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2024 Annual Report

Reflecting on Growth and Collaboration



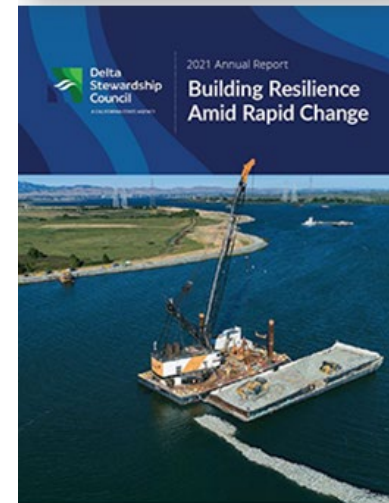
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Our Annual Reports

- Each year, the Council develops a report to showcase the progress made toward California's coequal goals for the Delta



Reflecting on growth and collaboration

- Storymaps help us communicate visually and interactively
- The 2024 Annual Report begins with a foreword by Chair Lee and an intro to California's Delta

Welcome from Chair Julie Lee

Each year, the Council develops a report to showcase the progress made toward California's coequal goals for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. **This year's accomplishments saw no bounds.**

Since becoming chair, I have built relationships with state legislative members, Delta county supervisors, agency leaders, staff, communities, and others working toward positive change in the Delta by promoting science-based decision-making.

A few highlights for me in 2024 were...



Introduction

California relies on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta as a hub for water, biodiversity, agriculture, infrastructure, transportation, recreation, and more. Since 2010, the Delta Stewardship Council has worked to advance California's coequal goals for the Delta – a reliable statewide water supply and a resilient ecosystem – in a manner that protects and enhances the Delta's unique character and values. In 2024, we reflected on how our agency has grown to continue facilitating collaboration with our partners.



Leadership spotlight

The Council, its Delta Science Program, and the Delta Independent Science Board welcomed new leadership and expressed heartfelt thanks for the knowledge and relationships established by those who have moved on



Hear directly from our Executive Officer, Jessica R. Pearson

In 2024, our agency doubled down on our commitments to advance climate adaptation and Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (or JEDI).

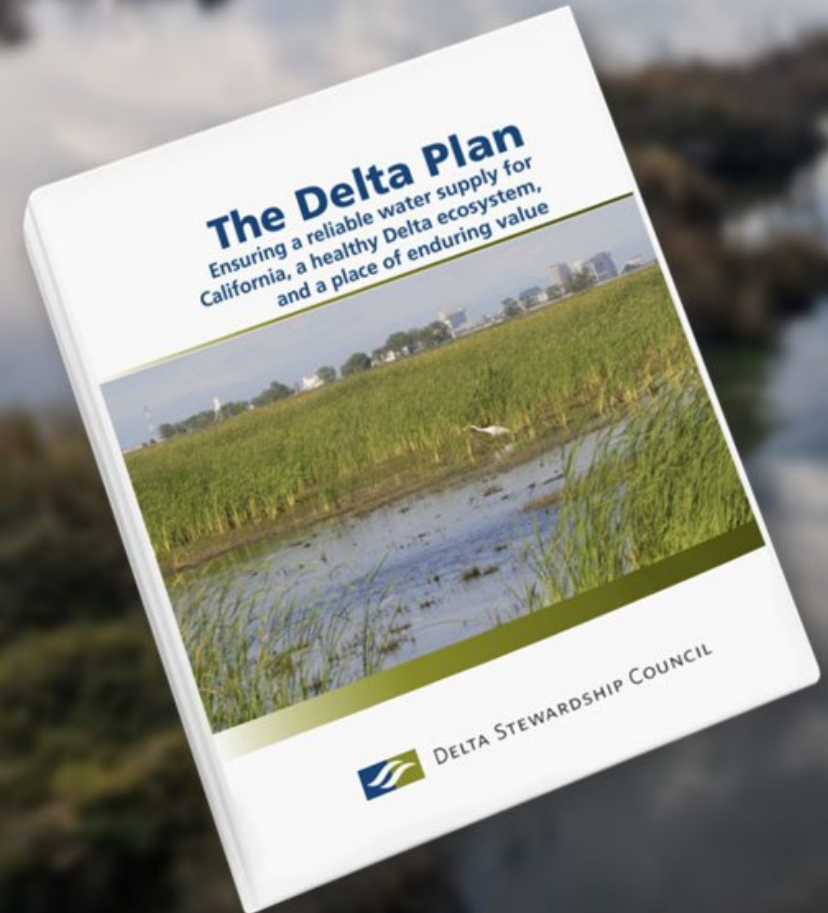
We did so by adding a new unit to our agency focused on climate and environmental justice in May, and we hired our first-ever JEDI Officer in November.

