

Delta Stewardship Council Active Projects List

August 9, 2022

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 July are highlighted and denoted with an asterisk (*). No projects were removed this month.

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 | Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)* | 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) – Supplemental EIR* | Large-scale tidal marsh restoration project in Cache Slough |
| 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 |
| Central Valley Flood Protection Plan 2022 Update | Sacramento, San Joaquin, Yolo | DWR | Early Consultation; Comment Letter (Draft Plan)* | NOP* | Five-year update to the State's plan for investments in flood management in the Central Valley |

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| West False River Drought Salinity Barrier Project | Delta-wide | DWR | Comment Letter | Draft EIR | Program to periodically implement salinity barriers within the Delta during drought conditions |
| McCormack Williamson Tract Levee Modification and Habitat Restoration Project- Phase B | Sacramento County | DWR | Comment Letter | Notice of Availability (NOA) | Phase B of a project that started construction in 2018 & 2019. Phase B was necessary due to an unplanned levee breach. |

Regional Projects

| Name | Location (County) | Proponent | Status | CEQA Status | Description |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| San Joaquin 2022 RTP/SCS | San Joaquin | San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) | Early Consultation; Comment Letter | Draft EIR | Update to the RTP/SCS, a comprehensive long-range transportation plan for San Joaquin County |
| Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Partnership | Solano, Yolo | CVFPB | Early Consultation; Comment Letter | NOA | Multi-partner initiative for programmatic activities in YB-CS |

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Local Projects

| Name | Location (County) | Proponent | Status | CEQA Status | Description |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Stone Lakes Restoration Project | Sacramento | Sacramento County | Anticipating Certification | Initial Study /Negative Declaration (IS/ND) | Large-scale seasonal wetland and riparian and oak woodland restoration and enhancement project 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 |
| Bees Lake Habitat Restoration | Yolo | City of West Sacramento | Comment Letter | NOD | Restore historic physical and ecological processes and improve public access management |
| Solano Multispecies HCP | Solano | Solano County Water Agency | Monitoring | Not initiated | Provide coverage for endangered species take that may result from future urban growth, infrastructure, and ongoing operations and maintenance activities |
| Ulatis Creek Habitat Restoration Project | Solano | Solano Resource Conservation District | Early Consultation Anticipating Certification | NOD | Restore 20 acres of riparian woodland to the north bank of Ulatis Creek, thereby improving the ecological function of the area for the benefit of native species |
| Bacon Island Levee Rehabilitation Project | San Joaquin | RD 2028 | Certified without appeal* | IS/MND | Rehabilitate 3.5 miles of the north and south sides of Bacon Island's levee system (Connection Slough and Santa Fe Cut) to achieve the minimum requirements of Bulletin 192-82 standard. |

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Other Projects

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| Mokelumne Aqueducts Resiliency Project | San Joaquin, Contra Costa County | East Bay Municipal Utilities District | Comment Letter | NOP | Replace a portion of the existing Mokelumne Aqueducts with a buried Aqueduct Tunnel of approximately 16.5 miles in length |
| 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 | NOP | 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 |
| Liberty Island II Conservation Bank | Solano, Yolo | Reclamation District 2093 | Early consultation | NOD | Create a tidal marsh conservation bank and sell conservation credits to offset the impacts of future projects |
| City of Pittsburg General Plan 2024 | Contra Costa | City of Pittsburg | Comment Letter | NOP | The City will prepare a programmatic Environmental Impact Report (Program EIR) to evaluate the environmental effects associated with the General Plan update. |

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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.

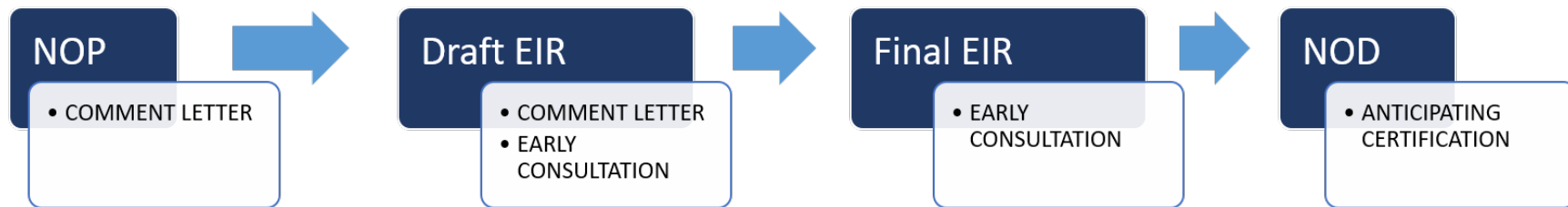


Figure 1. Typical Project Sequence

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.