

## Delta Independent Science Board Educational Briefing Questionnaire

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Please provide short written responses to the following:

1. Program Title:

Suisun Marsh Habitat Management, Preservation, and Restoration Plan (Plan)

2. Lead Agency/Department for Program:

This Plan is a joint effort between the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and Department of Fish and Game (DFG). The Department of Fish and Game is the State lead for the implementation of this Plan.

3. Brief Description of Program:

The Plan is being implemented with the purpose of balancing the benefits of tidal wetland restoration with other habitat uses in the Suisun Marsh. The Plan is composed of five components: Tidal Restoration, Managed Wetlands, Water Quality, Private and Public Land Use, and Levee System Integrity. These five components will rely on the incorporation of existing science and information developed through adaptive management. This Plan will be implemented over the next 30 years and will target the creation of 5,000 to 7,000 acres of tidal wetlands, maintain managed wetland, and contribute to the recovery of listed species.

4. Purpose and Objectives of Program:

The purpose and objectives are as follows: Enhance Habitats and Ecological Processes, Increase Public and Maintain Private Land Use, Improve Levee System Integrity, and Improve Water Quality

5. Timeline for Program Objectives:

This program will be implemented over the next 30 years.

6. Current Status of Program:

The Environmental Impact Report/Statement is expected to be completed in late-October 2011, or early November 2011. Once completed the agencies with the primary responsibility for implementing this project will move forward with implementing the preferred alternative.

7. Contact Information for Lead Staff of this Program:

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8. Associated Total Annual Budget for Program:

Funding of this program will come through the Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement that is underwritten by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and BOR. Additional funding will come from other available sources sought by the Suisun Resource Conservation District and DFG.

9. URL, if a Website is Available:

[www.dfg.ca.gov/delta/suisunmarsh/](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/delta/suisunmarsh/)

10. How does adaptive management play a role in your program?

Adaptive management plays a key role in the implementation of the preferred alternative. Lessons learned from early phases of this project and other similar projects will be adapted to either make changes to the preferred alternative or address the uncertainties that may arise during implementation of the Plan

11. Any additional information that would be helpful to understand the program:

NONE

**Thank you very much for taking the time to respond to this questionnaire. Please return your completed questionnaire to Gina Ford ([gina.ford@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:gina.ford@deltacouncil.ca.gov)) no later than October 6, 2011.**