These actions are intended to further progress on two topics intrinsic to the Council's role and mission, and we are better positioned to carry out our work as a result.



A common vision for taking on the Delta's challenges

- Completed our second Delta Plan Five-Year Review
- Published public review drafts of our tribal & EJ issue paper and climate adaptation plan



Science communication is essential

- Hosted events like the Bay-Delta Science Conference
- Published reports that explored grand challenges to science and how to monitor HABs

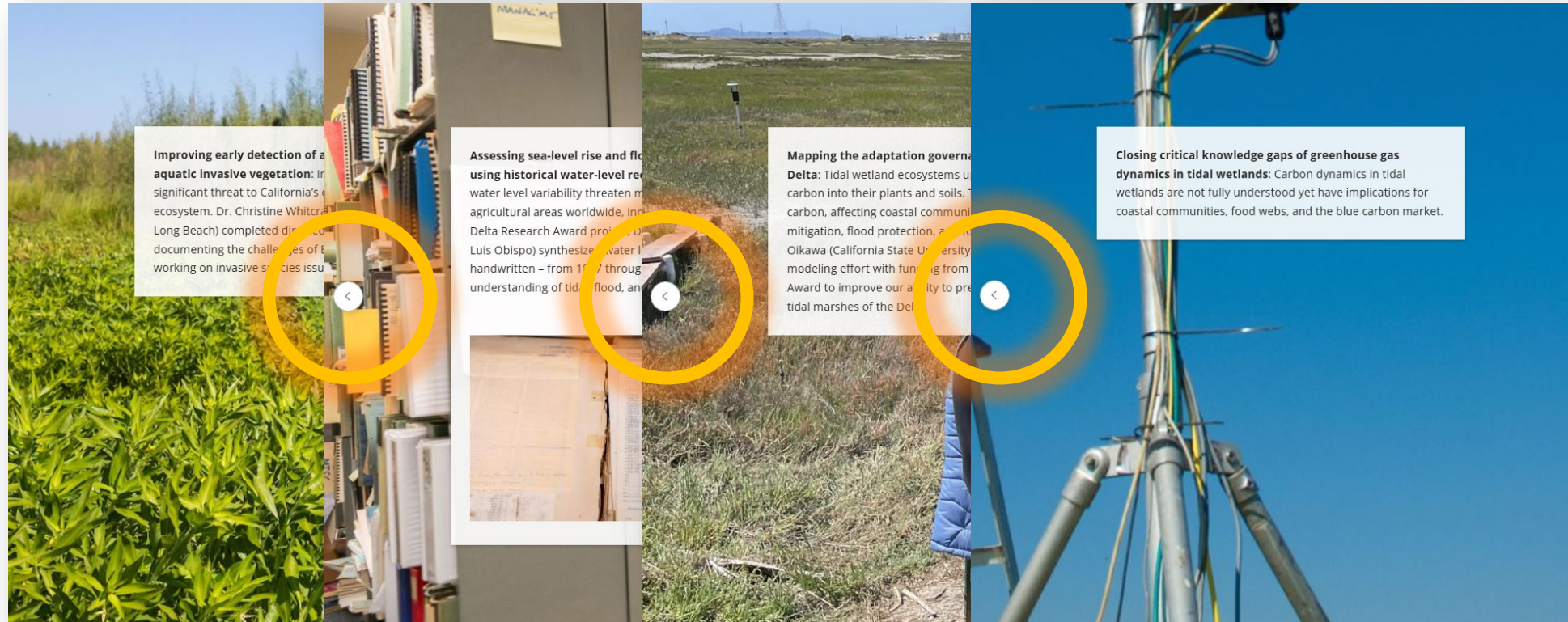


Supporting the best available science

- Facilitated peer reviews
- Worked with the Delta ISB
- Funded research and fellowships



Scientific findings










Conclusion

- As we close the book on 2024 and turn the page to 2025, we anticipate reaching several milestones



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Annual Reports

Each year, the Delta Stewardship Council develops a report to showcase the progress made toward California's coequal goals for the Delta: a reliable water supply and a resilient ecosystem while protecting and enhancing the unique values of the region as a place where people live, work, and recreate. Staff presents the annual reports at the first Council meeting of the year. Annual reports produced prior to 2019 are available upon request via archives@deltacouncil.ca.gov.



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