



DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

DELTA PLAN INTERAGENCY IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE COORDINATION UPDATES

Delta Stewardship Council

Thresholds and Ecosystem Restoration Symposium – November 19, 2019

Among the goals of habitat restoration are the recovery of a particular set of ecological functions and services. Trying to understand and predict the trajectory and pace of recovery raises important questions for resource managers. Answers to these questions are important for restoration decision-making and the development of monitoring and assessment plans.

This one-day symposium will bring together scientists and managers to (1) inform scientists about decision-making processes and real-world challenges in ecosystem management and restoration; (2) inform managers of the latest decision support tools emerging from science on ecosystem multiple stable states; and (3) promote dialogue and collaboration among scientists and managers working on the Delta-estuary-marine ecosystem continuum. For more information, please visit: https://marinescience.ucdavis.edu/events/upcoming-events/thresholds_and_ecosystem_restoration

Delta Plan Five-Year Review

The purpose of the 2019 Delta Plan Five-Year Review is to consider the Delta Plan's core elements in light of six years of experience, and to reflect on the successes and challenges of implementing the Delta Plan. By considering the Delta Plan and implementation progress, the Council will be better positioned to develop a roadmap for potential future changes and improvements to Delta Plan content and implementation strategies.

The 2019 Delta Plan Five-Year Review Report will be published in fall 2019 presenting findings from the Delta Plan Five-Year Review process and recommending priority actions for the next five years to strengthen the Delta Plan and its implementation. The final report was presented to the Council in October 2019. For more information, please visit: <http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/council-meetings>

Delta Conservancy

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Awards \$11 Million in Proposition 1 Grants

The Delta Conservancy Board has approved seven grants, totaling \$11 million, as part of the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1) Grant Program. For more information, please visit: <http://deltaconservancy.ca.gov/>

Proposition 68

The Conservancy has been soliciting public comments on grant guidelines for community and economic enhancement projects. These funds can be used for recreation and tourism, historic

and cultural preservation, and environmental education. The final guidelines will be taken to the Conservancy Board in December for approval; the Conservancy expects to begin soliciting proposals on January 6, 2020. For more information, please visit: <http://deltaconservancy.ca.gov/proposition-68/>.

Delta Protection Commission

Fall 2019 Delta Voice

The Fall 2019 Delta Voice is available at: http://delta.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Fall_2019_WEB_508.pdf. This edition includes information about flood alerts and evacuations, the pre-European Delta, pumpkin farming and pumpkin patches, ag tech and rural broadband, salmon, and fall events like the Bass Derby, Holiday Home Tour, and Delta agency meetings.

Connecting the Delta: Broadband

Commission staff is working on improving broadband infrastructure in the five legacy communities that have participated in the communication action planning processes. Valley Vision prepared the Broadband Action Plan to assess existing infrastructure and provide recommendations for next steps. The Broadband Action Plan can be found here: http://delta.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2019-09-19-Broadband-Action-Plan_m508.pdf

California Natural Resources Agency

California Water Resilience Portfolio

Governor Gavin Newsom signed an executive order on April 29, 2019, directing three state agencies to develop a comprehensive strategy to build a climate-resilient water system and ensure healthy waterways through the 21st Century. A working group has been meeting regularly and agency staff have been inventorying and assessing current supplies and conditions. Several public workshops have been held and a draft portfolio is expected later this year. For more information, please visit: <http://waterresilience.ca.gov/>

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

CDFW Awarded \$8.5 Million to Expand Nutria Eradication Operations

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) was awarded \$8.5 million in funding over three years by the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy to expand its nutria eradication operations. For more information, please visit: <https://cdfgnews.wordpress.com/2019/05/22/cdfw-awarded-8-5-million-to-expand-nutria-eradication-operations-nutria-confirmed-in-stockton-heart-of-the-delta/>

CDFW Awards \$48.5 Million for Ecosystem and Watershed Restoration, Protection and Scientific Study Projects

