

Delta Stewardship Council Active Projects List

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The tables below highlight a sample of active projects for Council member review. Active projects include both potential covered actions and related plans and projects. An explanation of Column 4, Status, is provided on page 6.

State Projects

Name	Location (County)	Proponent	Status	California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Status	Description
Delta Conveyance	Delta-wide	Department of Water Resources (DWR)	Comment Letter in progress	Anticipated Notice of Preparation (NOP)	A facility to convey water from the Sacramento River in the north Delta directly to the existing State Water Project and Central Valley Project pumping plants in the south Delta
Soil Investigations for Data Collection in the Delta	Delta-wide	DWR	Comment Letter in progress	Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)	Overwater and land-based soil borings, cone penetration tests, and geophysical surveys to inform the design, environmental analysis, and development of alternatives for a potential Delta conveyance project
Prospect Island Restoration Project (EcoRestore)	Solano	DWR	Comment Letter	Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	Large-scale tidal marsh restoration project in Cache Slough
Reinitiation of Consultation on the Coordinated Long-Term Operation of the State Water Project (SWP)	Statewide	DWR	Comment Letter in progress	Draft EIR	Supports the incidental take permit (ITP) application for SWP operations and provides California Endangered Species Act (CESA) authorization for the SWP regardless of any changes to federal law during the term of the ITP

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SWP Water Management Tools/Contract Amendments	Statewide	DWR	Coordinating	Draft EIR/ will prepare new NOP	Ongoing negotiations of terms outlined in the Agreement in Principle that will be used as a project description for an EIR
Lookout Slough Restoration Project (EcoRestore)	Solano	DWR	Comment Letter	NOP	Large-scale tidal marsh restoration project in Cache Slough
Lower Yolo Restoration Project (EcoRestore)	Solano	Westlands Water District	Early Consultation	Addendum to Final EIR	Large-scale tidal marsh restoration project in Cache Slough
Whale Belly Wetland Restoration (EcoRestore)	Sacramento	DWR	Early Consultation	IS/MND	Large-scale wetland, upland, and riparian forest restoration project on Sherman Island

Regional Projects

Name	Location (County)	Proponent	Status	CEQA Status	Description
Valley Link Rail Project	San Joaquin	Tri Valley Regional Rail Authority	Early Consultation	NOP; responded to comments on feasibility study	Proposed railway that would link Tracy and Stockton to existing Bay Area transit systems (Bay Area Rapid Transit [BART] and Altamont Corridor Express [ACE])

Name	Location (County)	Proponent	Status	CEQA Status	Description
Plan Bay Area 2050	Contra Costa, Solano	Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)	Early Consultation	Not Initiated	Update to the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) which projects regional growth patterns and prioritizes transportation investments

Local Projects

Name	Location (County)	Proponent	Status	CEQA Status	Description
Solano County General Plan Amendment for Cache Slough	Solano	Solano County	Comment Letter	Exempt	General plan amendment to incorporate policies regarding ecosystem restoration projects in Cache Slough, to be implemented through an Overlay Zone
Amendment to the Solano County component of the Suisun Marsh Local Protection Program	Solano	Solano County	Anticipating Certification	Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND)	Amendment to the Solano County component of the Suisun Marsh Local Protection Program, certified by the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) and adopted by the County
Antioch Brackish Water Desalination Project	Contra Costa	City of Antioch	Early Consultation	Notice of Determination (NOD)	New 6 million gallons per day desalination facilities and associated infrastructure, including a new brine disposal pipeline and replacement of a San Joaquin River intake pump station

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Lathrop Consolidated Treatment Facility Surface Water Discharge Project	San Joaquin	City of Lathrop	Comment Letter	NOP	Project to repurpose existing recycled water pipeline or construct new effluent pipeline, and install a new outfall to discharge effluent to the San Joaquin River
Lower Marsh Creek Stream Corridor Restoration Program	Contra Costa	Contra Costa County	Certification filed on November 29, 2019	NOD	Multi-benefit ecosystem restoration project at the confluence of Marsh, Sand, and Deer Creeks, to convert a denuded flood control channel into a riparian corridor

