

**Table 1. Framework and Schedule for Addressing State Investment in Delta Levees Issue Paper Questions**

Questions that need to be addressed prior to completion of the DLIS decision support tool				
Issue paper question	Project phase question to be addressed in	Policy or technical question?	Who has primary role in addressing the question?	Comments
Q1. What are the Delta's Levees?	2 (Oct-Dec 2014)	Technical	Staff/Consulting team	Staff have been working on this, mostly complete and being vetted with technical experts prior to placing information into DLIS tool. Potential to expand state investments in Suisun Marsh levees considered in Phase 3 and 4.
Q2. What goals and objectives should State investments in Delta levees further?	2-3 (Oct 2014- Mar 2015)	Policy	Council	Staff is preparing this item for Council discussion/deliberations in Jan/Feb 2015. This question will need to be revisited once the DLIS tool is completed and outputs are available (Phase 4).
Q3. What are the State's interests in the Delta?	2-3 (Oct 2014- Mar 2015)	Policy	Council	Staff is preparing this item up for Council discussion/deliberations in Jan/Feb 2015.
Q4. What risks threaten Delta levees?	2 (Oct-Dec 2014)	Technical	Staff/Consulting team	Staff have been working on this, mostly complete and being vetted with technical experts prior to placing information into DLIS tool.
Q5. Who is responsible for the Delta's Levees?	2-3 (Oct 2014- Mar 2015)	Both	Council/Staff	This question is largely focused on governance and Delta levees and will need discussion early in the project and revisited once the DLIS tool is completed and outputs are available (Phase 4-5).

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Q6. What plans guide the State's investment in Delta levees?	2-3 (Oct 2014- Mar 2015)	Both	Council/Staff	Integration between the DLIS and other pertinent plans and programs will need to be addressed throughout the project. This question should be revisited later in the project to ensure alignment and integration between this effort and others (Phase 5).
Q7. How is Delta levee maintenance, operation, and improvement funded now?	2-3 (Oct 2014- Mar 2015)	Both	Council/Staff	Addressing this question requires a better understanding of how funding is allocated between levee repairs/maintenance and improvements. This question should be considered once DLIS tool outputs are available and draft EIR is completed (Phase 4-5).
Q14. How should the levee priorities address the risk of State liability for levee failures?	2-3 (Oct 2014- Mar 2015)	Policy	Council	Staff is preparing this item up for Council discussion/deliberations in Jan/Feb 2015. This question should be revisited later in the project once DLIS tool outputs are available and draft EIR is completed (Phase 5).
Q15. What about climate change?	2-3 (Oct 2014- Mar 2015)	Both	Council/Staff	Staff are working on this question as part of developing information for the DLIS tool. Will provide a report to Council in early 2015. This question should be revisited later in the project as investment strategy is being drafted (Phase 5).

Questions that can be evaluated by using the DLIS decision support tool				
Issue paper question	Project phase question to be addressed in	Policy or technical question?	Who has primary role in addressing the question?	Comments
Q12. What provision should be made to improve habitat for fish and wildlife or provide public recreation?	4 (Apr - Jul 2015)	Both	Council/Staff	

Questions that will need to be answered with output from the DLIS support tool and draft EIR				
Issue paper question	Project phase question to be addressed in	Policy or technical question?	Who has primary role in addressing the question?	Comments
Q8. What level of Delta levee improvement is warranted?	4 (Apr - Jul 2015)	Both	Council/Staff	
Q9. How should levee improvement costs be allocated?	3-4 (Jan - Jul 2015)	Both	Council/Staff	
Q13. What if local agencies don't act?	5 (Aug - Dec 2015)	Policy	Council	Policy question that should be considered as the Council evaluates investment options using output from the DLIS tool

Questions that will need to be answered without using the DLIS decision support tool				
Issue paper question	Project phase question to be addressed in	Policy or technical question?	Who has primary role in addressing the question?	Comments
Q10. What is the federal government's role?	5 (Aug - Dec 2015)	Policy	Council	This could also be addressed once the output from the tool and draft EIR are complete. Federal recovery assistance is key and as there appears to be less certainty of this in the Delta it may affect the investment strategy.
Q11. What conditions should be attached to State funding of levees?	5 (Aug - Dec 2015)	Both	Council/Staff	Staff gathered some background information and is seeking additional information to help inform the policy discussion about possible additional conditions.