

DPIIC Restoration Subcommittee

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Delta Plan Interagency
Implementation
Committee

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Background

Broad, landscape scale changes are necessary to restore ecosystem functions in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh. While coordination among State, federal, and local agencies on ecosystem restoration has dramatically improved through forums such as the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee and the Interagency Adaptive Management & Integration Team, **slow progress has been made in protecting and restoring the Delta and Suisun Marsh ecosystems.** To implement restoration at the pace and scale necessary to meet the goals set out in the proposed revisions to Chapter 4 of the Delta Plan and to implement the Water Resilience Portfolio, Cutting Green Tape Initiative, and the Governor's California Biodiversity Initiative, **we must better coordinate our ecosystem restoration plans and actions with local stakeholders and reduce or remove existing barriers** to building larger, more connected restoration projects at the right locations.

Purpose

Identify and implement strategies for reducing barriers to landscape-scale restoration and increase estuary-wide restoration coordination.

Structure

- **A subcommittee** consisting of key DPIIC agency representatives
- **Task force(s)**, as needed to work on specific activities
- **A regular forum** (similar to the former Delta Restoration Network) that welcomes all stakeholders to participate in restoration coordination

Initial Workplan

- **Identify gaps** in our knowledge of restoration opportunities by looking at existing restoration plans and identifying if additional planning efforts are needed
- **Integrate efforts** with [Delta Landscape Scenario Planning Tool](#)
- **Assess status** of other efforts to tackle barriers to restoration and identify the gaps that need to be filled

Agency Support



Initial staffing will be coordinated by the Delta Stewardship Council and Delta Conservancy. It is anticipated, however, that funding from DPIIC agencies will be sought to hire staff or contract with a consultant to support the subcommittee's efforts.

Timeline



Winter 2022: Initial subcommittee meeting, with subsequent bi-annual or quarterly meetings.

Spring 2022: Special subcommittee meeting to provide a venue for project proponents to share early concepts (pre-permitting and California Environmental Quality Act), get feedback from the community, share best practices and lessons learned, and discuss general coordination.