b>Description</b>
Delta Conveyance	Delta-wide	Department of Water Resources (DWR)	Comment Letter	Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	A facility to convey water from the Sacramento River in the north Delta directly to the existing State Water Project (SWP) and Central Valley Project (CVP) pumping plants in the south Delta
*Little Egbert Multi-Benefit Project	Solano County	DWR	Comment Letter Sent 7.28.23	NOP	Transition of land from agricultural to tidal wetlands, subtidal and riparian habitat located at the south end of the Yolo Bypass
Franks Tract Futures 2020 Reimagined	Contra Costa	California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)	Comment Letter	Not Initiated	Explore options for improving ecosystem, water quality, recreation, and community benefits at Franks Tract

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Central Valley Flood Protection Plan 2022 Update	Sacramento, San Joaquin, Yolo	DWR	Certified without appeal August 31, 2023	EIR Addendum	Five-year update to the State's plan for investments in flood management in the Central Valley
*Long Term Operations of the State Water Project	Delta wide	DWR	Comment letter sent 9.6.23	NOP	DWR is seeking approval of long-term operations of the SWP facilities in the Delta, Suisun Marsh, and Suisun Bay to continue to provide water supply for agricultural, municipal, and industrial uses.

***Regional Projects***

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location (County)</b>	<b>Proponent</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>CEQA Status</b>	<b>Description</b>
Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Partnership	Solano, Yolo	CVFPB	Early Consultation; Comment Letter	NOP	Multi-partner initiative for programmatic activities in YB-CS

***Local Projects***

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location (County)</b>	<b>Proponent</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>CEQA Status</b>	<b>Description</b>
Stone Lakes Restoration Project	Sacramento	Sacramento County	Anticipating Certification	Initial Study /Negative Declaration (IS/ND)	Large-scale seasonal wetland and riparian and oak woodland restoration and enhancement project in the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge
Cache Slough Complex Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)	Solano, Yolo	Solano County	Monitoring	Not Initiated	Plan to provide coverage for endangered species take at existing water supply diversions and intakes
Bees Lake Habitat Restoration	Yolo	City of West Sacramento	Comment Letter	NOD	Restore historic physical and ecological processes and improve public access management
Solano Multispecies HCP	Solano	Solano County Water Agency	Monitoring	Not initiated	Provide coverage for endangered species take that may result from future urban growth, infrastructure, and ongoing operations and maintenance activities
Ulatis Creek Habitat Restoration Project	Solano	Solano Resource Conservation District	Certified without appeal August 7, 2023	NOD	Restore 20 acres of riparian woodland to the north bank of Ulatis Creek, thereby improving the ecological function of the area for the benefit of native species

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Delta Smelt and Native Species Preservation Project	San Joaquin	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan)	Comment Letter	NOI	Demonstration pilot consisting of two marsh complexes that would house native fish for experimental study
Montezuma Slough Fish Screen	Solano	CDFW	Early Consultation Anticipating Certification	EIR/EIS NOD	Installation of a fish screen at the Montezuma slough intake on the Grizzly Island Wildlife area
*Extension of the Lower Yuba River Accord Water Transfer Program		Yuba County Water Agency	Comment Letter	NOP	Extend the current water transfer program beyond its current expiration date of December 31, 2025, through 2050.

***Other Projects***

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location (County)</b>	<b>Proponent</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>CEQA Status</b>	<b>Description</b>
Mokelumne Aqueducts Resiliency Project	San Joaquin, Contra Costa County	East Bay Municipal Utilities District	Comment Letter	NOP	Replace a portion of the existing Mokelumne Aqueducts with a buried Aqueduct Tunnel of approximately 16.5 miles in length
Delta Conveyance	Delta-wide	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	Comment Letter	Draft Environmental Impact Study (EIS)	A facility to convey water from the Sacramento River in the north Delta directly to the existing SWP and CVP pumping plants in the south Delta. The scope is limited to construction activities, structures, and modifications to federal levees and navigation projects
Mossdale Tract Area Urban Flood Risk Reduction Study	San Joaquin	San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency	Early Consultation	NOP	Identify a plan to achieve an urban level of flood protection for the Mossdale Tract (Reclamation District No. 17)
Delta Cross Channel Gate Upgrades Project	Sacramento	Reclamation	Draft NEPA will be out in Fall of 2023 for comments	Not initiated	Provide for remote and more frequent operation, to manage water quality in the Central Delta and at the SWP and CVP pumping plants
City of Pittsburg General Plan 2040	Contra Costa	City of Pittsburg	Comment Letter	NOP	The City will prepare a programmatic Environmental Impact Report (Program EIR) to evaluate the environmental effects associated with the General Plan update.

