



DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Delta Stewardship Council Seeks Public Comment

on Delta Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report

The Delta Stewardship Council, the state agency charged with developing a comprehensive, long-term and legally enforceable management plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, is seeking public input on the draft Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Delta Plan.

The Delta Plan's fundamental purpose is to meet the state-mandated coequal goals of "providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring and enhancing the Delta ecosystem ... 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)

The draft EIR analyzes the environmental impacts of the draft Delta Plan, which includes 12 regulatory policies and 61 recommendations designed to guide state and local agencies regarding land, water, air and other systems in the Delta. The EIR also examines five alternative plans, including: a no project alternative, two alternatives with increased emphasis on water supply reliability, one alternative with increased emphasis on Delta ecosystem restoration and one alternative with increased emphasis on protection and enhancement of Delta communities and culture.

Comments on the draft EIR are currently being accepted electronically, by mail and at field hearings scheduled throughout California.

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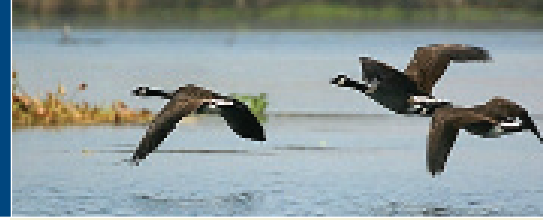


Statewide Importance of the Delta

The Delta provides water to 25 million Californians—nearly two-thirds of the state's population, including many in Central and Southern California. The Delta also drains a large portion of Northern and Central California precipitation. It is critical, therefore, that the Delta Stewardship Council's activities related to the Delta be informed by comments from the broadest cross-section of Californians as possible.



How to Participate



We invite your comments on the draft EIR by any of the following;

- **Electronically via the Council's Web site at www.deltacouncil.ca.gov or e-mail at eircomments@deltacouncil.ca.gov**
- **By mail sent to** "EIR Comments" | Delta Stewardship Council
980 Ninth Street, Suite 1500 | Sacramento, CA 95814
- **In person at any of the following field hearings:**

San Diego | Wednesday, January 11, 2012, 6:00 PM

Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library, Multipurpose Room | 5148 Market St. | San Diego, CA 92114

Southern California | Thursday, January 12, 2012, 6:00 PM

Pasadena Public Library, Central Location, Donald R. Wright Auditorium
285 East Walnut Street | Pasadena, CA 91101

NOTE: Overflow parking is available at the University of Phoenix, located directly behind the Central Library lot on Garfield Ave.

Central California | Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 6:00 PM

Ceres Community Center, Large Assembly Room | 2701 4th Street | Ceres, CA 95307

Delta | Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 6:00 PM

Clarksburg Middle School Auditorium | 52870 Netherlands Rd. | Clarksburg, CA 95612

Northern California | Thursday, January 19, 2012, 6:00 PM

Willows City Council Chambers | 201 North Lassen Street | Willows, CA 95988

All meetings are set to start at 6 p.m. and conclude when all comments have been received

Meetings will include a brief overview of the Delta Plan followed by public comments related to the draft EIR. The same project information will be presented at all meetings. A court reporter will record comments on the draft EIR for inclusion in the EIR formal public record and to enable Council staff to respond accurately to comments.

The deadline for submitting written comments on the draft EIR is February 2, 2012. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

Once the comment period closes, the Council will review and analyze comments, and use information in the draft EIR to develop a final EIR and Delta Plan. Written responses to draft EIR comments will be issued in the final EIR, which will be available at www.deltacouncil.ca.gov. Final EIR certification and Delta Plan adoption is currently anticipated for spring 2012.

Additional Information and Background Documents

Additional information, including previous drafts of the Delta Plan, public comments received to date and background about the Delta Stewardship Council and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, can be found at www.deltacouncil.ca.gov.



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