



## What they're saying about the Delta Plan

"By adopting this Delta Plan, the Delta Stewardship Council will provide a balanced framework for achieving the coequal goals through implementation of county and municipal general plans, water quality control plans, habitat conservation plans, and other regulatory and guidance documents that address the uses of the Delta's resources. This framework also serves to underline the critical reality that flow and water quality protections, more efficient conservation and management of existing supplies, and improvements to the physical habitat and conveyance infrastructure in the Delta go hand-in-hand."

**Secretary John Laird**

*California Natural Resources Agency*

"The final Delta Plan builds on decades of scientific study and real-world considerations affecting the Delta region. It provides a clear roadmap for the Delta, increasing the importance of scientific input and advancing a more informed, effective and adaptive decision-making process for future Delta actions."

"The Delta Plan moves the state into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century of sustainable water management. The Council's Delta Science Program, along with the Delta independent Science Board, plays an integral role in guiding the development and application of science in these matters."

**The Hon. Darrell Steinberg**

*Senate President Pro Tem*

"In our recent study, *Stress Relief: Prescriptions for a Healthier Ecosystem* (PPIC, April 2013), we conclude that the final draft Delta Plan provides a comprehensive assessment of the problem of multiple sources of aquatic ecosystem stress, as well as a framework for addressing these stressors in an integrated and comprehensive way. By proactively implementing the Delta Plan, the DSC can contribute significantly to improving ecosystem outcomes in the Delta, a key resource management challenge for 21st century California."

**Ellen Hanak, Senior Fellow**

*Public Policy Institute of California*

"The fact that the Council will review and amend the Plan at least every five years is very important. This review acknowledges the evolving nature of the Delta, the key role of pending State and federal policies – from the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) and the ongoing State Water resources Control Board update of the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan – and the need for transparent, accessible scientific review."

"We believe this Delta Plan sets the right path for actions to meet the coequal objectives and to protect the Delta as a special place as codified in the 2009 water legislation."

**Leo Winternitz, Senior Policy Advisor**

*The Nature Conservancy*



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"The Delta Plan is the strongest statement for multi-species conservation we've ever had. It's also a strong statement for a comprehensive approach to the Delta and state's water supply system."

**Tim Quinn**, Executive Director  
*Association of California Water Agencies*

"We consider the Delta Plan to an integrated plan, a document that covers many of the related activities that we participate in. And we think it's a solid foundation for trying to achieve the coequal goals."

**Paul Helliker**, Deputy Director  
*California Department of Water Resources*

"You've done an excellent job of realizing what your obligations are in the coequal goals. And you've also done it in the backdrop of a new commitment by this state to the efficient use of water. The time for planning has past. The time for implementing is here. And I think that's the key to this."

**John S. Mills**  
*Water and Natural Resources Consultant*

"The Delta is often described as a wicked problem – you can't solve just pieces of it, you have to solve the whole thing. And if we're going to be successful this time around we're going to have to link these things together. I think you've worked hard to figure out those linkages of water use efficiency and ecosystem restoration."

**Charles Gardiner**, Executive Director  
*Delta Vision Foundation*

"Your advancement of the coequal goals, providing a more reliable water supply, and protecting and restoring the Delta, is unique. The Delta Plan that you've created is the guidance on how to proceed and achieve that. The process has been transparent and science-based."

**Dave Zezulak**  
*California Department of Fish & Wildlife*

"I want to thank the Council and the staff for taking the time to come up to our area and see our issues up in the Sierra. We look forward to working with you on implementation."

**John Kingsbury**, Executive Director  
*Mountain Counties Water Resources Association*