



Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Restoration Subcommittee Work Plan

Goal 1: Provide forums for meaningful community participation in Delta restoration efforts

- *G1 Objective 1: Hold publicly noticed subcommittee meetings that welcome and encourage public participation*
 - G1 O1 Action 1: Plan meetings approximately twice a year
 - G1 O1 Action 2: Use multiple tools and approaches to engage the members of the public who are attending subcommittee meetings
- *G1 Objective 2: Convene an annual community forum to discuss current restoration efforts and community concerns*
 - G1 O2 Action 1: Plan first forum for late summer/early fall using feedback gathered during Subcommittee Meeting #2
 - G1 O2 Action 2: Identify other potential forums for coordination by reaching out to DPIIC agency staff
- *G1 Objective 3: Develop a robust outreach and engagement program for local landowners and agencies, environmental justice organizations, tribes, and Delta community members*
 - G1 O3 Action 1: Proactively reach out to specific groups and individuals from the categories listed above for listening sessions
 - G1 O3 Action 2: Develop and maintain a contact list from the groups contacted in Action 1 and keep them informed about community forums and other subcommittee activities (Goal 4 Objective 2)
 - G1 O3 Action 3: Incorporate feedback from groups into all planning efforts and products

Goal 2: Increase interagency collaboration to streamline restoration implementation

- *G2 Objective 1: Identify regulatory challenges to restoration and potential solutions to these challenges, especially synergies with Cutting the Green Tape (CGT) efforts*
 - G2 O1 Action 1: Coordinate with CGT staff to identify current efforts and future opportunities for implementation of the program in the Delta

- G2 O1 Action 2: If not duplicative of current CGT efforts, synthesize lessons learned [interviews (new or existing), panel discussions (new or existing), literature reviews, white papers, reports, etc.] to identify key opportunities for streamlining the permitting process for restoration practitioners in the Bay-Delta and create an internal briefing paper (1-3 pages) and a suite of presentations for DPIIC members
 - G2 O1 Action 3: Pilot CGT initiatives in the Delta, while providing opportunities for public input and establishing a record of actions and outreach efforts
- *G2 Objective 2: Identify efficiencies and areas for improved collaboration in long-term management of restoration lands*
 - G2 O2 Action 1: Survey current agency and restoration practitioner processes used to collect post-project data and perform post-project maintenance/management [e.g. Science Tracker, Delta Independent Science Board (ISB) Monitoring Enterprise Review]. Identify gaps in knowledge or implementation, especially as they relate to the Delta Plan's requirement for documentation of adequate resources for adaptive management, and make presentations to DPIIC
 - G2 O2 Action 2: Based on G1 O2 Action 1, identify coordination opportunities that could be facilitated by DPIIC
 - G2 O2 Action 3: Facilitate conversations with DPIIC members and restoration practitioners about options for long-term funding for monitoring and operations and management.
- *G2 Objective 3: Invite groups that have been established to overcome implementation challenges to Subcommittee meetings and forums and learn about their approaches to reducing barriers*
 - G2 O3 Action 1: Organize panels of these groups for DPIIC Subcommittee
 - G2 O3 Action 2: Hold targeted follow-up meetings based on Subcommittee feedback
 - G2 O3 Action 3: Short report/fact sheet about most useful things for the Delta/Suisun Marsh
- *G2 Objective 4: Identify and pursue options for sustaining and supporting the DPIIC Restoration Subcommittee in the long term*
 - G2 O4 Action 1: Identify what is needed to sustain the DPIIC Restoration Subcommittee long-term and explore other structures and programs outside of DPIIC that may be better positioned to support the work performed by the Subcommittee in the long term
- *G2 Objective 5: Develop the Subcommittee Work Plan based on approved goals and objectives, including Subcommittee structure and processes*

- G2 O5 Action 1: Develop initial Subcommittee Work Plan (this document) and seek endorsement by the full Subcommittee and DPIIC
- G2 O5 Action 2: Review and revise Work Plan as actions are completed and goals and objectives are met

Goal 3: Identify opportunities in restoration planning and long-term management efforts

- *G3 Objective 1: Explore current uses and future development needs for the Delta Landscape Scenario Planning Tool and other modeling tools that can predict restoration outcomes at scale*
 - G3 O1 Action 1: Organize presentations on these different tools and their applications to the Subcommittee Members and their staff as requested
 - G3 O1 Action 2: Collaborate with Delta Adapts and other relevant programs and actors to pilot application of these tools to identify areas and develop scenarios for future restoration based on Delta Public Lands Strategy and other regional restorations
- *G3 Objective 2: Identify mechanisms for evaluating the effectiveness of restoration and opportunities for better implementing long-term adaptive management, monitoring, and synthesis (Building on Goal 1, Objective 2)*
 - G3 O2 Action 1: Review Interagency Adaptive Management Integration Team (IAMIT) monitoring list and Delta ISB Monitoring Enterprise Review to look for metrics specifically used to evaluate restoration outcomes
 - G3 O2 Action 2: Host manager workshop to identify key next steps and timeframes for evaluation of restoration effectiveness building on established conceptual models. Include major relevant actors, such as the Fish Restoration Program, EcoRestore, DWR Delta Levees, Delta Conservancy, and other. Develop follow-up materials as appropriate
- *G3 Objective 3: Pursue opportunities for coordination with the Delta Science Program and Delta ISB*
 - G3 O3 Action 1: Present draft workplan to ISB for comment from members

Goal 4: Increase transparency and coordination around existing, new, and needed restoration funding

- *G4 Objective 1: Synthesize and share information about existing and new funding programs to understand the current restoration funding landscape*
 - G4 O1 Action 1: Identify how past, existing, and new projects are funded to understand the current restoration funding landscape

- *G4 Objective 2: Identify institutional bottlenecks related to 1) efficiently converting available funds into on-the-ground restoration projects; 2) staff capacity; and 3) bond language. Identify solutions for reducing these bottlenecks*
 - G4 O2 Action 1: Write briefing paper (1-3 pages) on restoration funding and implementation, including surveys of restoration funders and implementers
- *G4 Objective 3: If needed, advocate for adequate funding to meeting ecosystem goals and objectives*
 - G4 O3 Action 1: Determine how much money is needed to meet Delta Plan Restoration Targets
 - G4 O3 Action 2: Develop a strategy for increasing restoration funding, which may include legislative advocacy among other approaches