



Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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Autumn Gathering Summary

The Delta Stewardship Council (Council) established the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC or Committee) after adopting the Delta Plan in 2013 and continues to oversee DPIIC activities as required by the Delta Reform Act. DPIIC serves as a forum to lead state, federal, and local agencies' efforts to implement the Delta Plan and Delta Science Plan. Committee members collaborate to implement their agencies' policies and authorities in ways that help achieve the co-equal goals of a more reliable California water supply and a restored, enhanced ecosystem in the Delta.

The recording of the meeting can be found online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5vwS8orbSQ&list=PLqTHCliW1Hhq0dPGkZoalgICXL UpiPfg>

Meeting materials and presentations can also be found on the Council's website:

<https://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/dpiic/meetings>

Attendees

The following committee members were in attendance:

California Department of Water Resources Cindy Messer, Lead Deputy Director

California Environmental Protection Agency	Katy Landau
California Natural Resources Agency	Nancy Vogel, Deputy Secretary for Water
Central Valley Flood Protection Board	Tim Ramirez, Board Member
Delta Protection Commission	Diane Burgis, Chair
Delta Stewardship Council	Virginia Madueño, Chair
NOOA – NMFS	Cathy Marcinkevege, Assistant Regional Administrator
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy	Campbell Ingram, Executive Officer
San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission	Larry Goldzband, Executive Director
State Water Resources Control Board	Jay Ziegler, Delta Watermaster
US Army Corps of Engineers	Josephine Axt, Chief of Planning and Policy Division
US Bureau of Reclamation	Mario Manzo, Deputy Manager, Bay-Delta Office
US Environmental Protection Agency	Ellen Blake, Assistant Director, Water Division, Region 9
California Department of Fish and Wildlife	Josh Grover, Deputy Director, Ecosystem Conservation Division
California Department of Food and Agriculture	Christine Birdsong, Undersecretary
Panelists:	
Laurel Larsen	Delta Lead Scientist

Ted Grantham	Associate Professor of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management UC Berkeley
Peter Goodwin	University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES) President
Keith Cialino	Policy Consultant, California State Assembly
Steve Lindley	NOAA, Fisheries Ecology Division Director
Louise Conrad	DWR, Lead Scientist
Matt Holland	Environmental Program Manager, State Water Resources Control Board
Jeff Henderson	Deputy Executive Officer, Planning and Performance, Delta Stewardship Council
Morgan Chow	Senior Planner, Delta Stewardship Council
Brooke White	Program Manager, Bureau of Reclamation

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chair Madueño called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM.

Chair Madueño provided opening statements to the committee and attendees and thanked the US Army Corps of Engineers, Josephine Axt, for offering to host the DPIIC Autumn gathering before introducing Special Assistant for Planning and Science Amanda Bohl.

Bohl provided logistical information on the gathering and introduced Linda Holm, park ranger for the US Army Corps of Engineers and the guide for the tour of the Bay Model.

Delta Modelling: Past, Present, and Future

a) Bay Model Tour

Chair Madueño led introductions for all committee members and attendees before recessing the meeting at 9:40 AM for a tour of the Bay-Model Center.

DPIIC members and attendees participated in the tour, featuring how the model works, accomplishments, and innovative engineering projects that resulted from almost 50 years of research and testing.

Note: the tour portion of the DPIIC Autumn Gathering was not recorded, but the public was welcome to participate.

Chair Madueño called the meeting back to order at approximately 10:30 a.m.

b) Integrated Modeling: Building on the Past, Launching the Future

After the tour, Dr. Larsen provided comments on advancing an integrated modeling collaboratory for the Delta, achievements to date, related initiatives, the benefits of an integrated modeling collaboratory for the Delta, and what's next for collaboratory development.

Following Larsen's opening presentation, Peter Goodwin moderated a panel discussion with Ted Grantham, Keith Cialino, Louise Conrad, and Matt Holland.

The panel presented on decades of data synthesis, federal planning, the California climate action initiative, engagement, collaborative workflow, and the Collaboratory for Equity in Water Allocations (COEQWAL) project.

Larsen, Goodwin, Grantham, Cialino, and Ziegler discussed community engagement, modeling and climate funding, multi-objective management framework, governance, and a need for sustainable project funding.

Chair Madueño, Burgis, Conrad, and Cialino spoke on communication: the need for the legislature to be more informed of these types of efforts, providing recommendations within reports, and helping policymakers to be prepared to speak about climate change.

There was no public comment.

Delta Adapts

Jeff Henderson and Morgan Chow provided an update on the Delta Adapts project.

Henderson and Chow presented on the draft adaptation plan which includes adaption scenarios for ecosystem, agriculture, flood risk reduction, and water supply reliability. Henderson and Chow also discussed DPIIC agency involvement in the implementation of the final adaptation plan.

Birdsong, Burgis, Goldzband, and Ziegler discussed agriculture concerns, farming practices (healthy soils program/state water efficiency enhancement program) that help with climate-smart initiatives, bay and Delta organizational collaboration, and program and funding integration.

There were three public comments: Kathleen Schaefer, Ph.D. Student (U.C Davis); Diedre Des Jardins, California Water Research; and Gilbert Cosio, River Delta Consulting.

Delta Funding: Status and Long-Term Needs

a) Fiscal Year 2021-22 Delta Crosscut Budget Report

Mario Manzo made a few introductory remarks and introduced Brooke White who presented the FY2021-2022 Delta Crosscut Budget Report, highlighting science and habitat expenditures (by funding agency and funding source).

White, Burgis, Manzo, and Ziegler discussed habitat restoration goals, funding allocations for restoration, appendices for Bureau funding sources, and the inclusion of land-based ecosystem investments, ecological reserve areas and wildlife refuges in the report.

There was one public comment: Diedre Des Jardins, California Water Research.

b) Delta Funding Needs

Campbell Ingram presented on a series of Delta restoration funding discussions held over the summer. The discussions included representatives from several DPIIC agencies and culminated in the development of a list of restoration funding needs.

There was one public comment: Diedre Des Jardins, California Water Research.

Closing Remarks

Chair Madueño adjourned the meeting in Phil Isenburg's name.

Public Comment

There was one public comment: Diedre Des Jardins, California Water Research.

Chair Madueño adjourned the meeting at 1:45 PM.