

The Delta Plan

Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee

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It's 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

The Council's Delta Plan

-  A single blueprint to guide & coordinate major actions in the Delta
-  Contains a series of policies and recommendations for state and federal action
-  A “common sense” approach, based on best available science

Meeting the Coequal Goals

1) Increase water supply reliability

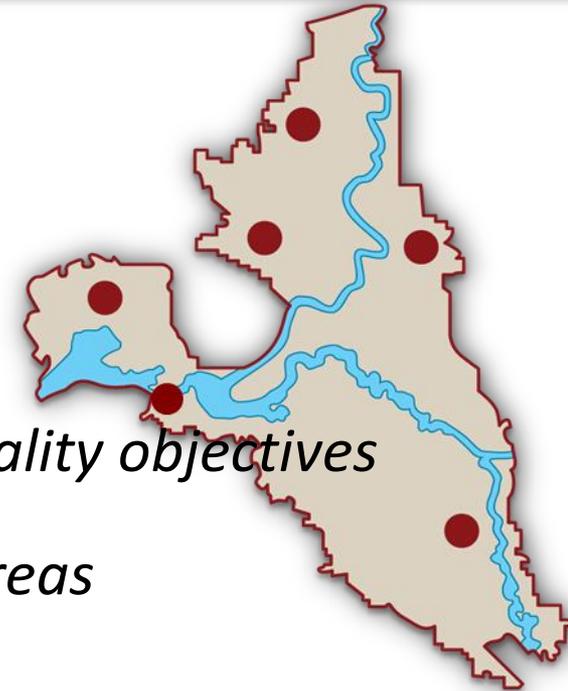
- ✓ Reduced reliance on the Delta through conservation, recycling, stormwater capture, and other diverse local supplies
- ✓ Improve conveyance, finish storage studies, make decisions
- ✓ State Board to update water quality objectives, including flow standards, to increase certainty



Meeting the Coequal Goals

2) Protect and enhance the ecosystem

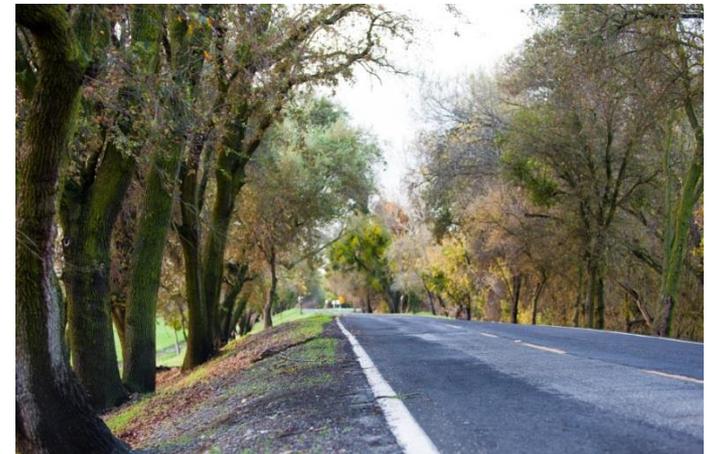
- ✓ *Rely on SWRCB water quality plans, including updated Update Delta water quality objectives*
- ✓ *Protect & restore 6 high-priority habitat areas*
- ✓ *Reduce other ecosystem stressors*
- ✓ *Complete and successfully permit BDCP*



Meeting the Coequal Goals

3) Achieve in a manner that protects and enhances the values & unique, “evolving” characteristics of the Delta

- ✓ *Protect rural lands for agriculture*
- ✓ *Locating new urban development in urban & urbanizing areas*
- ✓ *Designate the Delta a National Heritage Area*
- ✓ *Encourage recreation and tourism*
- ✓ *Enhancing legacy communities*



Reduce Risk

Flooding in Mossdale, 1997



4) The Delta is inherently flood-prone

- ✓ **Improve flood preparedness and emergency response**
 - *Delta Flood Risk Management Assessment District*
- ✓ **Reduce Delta exposure to flood risk**
 - *Enhance floodplains, create setback levees*
- ✓ **Update state priorities for investment in Delta flood protection**

Best Available Science

5) Make use of the best available science

- ✓ *Adaptively manage ecosystem restoration and water management actions*
- ✓ *Develop a Delta Science Plan*
- ✓ *Independent Science Board reviews scientific research, monitoring, and evaluation*



Implementation of the Delta Plan

-  Delta Reform Act: “The Council shall establish and oversee *a committee of agencies responsible for implementing the Delta Plan*. Each agency shall coordinate its actions pursuant to the Delta Plan with the council and the other relevant agencies.” (Water Code § 85204)

Questions?

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