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## DSC Responds to Release of BDCP Documents

*Executive Officer Offers Thoughts on Evolution of Bay Delta Conservation Plan*

(SACRAMENTO) - "The release of various science documents of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan represents a good second step in the successful completion of the BDCP," said Joe Grindstaff, Executive Officer of the Delta Stewardship Council, which is drafting its own Delta Plan. As required by state law, the Delta Plan must include the BDCP if the document meets the test of law.

"The Delta Stewardship Council realizes the BDCP will improve over time with an iterative process. The Council has consistently called for the completion of the process as does the draft Delta Plan," noted Grindstaff. "The BDCP represents an important step forward in the evolution of California's water needs. The document must go through a lengthy regulatory process, including a potential appeal to the Delta Stewardship Council, but if it can pass the state and federal hurdles, it will be a very worthy water plan."

### **About the Council**

Created by the legislature in 2009, the Delta Stewardship Council is composed of members who represent different parts of the state and offer diverse expertise in fields such as agriculture, science, the environment, and public service. Of the seven, four are appointed by the Governor, one each by the Senate and Assembly, and the seventh is the Chair of the Delta Protection Commission. For more information visit <http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/>

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*"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place."*

– CA Water Code §85054