

# Delta Planning Relationships

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**  
Ensures state's food safety, protection of state's agriculture from invasive species, and promotes California agricultural industry.

**CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**  
Coordinates overall state agency response to major disasters in support of local governments.

**CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY**  
Protects historical, natural and cultural sites, monitors and controls state lands and waterways, and regulates fish and game use.

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
Maintains native fish, wildlife, plant species and natural communities for their intrinsic and ecological value and their benefits to people.

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**  
Manages California's state parks.

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**  
Responsible for State of California's management and regulation of water usage. State lead for environmental review of BDCP. Lead agency for flood emergency response.

**CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD**  
Manages flood control along Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers and tributaries in cooperation with USACE.

**DELTA PROTECTION COMMISSION**  
Established 1992 and reorganized by 2009 Delta Reform Act as a 15-member planning and regulatory entity. Responsible for protecting and where possible enhancing and restoring Delta environment and making determinations on development in Delta. Provide input on actions that impact Delta as a place.

**DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL**  
Created by 2009 Delta Reform Act to create and implement a plan to achieve coequal goals.

**SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY**  
Established by 2009 Delta Reform Act. Leads efforts that advance environmental protection in Delta and economic well-being of Delta residents. Acts as primary state agency to implement ecosystem restoration in Delta.

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
Protects San Francisco Bay and its shoreline, including Suisun Marsh, through San Francisco Bay Plan. MOU with DSC to coordinate on planning and resource management in Suisun Marsh and addressing climate change.

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**  
State's principal water resources regulatory agency. 2009 Delta Reform Act requires that SWRCB develop new flow criteria for Delta, appoint Delta Watermaster, and implement enhanced Statement of Water Diversion and Use Program for Delta diverters.

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**  
Investigates, develops and maintains nation's water and related environmental resources. Maintains, regulates, and funds repairs to almost 400 miles of Delta levees. Multiple programs addressing Delta-related flood management issues. Plans to be considered by DSC.

**INDEPENDENT SCIENCE BOARD**  
**About:** Established by 2009 Delta Reform Act. Replaced CALFED Independent Science Board. Required to develop scientific program relating to management of Delta. Provides oversight of scientific research, monitoring, and assessment programs that support adaptive management of Delta through periodic reviews. Submits results of each review to DSC.  
**Relation to Delta Plan:** Lead scientist acts as liaison and advises DSC.

**DELTA SCIENCE PLAN**  
**About:** Specify how scientific research, monitoring, analysis, and data management will be coordinated among entities. Work with multiple agencies to develop plan.  
**Relation to Delta Plan:** Delta Plan called for Delta Science Plan by 2013. The document is now complete.

**LAND USE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE PRIMARY ZONE OF THE DELTA**  
**About:** Outlines long-term land use requirements for the DPC's Delta Primary Zone.  
**Relation to Delta Plan:** Referenced in Delta Plan. Local government general plans must embrace and support land use plan.

**NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA FEASIBILITY STUDY**  
**About:** Study to designate Delta as a National Heritage Area. Final study in 2012 to Congressional Affairs Office for support of legislation to establish a Delta NHA.  
**Relation to Delta Plan:** Recommendation in Delta Plan to complete NHA application.

**ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**  
**About:** Includes recommendations that inform DSC's policies regarding socioeconomic sustainability of Delta region.  
**Relation to Delta Plan:** Delta Reform Act required DPC to submit to DSC. Submitted 2011. Delta Plan drew information from plan to form Chapter 5.

**EVALUATION OF POLICY ALTERNATIVES TO BENEFIT AGRICULTURE IN DELTA**  
**About:** Proposal to enhance and protect Delta agriculture.  
**Relation to Delta Plan:** Delta Reform Act required CDFA to submit to DSC. Submitted to DPC for review. Provided recommendations included into DPC Economic Sustainability Plan.

