

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL ACTIVE PROJECTS LIST

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The tables below highlight a sample of active projects for Council member review. Active projects include both potential covered actions and related plans and projects. An explanation of Column 4, Status, is provided on page 6.

Changes since February are highlighted and denoted with an asterisk (*). The American River Common Features (ARCF): Sacramento River East Levee Contract 2 Project was removed from the list.

STATE PROJECTS

Name	Location (County)	Proponent	Status	California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Status	Description
Delta Conveyance	Delta-wide	Department of Water Resources (DWR)	Early Consultation; Comment Letter	Notice of Preparation (NOP)	A facility to convey water from the Sacramento River in the north Delta directly to the existing State Water Project (SWP) and Central Valley Project (CVP) pumping plants in the south Delta
Prospect Island Restoration Project (EcoRestore)	Solano	DWR	Early Consultation	Notice of Determination (NOD)	Large-scale tidal marsh restoration project in Cache Slough
SWP Water Management Tools/Contract Amendments	Statewide	DWR	Comment Letter	NOD	Negotiations of terms outlined in the Agreement in Principle.

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Lookout Slough Restoration Project (EcoRestore)	Solano	DWR	Certification submitted 2/22/21*	NOD	Large-scale tidal marsh restoration project in Cache Slough
American River Common Features (ARCF): Sacramento River Mile 55.2 Left Bank	Sacramento	DWR, SAFCA	Certified without appeal*	NOD	Levee improvement project along the east bank of the Sacramento River
Franks Tract Futures 2020 Reimagined	Contra Costa	California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)	Comment Letter	Not Initiated	Explore options for improving ecosystem, water quality, recreation, and community benefits at Franks Tract
Bradmoor Island and Arnold Slough Restoration Project	Solano	DWR	Certified without appeal*	NOD	Large-scale tidal and subtidal marsh restoration project in Suisun Marsh
Central Valley Flood Protection Plan 2022 Update	Sacramento, San Joaquin, Yolo	DWR	Early Consultation	Not Initiated	Five-year update to the State's plan for investments in flood management in the Central Valley

REGIONAL PROJECTS

Name	Location (County)	Proponent	Status	CEQA Status	Description
Valley Link Rail Project	San Joaquin	Tri Valley Regional Rail Authority	Early Consultation, Comment Letter	Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	Proposed railway that would link Tracy and Stockton to existing Bay Area transit systems (Bay Area Rapid Transit [BART] and Altamont Corridor Express [ACE])
Plan Bay Area 2050	Contra Costa, Solano	Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)	Early Consultation; Comment Letter	NOP	Update to the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) which projects regional growth patterns and prioritizes transportation investments
2022 RTP/SCS	San Joaquin	San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG)	Comment letter	NOP	Update to the RTP/SCS, a comprehensive long-range transportation plan for San Joaquin County.
Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)	San Joaquin	Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)	Comment Letter	Not applicable	Strategies and potential projects to enable the groundwater basin to reach long term sustainability by 2040.

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Eastern Contra Costa GSP	Contra Costa	East Contra Costa Groundwater Sustainability Working Group	Comment Letter	Not applicable	Strategies and potential projects to enable the groundwater basin to reach long term sustainability by 2040

LOCAL PROJECTS

Name	Location (County)	Proponent	Status	CEQA Status	Description
Lathrop Consolidated Treatment Facility Surface Water Discharge Project	San Joaquin	City of Lathrop	Comment Letter	Final EIR*	Project to repurpose existing recycled water pipeline or construct new effluent pipeline, and install a new outfall to discharge effluent to the San Joaquin River
Stone Lakes Restoration Project	Sacramento	Sacramento County	Early Consultation; Anticipating Certification	Initial Study (IS)/Negative Declaration (ND)	Large-scale seasonal wetland and riparian and oak woodland restoration and enhancement in the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge
Cache Slough Complex Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)	Solano, Yolo	Solano County	Monitoring	Not Initiated	Plan to provide coverage for endangered species take at existing water supply diversions and intakes

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Sacramento River Erosion Control and Habitat Enhancement Project	Sacramento	Brannan Andrus Levee Maintenance District	Certified without appeal*	IS/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)	Resolve erosion issues and provide channel margin habitat at three locations along the Sacramento River
Pacific Flyway Center	Solano	City of Fairfield	Early consultation; Anticipating Certification	IS/MND	Proposed educational center and enhanced wetlands focused on Pacific Flyway migratory birds and wetlands. Center would be located along Highway 680 in Suisun Marsh.
Bees Lake Habitat Restoration	Yolo County*	City of West Sacramento	Comment Letter	NOD	Restore historic physical and ecological processes and improve public access management.
Development Title, Chapter 9-1080 Agricultural Mitigation	San Joaquin	San Joaquin County	Comment Letter*	Exempt	Proposed text amendments to County code relating to mitigation for conversion of agricultural land to other uses or zoning designations

