

DELTA PLAN INTERAGENCY IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Water Code Section 85240, the Delta Stewardship Council must “**establish and oversee a committee of agencies responsible for implementing the Delta Plan**” and “**each agency shall coordinate its actions pursuant to the Delta Plan with the Council and other relevant agencies.**” This includes fostering engagement, cooperation and coordination with the federal agencies with responsibilities in the Delta and implementation of the Delta Plan.

The Secretaries of the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), and the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), on behalf of the Administration, jointly released a public review draft of the California Water Action Plan on Oct. 31, 2013, recognizing the “critical juncture for water policy in California”, identifying key actions that “address urgent needs and provide the foundation for sustainable management of California’s water resources” including achieving the coequal goals for the Delta by implementing the Delta Plan and directing “*all of the relevant agencies to fully participate in the Implementation Committee established by the Delta Stewardship Council*”.

CHARGE

The Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC) will serve as a forum to discuss, consider and orchestrate the timely and orderly implementation of actions consistent with the policies and recommendations outlined in the Delta Plan. This effort will further the achievement of the coequal goals in a manner that protects and enhances the Delta as an evolving place.

The DPIIC will interact with and report to the Council on implementing agency task priorities, identifying obstacles to and opportunities for success. The DPIIC Chair shall have discretion to raise any issue related to the Delta Plan for DPIIC discussion and consideration. The DPIIC will undertake efforts to maximize government efficiency, provide leadership and accountability, and highlight where agency alignment will have the greatest positive impact.

To meet this Charge, the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee will:

- Monitor and assess progress of priority actions and agency activities to implement the Delta Plan;
- Synthesize interagency activities to improve efficiency and effectiveness, assembling work groups as needed to address specific impediments to progress;
- Identify opportunities for integration and leveraging of funding among state and federal agencies;

- Support existing collaborative efforts and interagency agreements that contribute to Delta Plan implementation;
- Assist in the ongoing development and tracking of Delta Plan performance measures;
- Coordinate regulatory actions on significant projects to implement the Delta Plan, as appropriate;
- Identify funding needs and support development of a finance plan to implement the Delta Plan;
- Build effective policy-science interactions between resource decision-makers and scientists;
- Showcase successes where coordination efforts are effective; and
- Prioritize transparency and receipt of public stakeholder input.