Delta Stewardship Council

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Active Projects List

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 the final page.

Changes since October 2026 are denoted with an asterisk (*) and in italics. One project was added, and none were removed.

State Projects

State Project Name	Location (County)	Lead Agency	Status	California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Status	Description
**Delta Conveyance*	Delta-wide	Department of Water Resources (DWR)	Project Remanded 4.23.26; Revised Certification of Consistency filed 7.24.26; Appeals filed 8.24.26	Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR)	A facility to convey water from the Sacramento River in the north Delta directly to the existing State Water Project (SWP) and Central Valley Project (CVP) pumping plants in the south Delta. Three appeals received. *Decision meeting 12.09.26.*

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Little Egbert Multi-Benefit Project	Solano County	DWR	Comment Letter 8.2.23	Notice of Preparation (NOP)	Transition of land from agricultural to tidal wetlands, subtidal, and riparian habitat located at the south end of the Yolo Bypass. Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) anticipated Spring 2027.
Petition Requesting an Extension of Time to More Fully Exercise Conditional Water Rights for Operation of the State Water Project	Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Yolo Counties	DWR	Monitoring	NOP	Request for a time extension to continue the development of existing water rights permits without altering the existing permitted quantities or rates, purpose of use, season of use, points of diversion, or places of use.

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Point Buckler Island (John Muir Land Trust)	Solano County	Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)	Early Consultation	Proposed Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects (SERP)	Removal of buildings and structures levee breach to restore tidal flow and reconnect fragmented habitat channels. Replace native salt marsh vegetation and reconstruct natural channel systems to support fish spawning and bird nesting.

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Regional Projects

Regional Project Name	Location (County)	Lead Agency	Status	CEQA Status	Description
Sacramento Regional Water Bank	Sutter, Placer, and Sacramento Counties	Regional Water Authority (RWA)	Comment letter 10.19.23	NOP	Regional water bank to coordinate and expend conjunctive use practices of RWA members. RWA will seek federal recognition of the Project as an approved facility for banking Central Valley Project water under NEPA. DEIR anticipated 2026.
Mossdale Tract Area Urban Flood Risk Reduction Project	SanJoaquin County	San Joaquin County Area Flood Control Agency (SJAFCA)	Comment letter 02.02.26	DEIR	Construction, operation and maintenance of flood risk reduction and multi-benefit components (to include habitat enhancement and revegetation, dryland levee extension, ecosystem restoration, and recreational features along the levee system) in and adjacent to RD 17, Stockton, Lathrop, Manteca, and unincorporated San Joaquin County.

Local Projects

Local Project Name	Location (County)	Proponent	Status	CEQA Status	Description
Paradise Cut Expansion & South Delta Restoration Project	San Joaquin County	SJAFCA	Feasibility Study to be completed in 2026	Not initiated	The Project seeks to decrease peak flows during potential flood events and improve and enhance habitat. Draft Feasibility Study to be released in future.
**Hoover Ranch Conservation Project*	Contra Costa County	Wildlife Conservation Board	Monitoring	Land acquisition	Located on Bethel Island in Contra Costa County. Land acquisition for a potential conservation project. *Delta Conservancy grant approved 10.28.26.*
South Delta Gates Project	San Joaquin County	DWR	Monitoring	Not initiated	DWR is considering installing permanent operable gates, known as the South Delta Gates (SDG), to replace the current agricultural barriers (Temporary Barriers Project) in the South Delta.

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**Tide's End Multi-Benefit Restoration Project*	Yolo County	DWR	Comment letter 03.19.26; *Certification filed 10.27.26*	*NOD*	Proposing to restore tidal marsh and associated flood plain habitat. Using the Statewide Restoration General Order (SRGO). Council presentation September 2026.
Delta Meadows Park Classification and General Plan Project	Sacramento County	California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks)	Comment letter sent 02.10.25	NOP	Classifying and developing a comprehensive general plan to address critical resource management and infrastructure needs. DPEIR anticipated Winter 2026.
Goat Island on Rush Ranch	Solano County	San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority	Early Consultation	Suisun Marsh Program EIR, 2015 IS/MND	The project aims to improve connectivity between a small seasonal watershed, uplands, and tidal marsh components by constructing subtidal breaches in the perimeter levee, lowering segments of the perimeter levee to allow occasional overtopping, and removing restrictions to seasonal surface flows and nutrient transport pathways. Certification of consistency anticipated Fall 2026.

