

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 November are highlighted and denoted with an asterisk (*). The Reclamation District 38 North Mokelumne River Multi-Benefit Project was removed.

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	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
Lookout Slough Restoration Project (EcoRestore)	Solano	DWR	Remanded following appeal; Anticipating re-Certification	NOD	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

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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
Long-Term Salinity Barrier Project	Delta-wide	DWR	Monitoring	Not Initiated	Program to periodically implement salinity barriers within the Delta during drought conditions
American River Common Features (ARCF): Sacramento River East Levee Contract 3	Sacramento	DWR, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA)	Certified without appeal*	Supplemental EIR/EIS	Levee improvement project along the east bank of the Sacramento River

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	Final 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)	Submitted findings per WC 85212	Final EIR	Update to the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) which projects regional growth patterns and prioritizes transportation investments

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San Joaquin 2022 RTP/SCS	San Joaquin	San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG)	Early Consultation	NOP	Update to the RTP/SCS, a comprehensive long-range transportation plan for San Joaquin County

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
Byron Airport Development Program	Contra Costa	Contra Costa County	Comment Letter	Draft EIR	Amend the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan, General Plan, and Planned Unit District zoning to substantially broaden the range of uses allowed by-right
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

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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

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	USACE; West Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency	Early Consultation; Comment Letter*	NOD	Improve portions of the east bank of the Yolo Bypass levee from the Sacramento Bypass south to the Deep Water Ship Channel West Levee
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

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.

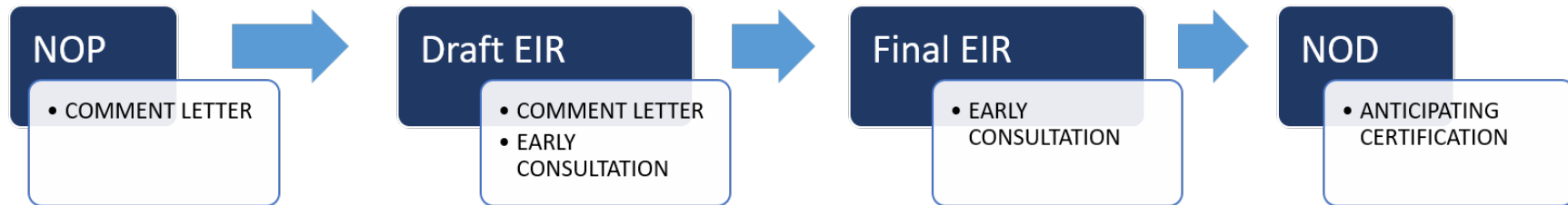


Figure 1. Typical Project Sequence

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.