

Delta Stewardship Council - 2016 Priorities (DRAFT)

Priority Actions	Tasks	Deliverables	Schedule	Division Leads
1 Amend the Delta Plan	Amend the Delta Plan to refine its performance measures	Delta Plan amendment	Spring 2016	Planning: John Ryan
	Complete One-Year Water Transfers amendment	Completed CEQA, Delta Plan amendment, including regulations and APA compliance	Fall 2016	Planning: Kevan Samsam
	Amend the Delta Plan to carry out the Delta Levee Investment Strategy	Completed CEQA, Delta Plan amendment, including regulations and APA compliance	Throughout 2016 to Summer 2017	Planning: Dustin Jones
	Develop a Delta Plan amendment based on the Council's 2015 Storage, Conveyance, and Operations principles	Draft Delta Plan amendment	Fall 2016	Planning: Kevan Samsam
	Scope comprehensive 2017 Ecosystem Restoration Delta Plan amendment	Council update on proposed scope of work for Delta Plan amendment	Fall 2016	Planning: Jessica Davenport
2 Improve water supply reliability	Assist the California Water Commission in evaluating funding requests for new water storage and local supply projects, including assessing their benefits to the Delta ecosystem	Completed CEQA, Delta Plan amendment, including regulations and APA compliance	Throughout 2016	Planning: Anthony Navasero
	Preparation for early consultation regarding the Delta Plan consistency certification for California WaterFix	Possible Council hearings and staff recommendations	Throughout 2016	Planning: Jessica Davenport
	Analyze Urban Water Management Plans to assess progress in reducing reliance on the Delta	Data compilation and analysis; memo and briefings for Council	Beginning Summer 2016	Planning: Kevan Samsam

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3 Restore the Delta ecosystem	Support development of EcoRestore projects, including early consultation and science support for adaptive management	Council briefings; EcoRestore adaptive management program	Throughout 2016	Science and Planning: Lauren Hastings, Jessica Davenport
	Continue implementation of habitat restoration white paper	Annual report on implementation to Council	Fall 2016	Planning: Jessica Davenport
	Complete report from Aquatic Weed Synthesis symposium	Peer reviewed publication in on-line journal	Fall 2016	Science: Darcy Austin
	Continue participation in Collaborate Adaptive Management Program (CAMT)	Support for peer-reviewed and agreed-upon research projects	Throughout 2016	Science: Lauren Hastings
	Improve policy-science interactions, including hosting Policy-Science Forum as recommended by the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB)	Meeting report and recommendations for inclusion in Delta Science Action Agenda	Fall 2016-Winter 2017	Science: Sam Harader Planning: Jessica Davenport
	Support development of local habitat conservation plans - Yolo, South Sacramento, Solano counties - including consultation and science support for adaptive management	Planning support and comment letters	Throughout 2016	Planning: Jessica Davenport
	Support Delta ISB water quality review	Delta ISB report - 2017	Throughout 2016	Science: Lauren Hastings

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4 Promote integrated flood management	Complete the Delta Levee Investment Strategy, including meetings with the Central Valley Flood Protection Board and stakeholders	Delta Plan amendment and report to Legislature	Fall 2016-Winter 2017	Planning: Dustin Jones
	Continue to track agencies' progress in implementing the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Multi-Hazard Coordination Task Force's recommendations	Annual Council briefing	Fall 2016	Planning: Dustin Jones
	Participate in Delta Protection Commission's levee assessment district feasibility study	Possible Council briefings	Throughout 2016	Planning: Dustin Jones
	Follow up on recommendations of the <i>Improving Habitats Along Delta Levees</i> issue paper	Report to Council	Early 2017	Planning: Jessica Davenport
5 Protect the Delta's unique values	Coordinate with Delta Protection Commission's Land Use and Resource Management Plan update and track, coordinate, and comment on local government plans	Staff support and comment letters	Throughout 2016	Planning: Jessica Davenport
	Support Delta Protection Commission and Delta Conservancy "Delta as Place" actions	Possible Council briefings	Throughout 2016	Planning: Jessica Davenport
	Support Delta Independent Science Board "Delta as Place" science review	Delta ISB review report	Throughout 2016-17	Science: Lauren Hastings
6 Fund high impact science	Fund and manage science fellows and research grants to implement DPIIC High Impact Science Actions	Reports to Council from fellows	Spring 2016 and ongoing	Science: Rainer Hoenicke
	Fund and manage Delta research projects	Reports to Council; research contracts	Spring 2016 and ongoing	Science: Rainer Hoenicke

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7 Synthesize and communicate Delta science	Complete and communicate <i>State of Bay-Delta Science</i> report	Special volumes of on-line journal	Fall 2016	Science: Darcy Austin
	Organize and host biennial Bay-Delta Science Conference	Conference presentations and posters	Fall 2016	Science: Marina Brand
	Host Mercury Symposium and update Mercury Strategy	New research strategy	Summer 2016	Science: Sam Harader
	Host Primary Production Symposium and Develop Research Plan	Research plan	Fall 2016	Science: Darcy Austin
	Develop implementation plan to fulfill Data Summit recommendations	Implementation plan	Ongoing to 2017	Science: Sam Harader
	Develop and implement initial workshop: Sacramento River Temperature Modeling	Workshop proceedings	Summer 2016	Science: Sam Harader
	Host workshop and peer review for Nutrient Research Plan	Nutrient research and management plan	Fall 2016	Science: Sam Harader
	Develop and implement workshop: Nutrients and Nutrient Ratios in the Bay-Delta	Workshop proceedings	Fall 2016	Science: Sam Harader
	Facilitate Delta Regional Monitoring Program review	External peer review report	Spring 2016	Science: Sam Harader
	Facilitate peer review of the joint Biological Opinion and 2081(b) Incidental Take Permit analyses of the California WaterFix aquatic science	External peer review report	Summer 2016	Science: Sam Harader
	Perform technical review of Phase 2 Delta Outflow Estimation Methods as requested by the State Water Resources Control Board re: Basin Plan update	External peer review report	Summer 2016	Science: Sam Harader

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8 Ensure accountability and performance by reporting on Delta Plan implementation	Release Administrative Performance Measures Dashboard	Public on-line dashboard	Summer 2016	Planning: John Ryan
	Complete and release Delta View Delta project tracker	Public on-line dashboard	Summer 2016	
	Develop Output and Outcome Performance Measures Dashboard	Public on-line dashboard	Winter 2016	
	Continue performance measures tracking and reporting, including integration into Council's Annual Report	Annual report on implementation to Council	Early 2017	