Delta Stewardship Council
Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee
Draft Guiding Principles

Statement of Purpose:

The Delta falls within the jurisdiction of many state, federal and local agencies. The Delta Plan furthers the achievement of the coequal goals, in a manner that protects and enhances the Delta as an evolving place, by integrating these agencies' plans in a single blueprint. The Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC/Committee) will strive to facilitate Delta Plan implementation through increased coordination and integration in support of shared national, statewide and local goals for the Delta.

Guiding Principles:

- Priority-Focused Discussions
  The Committee will identify and focus on high priority areas for policy discussions of specific Delta challenges in water and ecosystem management, agency coordination and effective multi-plan implementation.

- Interagency Coordination – Delta Plan/ California Water Action Plan
  The Committee will coordinate interagency involvement with planning, programs, policy and regulation development as it relates to implementation of the Delta Plan and Delta-related portions of the California Water Action Plan.

- Achievement of Coequal Goals
  Shared priorities will guide Council staff, working closely with member agency staff, to make targeted progress toward achieving the coequal goals. Committee members will inform and direct staff and management within their agencies as necessary to facilitate collaboration and integration and expedite progress.

- Accountability
  Accountability may be maintained through progress reports to the Committee covering varied aspects of multi-plan implementation and agency involvement in the Delta.

- Consensus-based Action
  The Committee is not a voting body. Each member will strive to achieve general consensus on Committee priority areas where coordination is critical.

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General Procedure:

- The Committee will be chaired by a member of the Delta Stewardship Council, who will also act as the principal liaison between the Council and the Committee.

- Each DPIIC member agency will be represented by the highest level of authority to formally speak on behalf of the agency at a policy and management level, extending that authority to a designated alternate, if necessary.

- DPIIC member agencies will attend and participate in Committee meetings at a level that supports Committee objectives, allocating staff time and resources where appropriate. Council staff will work with designated agency representatives to execute Committee direction and ensure administrative coordination.

- The Delta Plan states that the Committee will convene twice a year, or more if necessary. Committee members may initiate a meeting of the Committee as needed.

- Committee meetings will be noticed and open to the public. All interested parties and non-member agencies are strongly encouraged to attend.

- **Work Groups:**
  The Committee recognizes the many existing interagency work groups and collaborative efforts addressing a range of issues impacting the Delta. In order to improve efficiency and avoid duplication of efforts, the Committee may use and support existing forums, i.e. Collaborative Adaptive Management Team or the Delta Restoration Network, where appropriate, or designate new work groups to address Delta issues demanding interagency collaboration to further the achievement of the coequal goals.