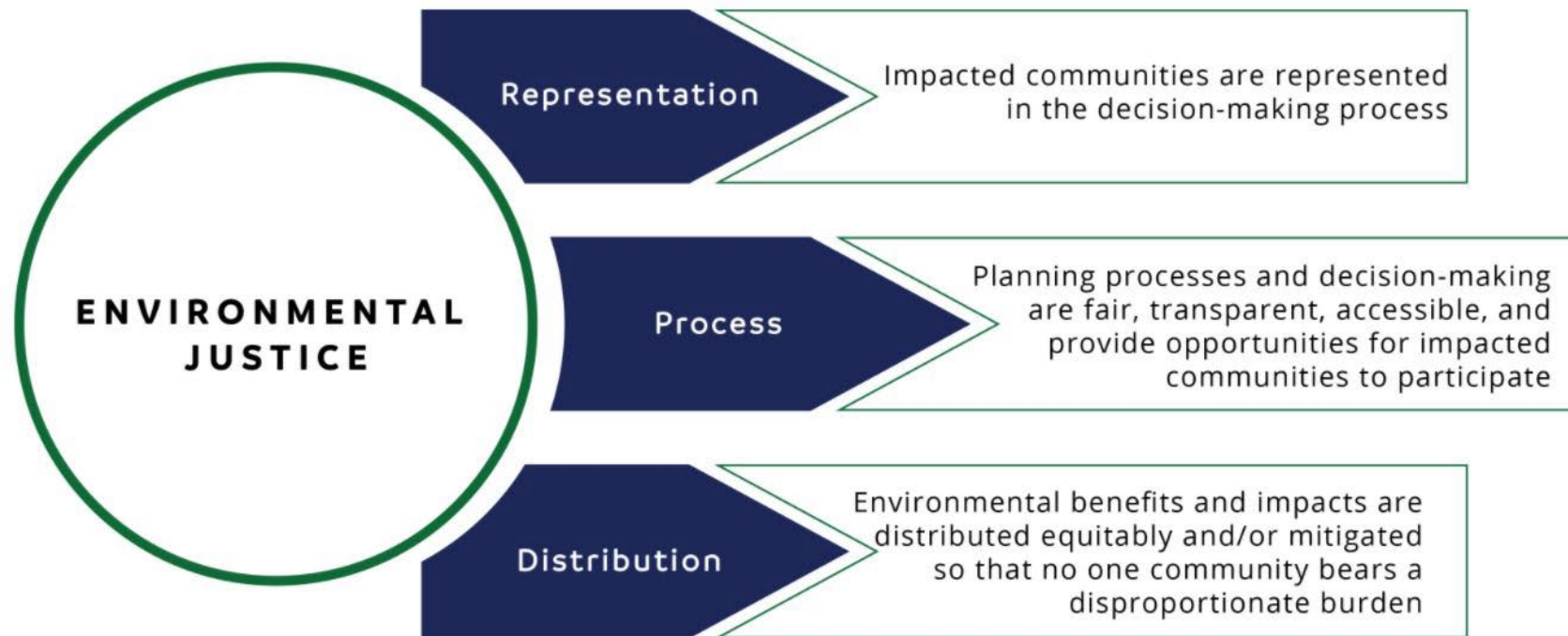# Environmental Justice Issue Paper

Delta
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Environmental Justice (EJ)

- The fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. (Gov. Code, § 65040.12, subd. (e)).

Purpose

- The Council's 2019 **Five-Year Review** of the Delta Plan:

- Identified EJ as a key emerging issue.

- Recommended that staff **prepare an issue paper** "to investigate the potential need for additional strategies or responses within the Delta Plan to address disadvantaged communities and EJ."

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
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Five-Year Review of the Delta Plan

October 2019

Objectives

Build a network of community leaders and organizations to inform and support the Council's EJ work;

Identify environmental justice issues within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the Delta watershed, and areas that use Delta water; and

Identify options to address those issues.