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) announced the selection of 38 projects to receive funding for multi-benefit ecosystem restoration and protection projects under its Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 grant programs. For more information, please visit:

<https://cdfgnews.wordpress.com/2019/05/13/cdfw-awards-48-5-million-for-ecosystem-and-watershed-restoration-protection-and-scientific-study-projects/>

California Department of Water Resources

New Yolo Bypass Fish Passage Project Approved: Migration Corridor to Protect Endangered Fish

DWR has secured final state and federal approval for a project that will expand a migration corridor for fish to the Yolo Bypass, the Sacramento Valley's main floodplain. For more information, please visit: <https://water.ca.gov/News/News-Releases/2019/July-19/New-Yolo-Bypass-Fish-Passage-Project-Approved>

State Water Resources Control Board

Governor Newsom Signs Bill Creating Safe Drinking Water Fund

Governor Gavin Newsom signed SB 200 by Senator Bill Monning (D-Carmel), which establishes the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund to help local water systems provide safe drinking water. For more information, please visit: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2019/07/24/governor-gavin-newsom-signs-bill-creating-safe-drinking-water-fund/>

San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

Adapting to Rising Tides – Eastern Contra Costa County

In partnership with the Delta Stewardship Council and Contra Costa County, BCDC's Adapting to Rising Tides initiative expanded into eastern Contra Costa County to run along the shoreline from Pittsburg to the Contra Costa-Alameda County border at Clifton Court. The ART project—the first that will take place in the Delta—will help improve local capacity to address the threats from sea level rise and current flooding. It will also serve as a pilot project for understanding and adapting to the impacts of sea-level rise in the Delta. Project completion is expected by the end of 2020. For more information, please visit: <http://www.adaptingtorisingtides.org/project/eastern-contra-costa-county/>

Suisun Marsh

BCDC is beginning a review of the Suisun Marsh Protection Plan in an effort to update the plan and ensure compatibility with existing and evolving uses and protection needs. Local stakeholders are being convened to participate and help guide the process.

NOAA Fisheries – West Coast, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

On October 21, 2019, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service released their Biological Opinions on the Bureau of Reclamation's new proposed operations for the Central Valley Project. For more information, please visit:

- [FWS Biological Opinion, October 21, 2019](#)
- [NMFS Biological Opinion, October 21, 2019](#)

- [Overview of Biological Opinions, October 21, 2019](#)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

EPA Announces Development of Water Reuse Action Plan

On September 10, 2019, the US EPA announced the release of a draft National Water Reuse Action Plan for public comment. This draft Action Plan seeks to foster greater consideration of water reuse across the water sector, such as agriculture, industry, potable water, national security, environmental restoration, and more. Safe and reliable water supplies for human consumption, agriculture, business, industry, recreation, and healthy ecosystems are critical to our nation's communities and economy. Water reuse can improve the security, sustainability, and resilience of our nation's water resources, especially when considered at the watershed or basin scale, through integrated and collaborative water- resource planning.

The draft National Water Reuse Action Plan highlights key actions that support consideration and implementation of water reuse across the water sector. Development of the draft Action Plan has involved significant collaboration among federal, state, tribal, and water sector stakeholders. The draft Action Plan is intended to seek commitments across these stakeholder groups and levels of government, and drive action across the nation. The plan consists of 46 proposed actions that support consideration and implementation of water reuse applications across 10 strategic objectives.

EPA is seeking the engagement of governmental and non-governmental water sector organizations to identify priority actions and to lead and collaborate on actions identified in the draft Action Plan. EPA is soliciting public input through a 90-day comment period in the public docket (docket number EPA-HQ-OW-2019-0174). Comment on or before December 16, 2019. Link to the complete information and Draft Plan: <https://www.epa.gov/waterreuse/water-reuse-action-plan>

The Coequal Goals

The Delta Stewardship Council was created in legislation to achieve the state mandated coequal goals for the Delta. "Coequal goals' means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place." (CA Water Code Section 85054)

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