

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.

State Projects

Name	Location (County)	Proponent	Status	California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Status	Description
Prospect Island Restoration Project (EcoRestore)	Solano	Department of Water Resources (DWR)	Comment Letter	Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	Large-scale tidal marsh restoration project in Cache Slough.
Reinitiation of Consultation on the Coordinated Long-Term Operation of the State Water Project (SWP)	Statewide	DWR	Comment Letter	Notice of Preparation (NOP)	Supports the incidental take permit (ITP) application for SWP operations and provides California Endangered Species Act (CESA) authorization for the SWP regardless of any changes to federal law during the term of the ITP
SWP Water Management Tools/Contract Amendments	Statewide	DWR	Coordinating	Draft EIR/ will prepare new NOP	Ongoing negotiations of terms outlined in the Agreement in Principle that will be used as a project description for an EIR.
Lookout Slough Restoration Project (EcoRestore)	Solano	DWR	Comment Letter	NOP	Large-scale tidal marsh restoration project in Cache Slough
Lower Yolo Restoration Project (EcoRestore)	Solano	Westlands Water District	Early Consultation	Addendum to Final EIR	Large-scale tidal marsh restoration project in Cache Slough

Name	Location (County)	Proponent	Status	California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Status	Description
2017 Storm Damage DWR Rehabilitation – Phase 4 and 5	Yolo, San Joaquin, Sacramento	DWR	Comment Letter	Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)	Non-emergency repair and rehabilitation of levees along the Sacramento and Joaquin Rivers and their tributaries
Whale Belly Wetland Restoration (EcoRestore)	Sacramento	DWR	Early Consultation	IS/MND	Large-scale wetland, upland, and riparian forest restoration project on Sherman Island

Regional Projects

Name	Location (County)	Proponent	Status	CEQA Status	Description
Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) 2020 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS)	Sacramento and Yolo	Sacramento Area Council of Governments	Comment Letter	Draft EIR	Update to the MTP/SCS, which projects regional growth patterns and prioritizes transportation investments

Name	Location (County)	Proponent	Status	CEQA Status	Description
Valley Link Rail Project	San Joaquin	Tri Valley Regional Rail Authority	Early Consultation	NOP; responded to comments on feasibility study	Proposed railway that would link Tracy and Stockton to existing Bay Area transit systems (Bay Area Rapid Transit [BART] and Altamont Corridor Express [ACE])
Valley Rail Sacramento Extension Project	San Joaquin, Sacramento	San Joaquin Regional Rail Authority	Comment Letter	NOP	Proposed rail service between Stockton and Natomas using existing Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way

Local Projects

Name	Location (County)	Proponent	Status	CEQA Status	Description
Solano County General Plan Amendment for Cache Slough	Solano	Solano County	Comment Letter	Exempt	General plan amendment to incorporate policies regarding ecosystem restoration projects in Cache Slough, to be implemented through an Overlay Zone
Amendment to the Solano County component of the Suisun Marsh Local Protection Program	Solano	Solano County	Anticipating Certification	Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND)	Amendment to the Solano County component of the Suisun Marsh Local Protection Program, certified by the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) and adopted by the County
Antioch Brackish Water Desalination Project	Contra Costa	City of Antioch	Early Consultation	Notice of Determination (NOD)	New 6 million gallons per day desalination facilities and associated infrastructure, including a new brine disposal pipeline and replacement of a San Joaquin River intake pump station

Other Projects

Name	Location (County)	Proponent	Status	CEQA Status	Description
American River Common Features: Sacramento River East Levee Improvements	Sacramento	Central Valley Flood Protection Board, United States Army Corps of Engineers, DWR, and Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA)	Comment Letter/ Anticipating Certification	Supplemental EIR/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	Levee improvement project along the east bank of the Sacramento River
Los Vaqueros Reservoir Second Expansion	Contra Costa	Contra Costa Water District	Early Consultation	Draft EIR/EIS	Expansion of Los Vaqueros Reservoir, and construction of new and replacement water supply infrastructure
Reinitiation of Consultation on the Coordinated Long-Term Operation of the Central Valley Project (CVP) and SWP	Statewide	United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)	Comment Letter	Draft EIS	Modifications to continued long-term operation of the CVP, in coordination with the SWP, to maximize water supply deliveries, optimize marketable power generation, and address the status of federally-listed species

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Yolo Bypass Salmonid Habitat Restoration and Fish Passage (EcoRestore)	Yolo	Reclamation and DWR	Anticipating Certification	Record of Decision (ROD)/ Draft EIR	Alterations to the weir located north of the legal Delta would change the extent and timing of Yolo Bypass flooding within the Delta
Solano 4 Wind Project	Solano	Sacramento Municipal Utilities District (SMUD)	Comment Letter	Draft EIR	Decommissioning of 59 existing wind turbines and installation of up to 22 new wind turbines, and supporting infrastructure

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.

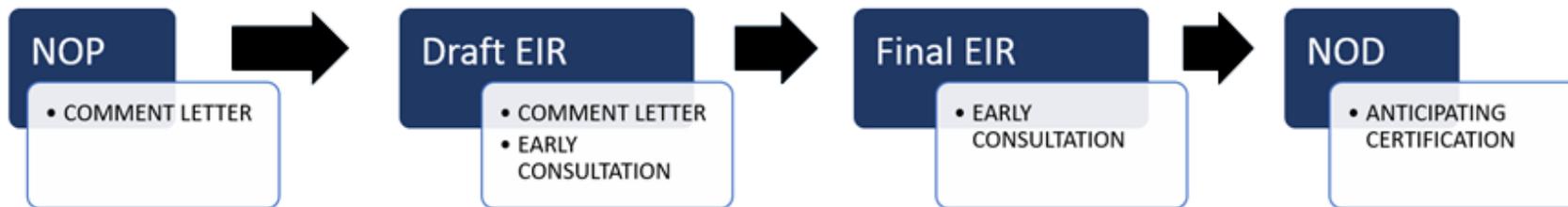


Figure 1. Typical Project Sequence

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., 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 (Water Code §85212) and projects located outside of the Delta that will have a significant impact on the Delta (Water Code §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 (Water Code §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 (Water Code §85225). The timeframe between NOD and implementation varies.