

Restoration Subcommittee

Meeting Summary

March 7, 2024



**Delta Plan Interagency
Implementation
Committee**

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

The Delta Stewardship Council (Council) established the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC) after adopting the Delta Plan in 2013 and continues to oversee DPIIC activities as required by the Delta Reform Act. The Restoration Subcommittee (Subcommittee) was formed by the 2022 amendment to Chapter Four of the Delta Plan which recommended the formation of a restoration subcommittee to address barriers to restoration in the Delta. Staffed by the Council and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy (Delta Conservancy), Subcommittee members collaborate to support a vision of the Delta that is a mosaic of natural and human communities, is resilient to stressors, adaptable, and accessible for the public.

The recording of the meeting can be found online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74D7hnX7tn0&list=PLqTHClIW1HhrXZqEa19X1yhuezY8OpocY>

Meeting presentation slides can be viewed [here](#).

Attendees

The following Subcommittee members were in attendance in person:

Delta Stewardship Council

Jeff Henderson

Central Valley Flood Protection Board

Jamie Silva

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy

Campbell Ingram

April 2023

Department of Fish and Wildlife	Daniel Ellis
Department of Food and Agriculture	Patricia Bohls
Department of Parks and Recreation	Jeffrey Caudill
Department of Water Resources	Charlotte Biggs
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy	Campbell Ingram
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Amanda Cranford
US Environmental Protection Agency	Sahrye Cohen
US Bureau of Reclamation	Todd Plain

The following Subcommittee members were in attendance remotely:

US Fish and Wildlife Service	Kaylee Allen
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Facilitators: Dr. Rachel Wigginton of the Delta Conservancy, and Dr. Dylan Chapple of the Delta Stewardship Council

Opening and Introductions

Dr. Wigginton called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM on March 7, 2024, gave the opening remarks and welcomed Subcommittee members to introduce themselves.

Announcements

Jeff Henderson: The Delta Stewardship Council has posted an update to its performance measures for the 2022 Delta Plan amendment.

Amanda Bohl, Delta Stewardship Council: The Delta Agency Science Working Group will meet on March 19. The full DPIIC will meet April 15.

Campbell Ingram: The Delta Conservancy has provided Nature Based Solutions funding to 4 projects, which will rewet 11,0000 acres of habitat and result in 110,000 tons per year avoided carbon emissions. An agreement for Webb Tract has been signed.

Amanda Cranford: NOAA has released its five-year status review for winter-run chinook salmon.

Impacts, Risks, and Management of Invasive Aquatic Vegetation in Tidal Wetland Restoration Projects (Information Item)

Dr. Chapple introduced panelists Gina Darin, Environmental Program Manager at the Department of Water Resources (DWR); Dr. Louise Conrad, Lead Scientist at DWR; and Jeffrey Caudill, Senior Environmental Scientist at the Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways. The panelists presented and discussed successes, challenges, and adaptive management needs related to the control of invasive aquatic vegetation in the Delta.

Following the presentation and Subcommittee discussion, Dr. Chapple asked for public comments. There was one public comment from Doug Johnson of the California Invasive Plant Council.

This section is viewable at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74D7hnX7tn0&list=PLqTHCliW1HhrXZqEa19X1yhuezY8OpocY> timestamp 14:53

Recap of Delta-Suisun Tidal Wetland Restoration Symposium (Information Item)

Dr. Chapple introduced Dr. Rosemary Hartman, Environmental Program Manager at DWR. Dr. Chapple and Dr. Hartman provided a summary of the Delta-Suisun Tidal Wetland Restoration Symposium held on November 1, 2023, hosted by DWR and the State Water Contractors.

Following the presentation and the Subcommittee discussion, Dr. Chapple asked for public comments; there were none.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74D7hnX7tn0&list=PLqTHCliW1HhrXZqEa19X1yhuezY8OpocY> timestamp 1:17:45

Recap of Delta Restoration Forum (Information Item)

Dr. Wigginton provided a summary of the November 2, 2023, Delta Restoration Forum, hosted by the Restoration Subcommittee, and led a discussion. Dr. Wigginton then asked for public comments; there were none.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74D7hnX7tn0&list=PLqTHCliW1HhrXZqEa19X1yhuezY8OpocY> timestamp 1:51:04

General Public Comment

Dr. Chapple welcomed any follow-ups about the agenda items or other topics and asked for public comments on items not on the agenda; there were none.

Dr. Chapple thanked all the panelists, presenters, and Subcommittee members.

Dr. Chapple adjourned the meeting at 3:45 PM.