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Bay Delta Plan Update Implementation	San Francisco Bay, Sacramento to San Joaquin Delta	State Water Resources Control Board	Comment Letter	NOP	The proposed project is adoption of regulations pursuant to the rulemaking procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act (Gov. Code, § 11340 et seq.) to allocate responsibility to water rights holders and claimants for implementing the Bay-Delta Plan Lower San Joaquin River flow and southern Delta salinity components of the 2018 Bay-Delta Plan.
*Knightsen Wetland Restoration Project	Contra Costa County	East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy	Council presentation August 2023. No certification.	Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects (SERP) approved by CDFW	The Project will restore and convert 645 acres of former agriculture and rangeland to native habitat types and will benefit the native species that utilize these habitats.

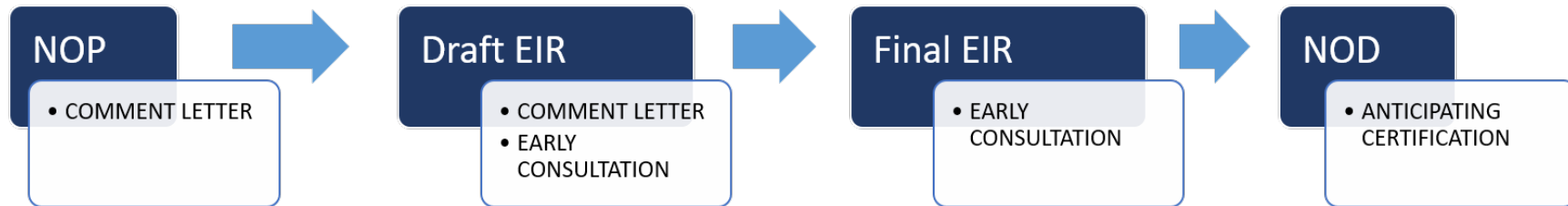
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*Sherman Island Wetland Restoration Project _ Phase III (Whale's Nose)	Sacramento County	RD 341	CDFW consultation	SERP Pre Concurrence Consultation	Restore and enhance up to 1,369 acres of palustrine emergent wetlands.

**Status Types**

Active projects include both potential covered actions and related plans and projects of interest. The active project “Status” reported above is not sequential but tends to align with certain phases of the CEQA process. The relationship between generalized steps in the CEQA process (top row) and generalized status types (bottom row) is illustrated in **Figure 1**. Each status type is described in more detail, below.



**Figure 1. Typical Project Sequence**

**Coordinating:** Occasionally, the Council will coordinate with state and local agencies prior to the initiation of the CEQA process in order to track and/or inform project formulation. Coordination may include informal discussions or attendance at project planning meetings.

**Comment letter:** Council staff prepare comment letters in response to each phase of the CEQA process leading up to a final document (e.g., Notice of Preparation [NOP], IS/ND, IS/MND, DEIR). The Council may also comment on other interim studies and reports, as needed. The Council comments on potential covered actions as well as on long range plans identified in the Delta Reform Act (Wat. Code section 85212) and projects located outside of the Delta that will have a significant impact on the Delta (Wat. Code section 85210[j]).

**Early consultation:** The Delta Reform Act directs the Council to offer early consultation to assist state and local public agencies in preparing certifications of consistency (Wat. Code section 85225.5). The timing and frequency of early consultation is at the discretion of the project proponent.

**Anticipating certification:** Council staff anticipate a certification of consistency once a notice of determination (NOD) has been issued. Proponents of covered actions must file a certification of consistency prior to project implementation (Wat. Code section 85225). The timeframe between NOD and implementation varies.