

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.

State Projects

| Name | Location (County) | Proponent | Status | California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Status | Description |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|---|--|
| Prospect Island Restoration Project (EcoRestore) | Solano | DWR | Comment Letter | Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) | Large-scale tidal marsh restoration project in Cache Slough. |
| Reinitiation of Consultation on the Coordinated Long-Term Operation of the State Water Project (SWP) | Statewide | DWR | Comment Letter | Notice of Preparation (NOP) | Supports the incidental take permit (ITP) application for SWP operations and provides California Endangered Species Act (CESA) authorization for the SWP regardless of any changes to federal law during the term of the ITP |
| SWP Water Management Tools/Contract Amendments | Statewide | DWR | Coordinating | Draft EIR/ will prepare new NOP | Ongoing negotiations of terms outlined in the Agreement in Principle that will be used as a project description for an EIR. |
| Lookout Slough Restoration Project (EcoRestore) | Solano | Department of Water Resources (DWR) | Comment Letter | NOP | Large-scale tidal marsh restoration project in Cache Slough |

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| 2017 Storm Damage DWR Rehabilitation – Phase 4 and 5 | Yolo, San Joaquin, Sacramento | DWR | Comment Letter | Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) | Non-emergency repair and rehabilitation of levees along the Sacramento and Joaquin Rivers and their tributaries |
| Whale Belly Wetland Restoration (EcoRestore) | Sacramento | DWR | Early Consultation | IS/MND | Large-scale wetland, upland, and riparian forest restoration project on Sherman Island |

Regional Projects

| Name | Location (County) | Proponent | Status | CEQA Status | Description |
|---|--------------------------|--|----------------|--------------------|--|
| Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) 2020 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) | Sacramento and Yolo | Sacramento Area Council of Governments | Comment Letter | Draft EIR | Update to the MTP/SCS, which projects regional growth patterns and prioritizes transportation investments; SACOG will present to the Council at the October meeting. |

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|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---|--|
| Valley Link Rail Project | San Joaquin | Tri Valley Regional Rail Authority | Early Consultation | NOP; responded to comments on feasibility study | Proposed railway that would link Tracy and Stockton to existing Bay Area transit systems (Bay Area Rapid Transit [BART] and Altamont Corridor Express [ACE]) |

Local Projects

| Name | Location (County) | Proponent | Status | CEQA Status | Description |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| Solano County General Plan Amendment for Cache Slough | Solano | Solano County | Comment Letter | Exempt | General plan amendment to incorporate policies regarding ecosystem restoration projects in Cache Slough, to be implemented through an Overlay Zone |
| Grand Island Levee Seepage Cutoff Wall | Sacramento | Reclamation District (RD) 3 | Comment Letter | IS/MND | Slurry or cutoff wall to remediate levee seepage on Steamboat Slough on Grand Island |
| Amendment to the Solano County component of the Suisun Marsh Local Protection Program | Solano | Solano County | Anticipating Certification | Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) | Amendment to the Solano County component of the Suisun Marsh Local Protection Program, certified by the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) and adopted by the County |
| Pacific Flyway Education Center | Solano | City of Fairfield | Anticipating Certification | IS/MND | Interpretive and educational facility in Suisun Marsh |

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| Three Creeks Parkway Restoration #2 | Contra Costa | Contra Costa County | Anticipating Certification | IS/MND | Multi-benefit ecosystem restoration project at the confluence of Marsh, Sand, and Deer Creeks, to convert a denuded flood control channel into a riparian corridor |
| Antioch Brackish Water Desalination Project | Contra Costa | City of Antioch | Anticipating Certification | Notice of Determination (NOD) | New 6 million gallons per day desalination facilities and associated infrastructure, including a new brine disposal pipeline and replacement of a San Joaquin River intake pump station |

Other Projects

| Name | Location (County) | Proponent | Status | CEQA Status | Description |
|--|-------------------|--|--------------------------|---|--|
| American River Common Features: Sacramento River East Levee Improvements | Sacramento | United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), DWR, and Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) | Preparing Comment Letter | Supplemental EIR/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) | Levee improvement project along the east bank of the Sacramento River |
| Los Vaqueros Reservoir Second Expansion | Contra Costa | Contra Costa Water District | Early Consultation | Draft EIR/EIS | Expansion of Los Vaqueros Reservoir, and construction of new and replacement water supply infrastructure |

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| Reinitiation of Consultation on the Coordinated Long-Term Operation of the Central Valley Project (CVP) and SWP | Statewide | United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) | Comment Letter | Draft EIS | Modifications to continued long-term operation of the CVP, in coordination with the SWP, to maximize water supply deliveries, optimize marketable power generation, and address the status of federally-listed species |
| Yolo Bypass Salmonid Habitat Restoration and Fish Passage (EcoRestore) | Yolo | Reclamation and DWR | Anticipating Certification | Record of Decision (ROD)/ Draft EIR | Alterations to the weir located north of the legal Delta would change the extent and timing of Yolo Bypass flooding within the Delta |
| Solano 4 Wind Project | Solano | Sacramento Municipal Utilities District (SMUD) | Comment Letter | Draft EIR | Decommissioning of 59 existing wind turbines and installation of up to 22 new wind turbines, and supporting infrastructure |

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.

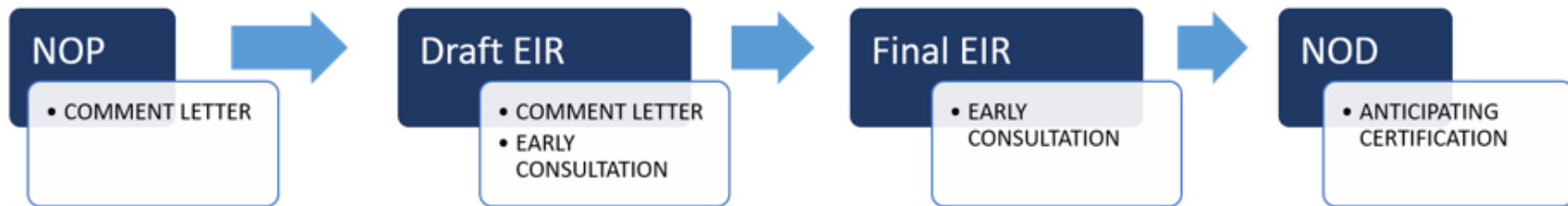


Figure 1. Typical Project Sequence

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., 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 (Water Code §85212) and projects located outside of the Delta that will have a significant impact on the Delta (Water Code §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 (Water Code §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 (Water Code §85225). The timeframe between NOD and implementation varies.