OTHER PROJECTS

Name	Location (County)	Proponent	Status	CEQA Status	Description
Delta Conveyance	Delta-wide	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	Comment Letter	Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Study (EIS)	A facility to convey water from the Sacramento River in the north Delta directly to the existing SWP and CVP pumping plants in the south Delta. The scope is limited to construction activities, structures, and modifications to federal levees and navigation projects.
Los Vaqueros Reservoir Second Expansion	Contra Costa	Contra Costa Water District	Anticipating Certification	Final Supplement to the Final EIR/EIS	Expansion of Los Vaqueros Reservoir, and construction of new and replacement water supply infrastructure
Mossdale Tract Area Urban Flood Risk Reduction Study	San Joaquin	San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency	Early Consultation	Not Initiated	Identify a plan to achieve an urban level of flood protection for the Mossdale Tract (Reclamation District No. 17)
Metropolitan Water District Climate Action Plan	Contra Costa, San Joaquin	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	Monitoring	NOP	A strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with future construction, operation, and maintenance activities

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Delta Cross Channel Gate Upgrades Project	Sacramento	Reclamation	Monitoring	Not Initiated	Provide for remote and more frequent operation, to manage water quality in the Central Delta and at the SWP and CVP pumping plants
Yolo Bypass East Levee Project	Yolo County	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	Early Consultation	NOD	USACE plans to construct improvements along portions of the east bank of the Yolo Bypass levee from the Sacramento Bypass south to the Deep Water Ship Channel West Levee.

STATUS TYPES

Active projects include both potential covered actions and related plans and projects of interest. The active project “Status” reported above is not sequential but tends to align with certain phases of the CEQA process. The relationship between generalized steps in the CEQA process (top row) and generalized status types (bottom row) is illustrated in **Figure 1**. Each status type is described in more detail, below.

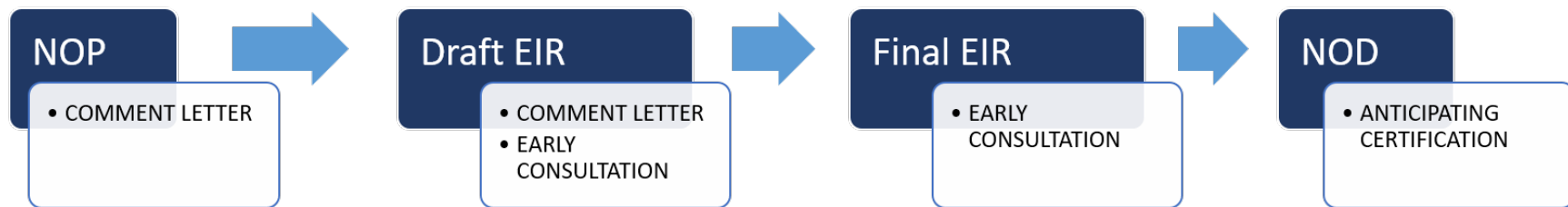


Figure 1. Typical Project Sequence

Coordinating: Occasionally, the Council will coordinate with state and local agencies prior to the initiation of the CEQA process in order to track and/or inform project formulation. Coordination may include informal discussions or attendance at project planning meetings.

Comment letter: Council staff prepare comment letters in response to each phase of the CEQA process leading up to a final document (e.g., Notice of Preparation [NOP], IS/ND, IS/MND, DEIR). The Council may also comment on other interim studies and reports, as needed. The Council comments on potential covered actions as well as on long range plans identified in the Delta Reform Act (Wat. Code section 85212) and projects located outside of the Delta that will have a significant impact on the Delta (Wat. Code section 85210[j]).

Early consultation: The Delta Reform Act directs the Council to offer early consultation to assist state and local public agencies in preparing certifications of consistency (Wat. Code section 85225.5). The timing and frequency of early consultation is at the discretion of the project proponent.

Anticipating certification: Council staff anticipate a certification of consistency once a notice of determination (NOD) has been issued. Proponents of covered actions must file a certification of consistency prior to project implementation (Wat. Code section 85225). The timeframe between NOD and implementation varies.