Provide an introduction to the Delta Stewardship Council and the Delta Plan

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The Delta Stewardship Council

- Created by the legislature in 2009
- Comprised of seven members
- Supported by independent science experts
- Successor of CALFED
Delta Stewardship Council Role

- Develop a sustainable management plan for the Delta (Delta Plan)
- Develop performance measures for the assessment and tracking of progress and changes to the health of the Delta ecosystem, fisheries, and water supply reliability
- Determine, on appeal, if state or local agency’s project in the Delta (“covered action”) is consistent with the Delta Plan
- Determine, on appeal, whether the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) meets statutory criteria in the Delta Reform Act for inclusion in the Delta Plan
- Coordinate with local, state and federal agencies; tribes and tribal organizations
Delta Independent Science Board

- Oversight of the scientific research
- Monitoring programs
- Assessment of programs
Delta Plan

- Legally enforceable
- Management plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta
- January 1, 2012
"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 §85054).
Delta Plan Study Area

- Legal Delta
- Suisun Marsh
Delta Plan
Study Area

• Watersheds
• Water Users
Monthly Council Meetings – Held to review Draft Delta Plans

August 2010 2011 2012 2017

Milestone Document Key:

Delta Plan becomes active law January 2012

Delta Plan Timeline

Interim Plan Approved

Delta Plan Release Schedule - - - 2012 Plan

First Draft - Feb
Second Draft - Mar
Third Draft - Apr
Fourth Draft - May
Draft EIR - June
Delta Plan - Aug
Final EIR - Nov

Delta Plan 5-Year Updates

Draft Delta Plan to OAL - Sept

Delta Plan becomes active law Jan 2012

2017 Update

Key: Milestone Document
Next Steps

- Tribal Engagement
  - Council Meeting – May 26, 2011
- Review Drafts and provide comments
- Attend workshops and Council meetings
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