



DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Subject: Your participation is requested - **Delta Levees Investment Strategy**

The Delta Stewardship Council (Council) is developing a Delta Levees Investment Strategy to update priorities for State investments in the Delta levee system to reduce the likelihood and consequences of levee failures.

The Council will review and consider issues of importance with a variety of stakeholder groups, including elected officials, agencies, local government, businesses, landowners, interest groups, resource managers, ratepayers, and taxpayers.

As part of our continuing commitment to collaboration, transparency, and public involvement, the Council's outreach process is designed to provide you with open access to information, activities, and analysis throughout the duration of the project.

As an identified stakeholder who has been involved in Delta related issues, you may be interested in participating in the Delta Levees Investment Strategy.

We invite you to sign up on our listserv to stay informed about project activities and opportunities to work with the project team. Please click on the following link now to sign up using the "Subscribe to DSC" form on the right side of the page. Please check the "Delta Levee Investment Strategy" box to ensure that you are added to the list. We will not be able to routinely notify you about the project unless you sign up.

<http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-levee-investment-strategy>

Thank you for your continued interest.

Delta Stewardship Council

Project Background

The Delta Levees Investment Strategy will be developed using a comprehensive methodology that considers the assets protected by Delta levees, threats to Delta levees, multiple beneficiaries of Delta levee investments, and both structural and non-structural approaches for reducing risk. The work builds on the results of previous Delta levee planning efforts.

A computer-based decision support tool will be developed. This tool will take into account a wide array of economic and non-economic factors to consider and evaluate risk-reduction options and trade-offs. After a viable set of options have been assembled for each Delta island, the project team will use the tool to analyze those options. Many different combinations of conditions, variables, uncertainties, and preferences will be tested to arrive at an optimized suite of investments. This tool can be used to analyze future scenarios as conditions or assumptions change over time. The modeling efforts will be performed in collaboration with interested stakeholders and the public.

The outcome of the project will be a final report that proposes a Delta levee investment and risk-reduction strategy. This strategy will outline a suite of investments that best address State goals and priorities, including a tiered ranking of investments on Delta islands and tracts and an allocation of costs based on those who benefit. These priorities, upon adoption by the Council consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act and the California Administrative Procedures Act, will replace the interim Delta Plan policy and implementing regulation (see Delta Plan Risk Reduction Policy RR P1; 23 CCR 5012). The proposed strategy will be submitted to the California Legislature to help guide future decisions about funding.

For additional information about the project, please visit the [Delta Stewardship Levees Investment Strategy project page](#) or contact Dustin Jones at Dustin.Jones@deltacouncil.ca.gov or (916) 445-5891.