Progress to Date

1. Public comment analysis

2. Interviews
- Interview data collection process developed, peer-reviewed by EJ scholars, EJ expert group, and Institutional Review Board

3. Expert Group
- Formed and contracts put in place
- Held first two Expert Group meetings held (and the third was held earlier this week)

4. Issue Paper
- Began drafting an EJ history for the Delta
- Conducted literature review

5. EJ Seminar Series

6. Public engagement process

Expert Group Participants

- **Barbara Barrigan-Parilla**, Restore the Delta

- **Bob Erlenbusch**, Sacramento Regional Coalition to End Homelessness

- **Matt Holmes**, Little Manila Rising

- **Sherri Norris**, California Indian Environmental Alliance

- **Michael Rodriguez**, The Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe

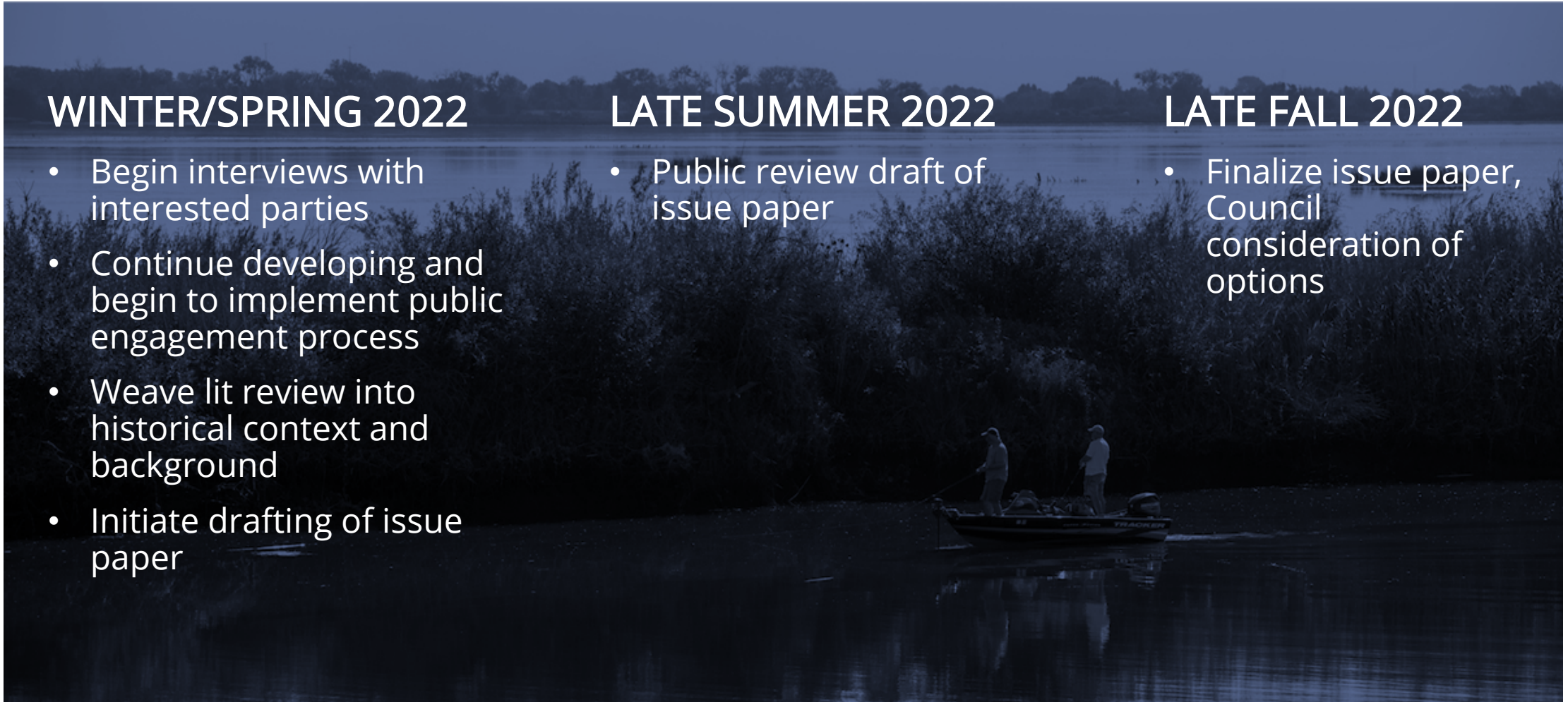# Next Steps and Timeline

WINTER/SPRING 2022

- Begin interviews with interested parties
- Continue developing and begin to implement public engagement process
- Weave lit review into historical context and background
- Initiate drafting of issue paper

LATE SUMMER 2022

- Public review draft of issue paper

LATE FALL 2022

- Finalize issue paper, Council consideration of options

Thank you!