Other Projects

Name	Location (County)	Proponent	Status	CEQA Status	Description
American River Common Features: Sacramento River East Levee Improvements	Sacramento	Central Valley Flood Protection Board, United States Army Corps of Engineers, DWR, and Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA)	Certified without Appeal	Supplemental EIR/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	Levee improvement project along the east bank of the Sacramento River

Name	Location (County)	Proponent	Status	CEQA Status	Description
Long-Term Water Transfers	Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Yolo	San Louis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority	Comment Letter	Final EIS/EIR	Project to make water transfers more implementable in order to serve existing demands
Los Vaqueros Reservoir Second Expansion	Contra Costa	Contra Costa Water District	Early Consultation	Draft EIR/EIS	Expansion of Los Vaqueros Reservoir, and construction of new and replacement water supply infrastructure
Reinitiation of Consultation on the Coordinated Long-Term Operation of the Central Valley Project (CVP) and SWP	Statewide	United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)	Comment Letter	Draft EIS	Modifications to continued long-term operation of the CVP, in coordination with the SWP, to maximize water supply deliveries, optimize marketable power generation, and address the status of federally-listed species
Yolo Bypass Salmonid Habitat Restoration and Fish Passage (EcoRestore)	Yolo	Reclamation and DWR	Anticipating Certification	Record of Decision (ROD)/ Draft EIR	Alterations to the weir located north of the legal Delta would change the extent and timing of Yolo Bypass flooding within the Delta
Mossdale Tract Area Urban Flood Risk Reduction Study	San Joaquin	San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency	Early Consultation	Not Initiated	Identify a plan to achieve an urban level of flood protection for the Mossdale Tract (Reclamation District No. 17)

Status Types

Active projects include both potential covered actions and related plans and projects of interest. The active project “Status” reported above is not sequential, but tends to align with certain phases of the CEQA process. The relationship between generalized steps in the CEQA process (top row) and generalized status types (bottom row) is illustrated in **Figure 1**. Each status type is described in more detail, below.

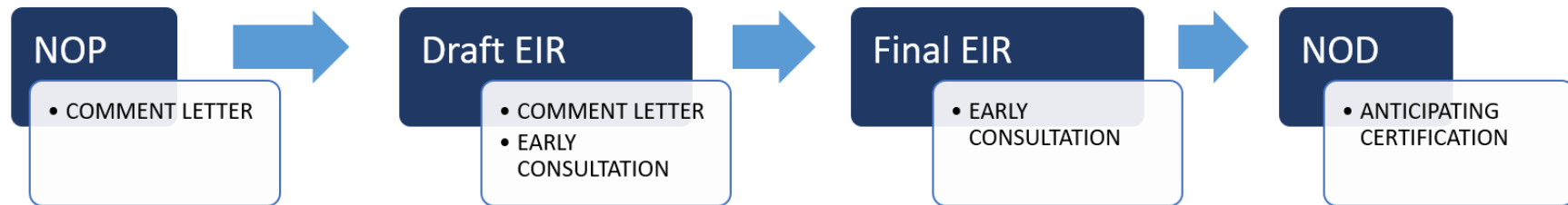


Figure 1. Typical Project Sequence

Coordinating: Occasionally, the Council will coordinate with state and local agencies prior to the initiation of the CEQA process in order to track and/or inform project formulation. Coordination may include informal discussions or attendance at project planning meetings.

Comment letter: Council staff prepare comment letters in response to each phase of the CEQA process leading up to a final document (e.g., Notice of Preparation [NOP], IS/ND, IS/MND, DEIR). The Council may also comment on other interim studies and reports, as needed. The Council comments on potential covered actions as well as on long range plans identified in the Delta Reform Act (Water Code §85212) and projects located outside of the Delta that will have a significant impact on the Delta (Water Code §85210[j]).

Early consultation: The Delta Reform Act directs the Council to offer early consultation to assist state and local public agencies in preparing certifications of consistency (Water Code §85225.5). The timing and frequency of early consultation is at the discretion of the project proponent.

Anticipating certification: Council staff anticipate a certification of consistency once a notice of determination (NOD) has been issued. Proponents of covered actions must file a certification of consistency prior to project implementation (Water Code §85225). The timeframe between NOD and implementation varies.