

The Delta Plan

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Its all about the coequal goals

“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



Current conditions are not sustainable

-  Twenty five years of studying, planning with nominal results
-  Policies / regulations already on the books are not enforced
-  Current policy environment is confusing – many plans, projects and proposals are in now play
-  Many disparate voices call for a one-solution approach

Meeting the coequal goals: *“Making sense of the chaos”*

- ☞ “Common sense approach” based on best available science
- ☞ The Delta Plan will knit together the various regulations, policies and plans already in place or in progress



“Making sense of the chaos”

1) Increase water supply reliability

- ✓ Set deadline for successful completion of BDCP
- ✓ Link continued use of Delta water to *existing requirements* that local agencies reduce reliance on the Delta



"Making sense of the chaos"

2) Protect and enhance the ecosystem

- ✓ Protect 5 high-priority restoration areas
- ✓ Set deadline for the SWRCB to develop flow criteria – *as already required by state law*
- ✓ Recommendations to reduce ecosystem stressors



Meeting the coequal goals while “protecting and enhancing the Delta...”

- ✓ All actions must be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the values and unique, “evolving” characteristics the Delta
- ✓ Continued emphasis on agriculture
- ✓ Designation as a National Heritage Area
- ✓ Increased recreational opportunities
- ✓ Reduce flood risk in the Delta



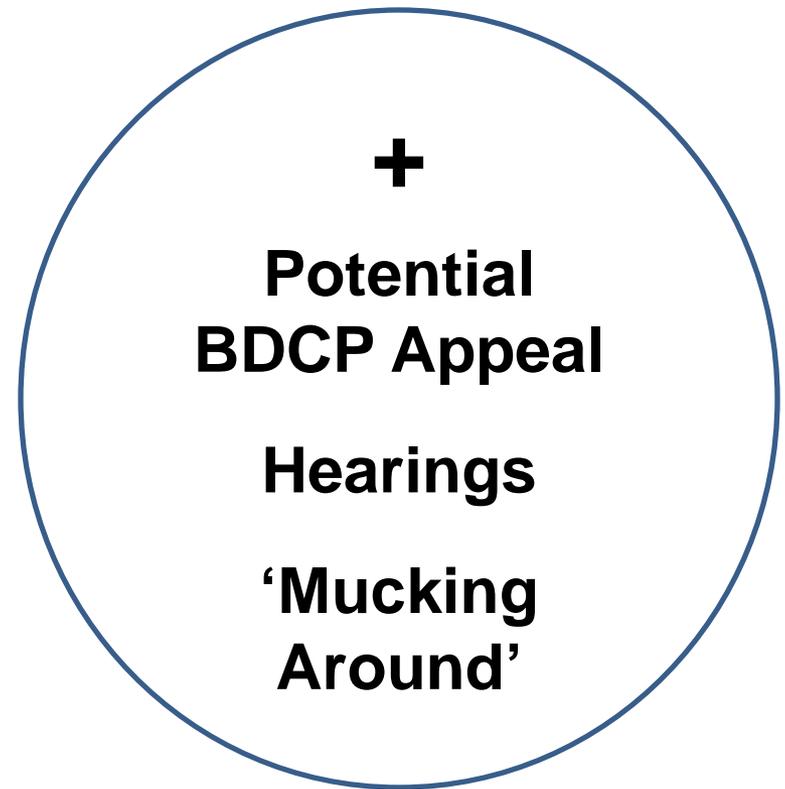
Common Sense: Fairness in Financing Principles

 Beneficiaries pay for benefits received

 Stressors pay for problems caused



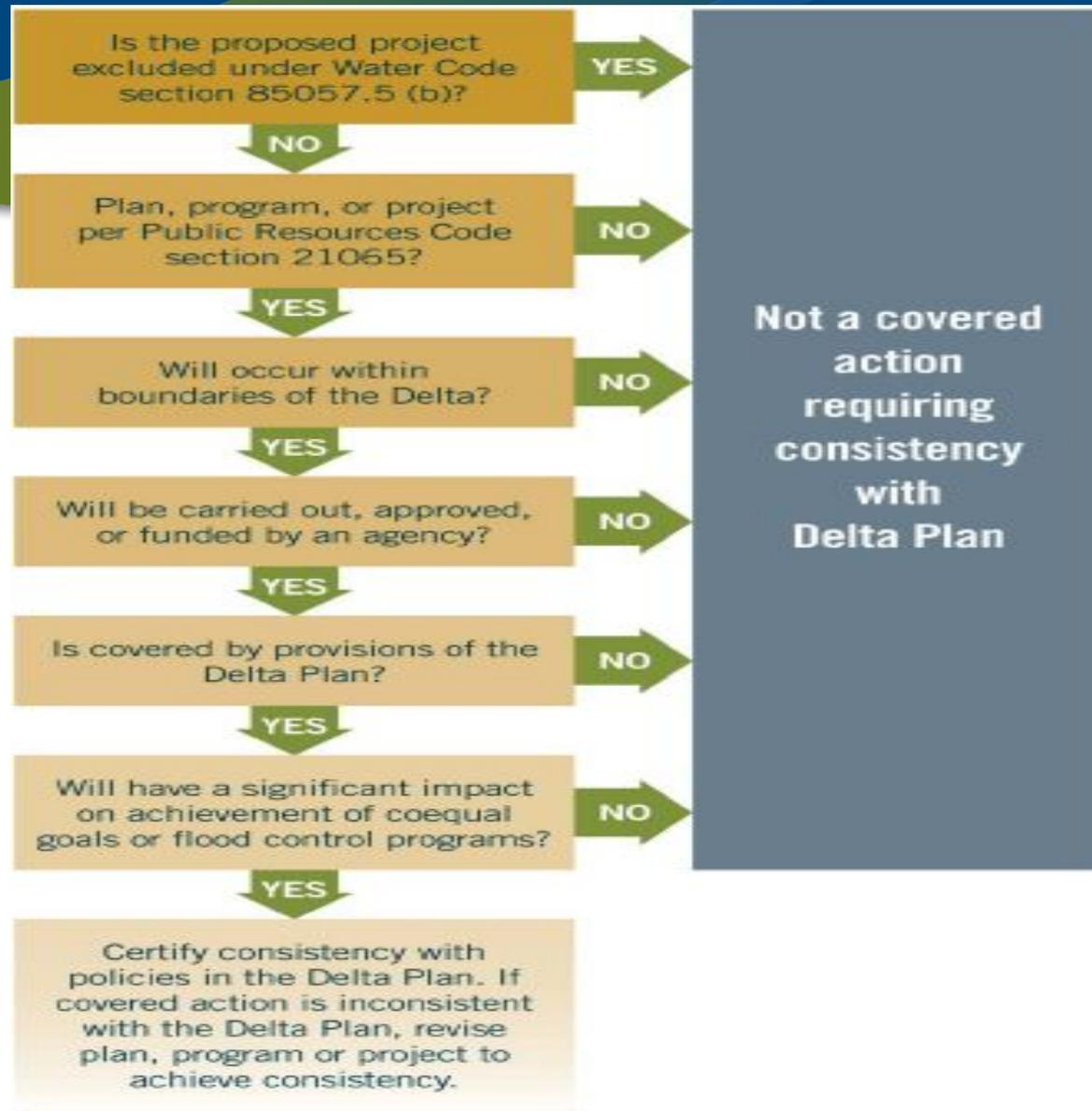
Roles of the Delta Stewardship Council



Source: Figure 3-1-5
Fifth Staff Draft Delta Plan



Decision Tree for State and Local Agencies on Possible Covered Actions



Questions ...

