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Legislative Update



**Delta
Stewardship
Council**

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The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act (SB 650)

May 15: Advanced out of the Senate to the Assembly

- Establishes 90-day statute of limitations for a legal challenge to:
 - *Council's adoption or amendment to the Delta Plan or its appeals procedures*
 - *Council's determination of an appeal to a certification of consistency*
- Adds the definition of a "person" to the Delta Reform Act for the purpose of appeals
 - *Explicit inclusion of state and local public agencies in Council's process*
- Establishes that the remainder of the Delta Plan remains in effect, even if portions are invalidated by a court. This ensures there is a legally enforceable Delta Plan.
 - *Consistent with other state statutes*

Governor's May Revision

- Trailer bill: "statutory changes to streamline administrative processes for the Delta Conveyance Project."
- 8 provisions
 - *Halts injunctions challenging Conveyance-related permitting or infrastructure unless imminent threat to public health and safety*
 - *States that actions against the Delta Conveyance project shall be resolved to the extent possible within 270 days*
- Nothing appears to explicitly affect the Council's process

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