**DELTA PLAN**  
**About:** Integrates decision making regarding Delta ecosystem, water use and flood management to achieve coequal goals. DSC required to consult with federal, state and local agencies in developing Delta Plan, and requires agencies to cooperate with DSC in developing Plan. Plans, projects and programs in Delta with significant impact on coequal goals must be consistent with Delta Plan. Delta Plan contains policies and many recommendations (see below.) Adopted 2013.

**DELTA CONSERVANCY STRATEGIC PLAN**  
**About:** Guide Conservancy's approach to economic development and ecosystem restoration within Delta. Released draft 2012.  
**Relation to Delta Plan:** Delta Plan has recommendations to complete and implement Strategic Plan. Delta Plan drew information from Strategic Plan to form Chapter 5.

**BAY-DELTA WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN**  
**About:** Identifies beneficial uses of water in Bay-Delta, water quality objectives for reasonable protection of those beneficial uses, and a program for achieving water quality objectives. Undergoing update, including water quality objectives and Delta outflow and inflow requirements, and changes to water rights and water quality regulations.  
**Relation to Delta Plan:** Delta Plan policy for SWRCB to update flow objectives and schedule for adoption for Delta (by 2014) and high priority tributaries (by 2018). Delta Plan recommends water quality in Delta be maintained at a level that supports, enhances, and protects beneficial uses in SWRCB plan.

**QUANTIFIABLE BIOLOGICAL OBJECTIVES AND FLOW CRITERIA**  
**About:** Delta Reform Act required DFW to develop quantifiable biological objectives and flow criteria for species of concern dependent on the Delta and submit to SWRCB by 2010. Developed in consultation with USFWS and NMFS.  
**Relation to Delta Plan:** Informed SWRCB's Delta flow criteria which was considered in development of Delta Plan and must be considered by BDCP.

**SUISUN MARSH PROTECTION PLAN**  
**About:** Long-range conservation, use and management of natural, scenic, recreational and manmade resources implemented in Suisun Marsh Preservation Act.  
**Relation to Delta Plan:** Recommendation to update Suisun Marsh Protection Plan to adapt to sea level rise and ensure consistency with Suisun Marsh Preservation Act, Delta Reform Act, and Delta Plan.

**DEVELOPMENT OF FLOW CRITERIA FOR THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA ECOSYSTEM**  
**About:** Assessment of flows needed to protect the Delta and its ecological resources completed in 2010.  
**Relation to Delta Plan:** Considered in development of Delta Plan and must be considered by BDCP.

**BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN**  
**About:** Habitat restoration plan to restore habitat and get permits for water exporters to continue water conveyance. BDCP will recommend a plan to convey water under, through or around Delta.  
**Relation to Delta Plan:** To be incorporated into Delta Plan if it meets certain statutory requirements. Delta Reform Act describes specific process for incorporation.

**ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROGRAM CONSERVATION STRATEGY**  
**About:** Blueprint involving multiple agencies for ecosystem restoration and species recovery for 2011-2030. Includes elements of Suisun Marsh Habitat Management, Preservation and Restoration Plan, and elements of USFWS Recovery Plan for Tidal Marsh Ecosystems of Northern and Central California. Draft 2011. DFW to collaborate with USFWS and NMFS to implement.  
**Relation to Delta Plan:** Delta Plan recommendations to restore habitats at appropriate elevations and to implement list of "Stage 2 Actions for Nonnative Invasive Species" in strategy.

**CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION PLAN**  
**About:** Developed by DWR and submitted to CVFPPB in 2011. Proposes new or enhanced flood bypasses, levee setbacks, and fish passage improvements that provide both flood risk reduction and habitat. Adopted by CVFPPB in 2012. DWR has started work on a Basin-wide Feasibility Study that will refine the costs and value associated with system-level improvements to the State Plan of Flood Control facilities.  
**Relation to Delta Plan:** Effects of CVFPPB improvements monitored by DSC to assure alignment to coequal goals and Delta Reform Act. Portions of CVFPPB may be incorporated into Delta Plan at discretion of DSC.

