

DELTASTEWARDSHIP COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
OF THE DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL  
ENDORSEMENT OF THE 2026 DELTA  
SCIENCE PLAN: Strengthening Science in  
the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta

WHEREAS, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 (Delta Reform Act), Water Code section 85000 *et seq.*) created the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) and directs the Council to develop and implement the Delta Plan, a legally enforceable management framework for the Delta; and

WHEREAS, the Council-adopted Delta Plan recommends the development of a Delta Science Plan (The Delta Plan, G R1) that is “a comprehensive science plan that specifies how scientific research, monitoring, analysis, and data management will be coordinated among entities” (The Delta Plan, Ch2, page 37); and

WHEREAS, the Council developed its first Delta Science Plan in 2013 and revised it in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Council has initiated a revision of the 2019 Delta Science Plan – the 2026 Delta Science Plan; and

WHEREAS Council staff released a draft of the 2026 Delta Science Plan for public review (72 days) and tribal consultation (90 days) on November 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Council staff provided the 2026 Delta Science Plan to the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) for review on November 19, 2025, and received comments from the Delta ISB; and

WHEREAS, Council staff revised the draft 2026 Delta Science Plan in response to the feedback received during the 90-day tribal consultation period as well as from 72 days of public comments during the review period; and

WHEREAS, Council staff has reviewed Delta ISB comments and made revisions to the 2026 Delta Science Plan accordingly; and

WHEREAS, the Council has considered the endorsement request set forth in agenda item 8 of the May 28, 2026, Council meeting notice and has reviewed the staff report for this Action item and the Draft 2026 Delta Science Plan that is Attachment A to this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL THAT:

1. The Council hereby finds the foregoing recitals to be true and correct and incorporates them herein.
2. The Council endorses the draft 2026 Delta Science Plan that is Attachment A to this Resolution and incorporates it herein as if fully set forth.
3. The Council authorizes and directs the Executive Officer, or their delegee, to finalize the Draft 2026 Delta Science Plan, including: 1) revisions made in response to public comment, tribal consultation, and comments from the Delta ISB; 2) any necessary non-substantive changes and 3) any changes approved by the Council at its May 28, 2026, meeting.
4. The Council directs and authorizes the Executive Officer, or their delegee, to take such steps and actions as are necessary to effect the intent of this Resolution,

Attachment A: Draft 2026 Delta Science Plan: Strengthening Science in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

CERTIFICATION

On a motion by Councilmember Zingale, seconded by Councilmember Miller, and a vote of the Council, the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Delta Stewardship Council by the following vote at a regular meeting of the Delta Stewardship Council on May 28, 2026.

Burgis      Aye

Eggman      Aye

Lee          Aye

Miller       Aye

Mehranian Absent

Patterson   Aye

Zingale      Aye

Dated: May 28, 2026

Emma Askea   
Clerk of the Board of the Delta Stewardship Council