



# Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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April 24, 2023  
Spring Gathering Summary

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The Delta Stewardship Council (Council) established the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC or Committee) after adopting the Delta Plan in 2013 and continues to oversee DPIIC activities as required by the Delta Reform Act. DPIIC serves as a forum to lead state, federal, and local agencies' efforts to implement the Delta Plan and Delta Science Plan. Committee members collaborate to implement their agencies' policies and authorities in ways that help achieve the co-equal goals of a more reliable California water supply and a restored, enhanced ecosystem in the Delta.

The recording of the meeting can be found online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=siLp89qiHMg&list=PLqTHClIW1Hhr7ANRVSLYvxW8AmgKflysu>

Meeting materials and presentations can also be found on the Council's website:

<https://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/dpiic/meetings>

### Attendees

The following committee members were in attendance:

California Department of Water Resources    Cindy Messer, Lead Deputy Director

California Environmental Protection Agency	Anna Naimark, Deputy Secretary and Special Counsel for Water Policy
Central Valley Flood Protection Board	Tim Ramirez, Board Member
Delta Protection Commission	Bruce Blodgett, Executive Director
Delta Stewardship Council	Virginia Madueño, Chair
NOOA – NMFS	Cathy Marcinkevege, Assistant Regional Administrator
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy	Campbell Ingram, Executive Officer
San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission	Jessica Fain, Planning Director
State Water Resources Control Board	E. Joaquin Esquivel, Chair Jay Ziegler, Delta Watermaster
US Army Corps of Engineers	Josephine Axt, Chief of Planning and Policy Division
US Bureau of Reclamation	Drew Lessard, Acting Deputy Regional Director
US Department of the Interior	Gary Gold, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science
US Environmental Protection Agency	Tomas Torres, Director, Water Division, Pacific Southwest Region
US Geological Survey	Mike Chotkowski, Bay-Delta Science Coordinator

Panelists:

Viet-Long Nguyen	Executive Fellow
Amanda Bohl	Special Assistant for Planning and Science

Dylan Chapple

Senior Environmental Scientist

Rachel Wiggington

Senior Environmental Scientist

## Dutch Slough Restoration Site Visit

Chair Madueño called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

The Committee toured the Dutch Slough Tidal Restoration Project to see an on-the-ground example of ecosystem restoration. DPIIC members met at Dutch Slough to tour the site and hear from representatives from the California Department of Water Resources, U.S. Geological Survey, River Partners, U.C. Berkeley, and U.C. Davis.

The tour portion of the DPIIC Spring Gathering was not recorded, but the public was welcome to participate.

Chair Madueño recessed the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

## Welcome and Introductions

Chair Madueño called the meeting back to order at approximately 1:45 p.m. at the Big Break Regional Shoreline Visitor Center.

Committee members were encouraged to share relevant updates with other DPIIC members and to provide comment(s) on the summary of the July 18, 2022, DPIIC meeting.

Chair Madueño and other committee members provided updates and thoughts on the Dutch Slough tour, the restoration subcommittee, ecosystem restoration, Delta as a place, tribal affairs, voluntary agreements, partnerships, harmful algal bloom monitoring, the Delta modeling workshop, the adaptive management forum, climate change, strengthening DPIIC, and the continuation of forums like the Spring Gathering in the future.

Following updates, Chair Madueño called for a vote to approve the July 18, 2022, summary. Motion by Esquivel, and second by Mike Chotkowski. All voted Aye; motion approved.

There was no public comment.

## Delta Restoration: DPIIC Restoration Subcommittee Workplan and Restoration Forum

### **a)** Subcommittee Workplan

Bohl and Ingram gave a presentation on and provided comments on the Restoration Subcommittee's workplan.

There was no public comment.

Chair Madueño took a motion for approval to endorse the restoration subcommittee workplan. Motion by Ingram and seconded by Axt. All voted Aye; motion approved.

### **b)** Delta Restoration Forum

Nguyen, Chapple, and Wigginton shared key findings and themes from the February 8, 2023, Delta Restoration Forum.

Following the presentation, staff, and Committee members discussed various aspects of the forum and future forums, including tribal engagement, water quality, public access, multi-benefit projects, and community outreach.

There were two public comments: Gilbert Cosio from River Delta Consulting and John Cain from River Partners.

## Closing Remarks

Chair Madueño provided closing remarks and noted that the next DPIIC meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2023, before asking the Committee for ideas for future DPIIC meetings.

There was no public comment.

### Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Chair Madueño took a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Blodgett, and second by Gold. All voted Aye: motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.