**FLOODSAFE INITIATIVE**  
**About:** Launched by DWR in 2006 following voter approval of Prop. 1E and Prop. 84, initiative promotes an integrated approach to achieving system wide benefits through regional implementation and improved core flood management functions.  
**Relation to DSC:** Tool innovation and technical assessments will inform ongoing planning activities related to emergency response, flood system operations and maintenance, and capital improvement programs both within the Delta and statewide. The tools, data, and plan recommendations associated with FloodSAFE programs are being considered by DSC in future updates of Delta Plan.

**STRATEGY FOR STATE INVESTMENTS IN DELTA LEVEES**  
**About:** The 2009 Delta Reform Act requires the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC), in consultation with various state and local agencies, to develop funding priorities for State investments in Delta levees. These priorities shall be consistent with the provisions of the Delta Reform Act, in cooperation with the Delta Protection Commission's Assessment District Feasibility Study, in promoting effective, prioritized strategic State investments in levee operations, maintenance, and improvements in the Delta for both levees that are a part of the State Plan of Flood Control and non-project levees.  
**Relation to the Delta Plan:** Listed in the Delta Plan as Risk Reduction Recommendation 4, or RR 4.

**DELTA MULTI-HAZARD COORDINATION TASK FORCE**  
**About:** Developed by SB27 to address emergency preparedness and response issues in Delta. Led by Cal EMA with representatives from each of 5 Delta counties, DWR and DPC. Released report in 2012 recommending to legislature and governor creation of a Delta interagency unified command system, an emergency preparedness and response strategy, and an emergency response exercise/training plan.  
**Relation to Delta Plan:** Delta Plan recommendation to implement task force recommendations. Task force recommendations will be considered by DSC for future updates of Delta Plan. The task force ended in 2012.

**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CATASTROPHIC FLOOD INCIDENT PLAN**  
**About:** Basis for integrated response in Delta. Will incorporate action recommendations of task force report. To be completed 2013.  
**Relation to Delta Plan:** Flood Incident Plan was recommendation of task force. This plan will lead to multi-agency flood emergency drills and exercises.

**DWR DELTA FLOOD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN**  
**About:** Plan to respond to multiple island levee failures within Delta. Draft planned for 2013 and final 2014.  
**Relation to Delta Plan:** Furthers the Delta Plan's goals for Delta flood risk reduction.

**DELTA ISLANDS LEVEES FEASIBILITY STUDY**  
**About:** Study to develop a long-term USACE strategy for Delta levees.  
**Relation to Delta Plan:** May be considered by DSC in future update of Delta Plan.



**Future of the Delta Plan**  
The final Delta Plan was adopted by the Delta Stewardship Council in May 2013. The 2009 Delta Reform Act requires state and local actions that fit legal definition of a covered action be consistent with Delta Plan policies.

**Covered Actions**  
Mechanism for enforcement of Delta Plan policies over state and local actions. Local and state agencies proposing a plan, project, or program that falls under Delta Plan's "Covered Actions" must file a certification of consistency with DSC. If DSC deems it inconsistent, will provide suggestions for revision. Challenge consistency determination by submitting appeal to DSC. Delta Plan updated every 5 years.

**Delta Reform Act defines "Covered Actions" as a plan, program or project that meets all of the following conditions:**

1. Will occur, in whole or in part, within the boundaries of the Delta or Suisun Marsh;
2. Will be carried out, approved, or funded by the state or local public agency;
3. Is covered by one or more provisions of the Delta Plan; and
4. Will have a significant impact on achievement of one or both of the coequal goals or the implementation of government-sponsored flood control programs to reduce risks to people, property, and state interests in the Delta.

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**ACRONYM KEY**

BDCP	Bay Delta Conservation Plan
Cal EMA	California Emergency Management Agency
CDFA	California Department of Food and Agriculture
CDPR	California Department of Parks and Recreation
CVFPPB	Central Valley Flood Protection Board
CVFPP	Central Valley Flood Protection Plan
DFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
DPC	Delta Protection Commission
DSC	Delta Stewardship Council
DWR	California Department of Water Resources
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NHA	National Heritage Area
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service