

County of Contra Costa: Request the Department of Water Resources to identify near-term levee improvements in the Delta

Staff Recommendation: No action at this time.

Council approved recommendations for strategic levee investments will be included in the Delta Plan by 2012.

Background

The applicant is requesting the early action to consider including identification of near-term levee improvements in the Delta essential to the state's water supply that can be funded by the currently authorized bond revenue. The applicant's position is that the Council should ensure that adequate progress is ongoing to develop information regarding the needs of Delta levees. The applicant appears to be asking the Council to request that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) identify and classify (rank by the level essential to the state's water supply) Delta features such as levees and islands that are in "strategic geographic locations" to protect the state's water supply, including water quality, requiring near-term improvements.

The Delta Stewardship Council, in consultation with the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, shall recommend in the Delta Plan priorities for state investments in levee operation, maintenance, and improvements in the Delta, including both levees that are a part of the State Plan of Flood Control and non-project levees (Section 85306 of the Water Code). This process will consider the coequal goals in the Delta Plan that address water resources, Delta ecosystem, Delta as an evolving place, and reduced risk.

The applicant indicates that scientific justification is not applicable. Science staff is in agreement with the applicant's scientific justification.

The applicant has identified the Delta Stewardship Council as the legally responsible entity in error. The legally responsible entity is the California Department of Water Resources.

Delta Stewardship Council Committee – Early Actions Review
Meeting Date: October 11th and 12th
Early Action Project or Plan Review: Staff Recommendation

List of Attachments

Attachment 1 – Application for Consideration of a Plan or Project

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