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San Joaquin River Basin, Lower San Joaquin River Project	San Joaquin County	SJAFCA	Early Consultation	Supplemental EIR/Supplemental Environmental Assessment	An updated project mitigation strategy proposes to establish up to six onsite and offsite habitat mitigation sites instead of purchase of mitigation bank credits due to their lack of availability in the project area.
Bouldin Island Multi-Benefit Levee Setback Project	San Joaquin County	RD 756	Early Consultation Comment letter 02.17.26	IS/MND	Proposing to implement a levee setback along the Mokelumne River on Bouldin Island to create a waterside planting bench for shaded riverine aquatic habitat, rehabilitate the levee, and replace a pump station. Certification expected early 2027.
Morrison Creek and Beach Lake Resiliency Project	Sacramento County	RD 341	Comment letter 09.04.26	IS/MND	200 year flood protection to the urban area in the City of Sacramento.

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Grizzly Island Wildlife Area and Hill Slough Wildlife Area Land Management Plan (LMP)	*TBD*	*CDFW*	*Early Consultation*		*An LMP is a long term planning document that identifies current conditions, assesses issues and opportunities, and outlines management goals and strategies for comprehensive management of the property over the next 20-30 years. Focus group meetings held June 2026. CDFW to present at AMAT meeting 11.10.26*

Other Projects

Project Name	Location (County)	Lead Agency	Status	CEQA Status	Description
Delta Conveyance	Delta-wide	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	Comment letter	Final Environmental Impact Study (EIS); Notice of Determination (NOD)	A facility to convey water from the Sacramento River in the north Delta directly to the existing SWP and CVP pumping plants in the south Delta. The scope is limited to construction activities, structures, and modifications to federal levees and navigation projects.
Delta Cross Channel Gate Improvements Project	Sacramento County	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)	Comment letter sent 07.10.25.	Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)	Provide for remote and more frequent operation, to manage water quality in the Central Delta and at the SWP and CVP pumping plants. Construction anticipated 2026.

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**Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan (WQCP) (Phase II)*	San Francisco Bay, Sacramento to the San Joaquin Delta	State Water Resources Control Board	Comment letter 02.02.26, *Plan approved 10.29.26*	WQCP Update process (functional equivalent for CEQA)	The proposed project is to adopt an Update and Implementation plan for the Water Quality Control Plan for San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Watershed. This includes the 'Healthy Rivers and Landscapes' program (HRL) as well as revised requirements for non-HRL parties. Final draft plan released 8.19.2026.
Suisun Expansion Project (California Forever)	Solano County	City of Suisun	Comment letter 12.12.25	NOP	The project would expand the boundaries of Suisun City through annexation of 22,873 acres of unincorporated Solano County. The project would establish an Area Plan covering approximately 7,136 acres of the site.

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**Yolo Bypass Comprehensive/ Feasibility Study*	Yolo, Solano County	USACE	Monitoring	CEQA/NEPA determination expected in 2029	This is a USACE and SAFCA comprehensive study with nationwide significance. Feasibility study published and reviewed. *None of the recommended actions are in the Delta.*
**City of Mountain House General Plan*	San Joaquin County	City of Mountain House	Comment letter sent 06.03.26	*DEIR*	The proposed project is a General Plan consisting of a Land Use Map and policy document containing goals, policies and actions that will guide future development activities and planning decisions in Mountain House.

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.

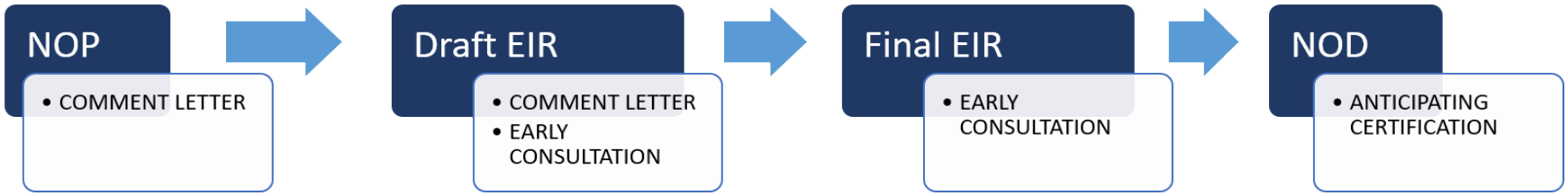


Figure 1. Typical Project Sequence

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], Initial Statement [IS], Negative Declaration [ND], Mitigated Negative Declaration [MND], Draft Environmental Impact Report [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 (Wat. Code section 85212) and projects located outside of the Delta that will have a significant impact on the Delta (Wat. Code section 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 (Wat. Code section 85225.5). The timing and frequency of early consultation are 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 (Wat. Code section 85225). The timeframe between NOD and implementation varies.