

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 April are highlighted and denoted with an asterisk (*). Two projects were removed from the list: Reinitiation of Consultation on the Coordinated Long-Term Operation of the State Water Project (SWP), and Reinitiation of Consultation on the Coordinated Long-Term Operation of the Central Valley Project (CVP) and SWP.

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; Comment Letter	Notice of Preparation (NOP)	A facility to convey water from the Sacramento River in the north Delta directly to the existing State Water Project and Central Valley Project 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
SWP Water Management Tools/Contract Amendments	Statewide	DWR	Comment Letter*	Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	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	Draft EIR	Large-scale tidal marsh restoration project in Cache Slough
Lower Yolo Restoration Project (EcoRestore)	Solano	Westlands Water District	Appeal filed on May 7, 2020*	Addendum to Final EIR	Large-scale tidal marsh restoration project in Cache Slough

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Whale Belly Wetland Restoration (EcoRestore)	Sacramento	DWR	Certified without Appeal*	Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)	Large-scale wetland, upland, and riparian forest restoration project on Sherman Island
Wings Landing Tidal Habitat Restoration (EcoRestore)	Solano	DWR	Early Consultation; Anticipating Certification*	Addendum to 2011 Final EIS/EIR	Large-scale tidal and subtidal marsh restoration project in Suisun Marsh
Sacramento River Bank Protection Project Phase II Supplemental Authority*	Sacramento, Solano, Yolo*	CVFPB*	Comment Letter*	Final EIS/EIR*	Program to repair and avoid erosion that threatens the integrity of the Sacramento River Flood Control project levee system*
American River Common Features (ARCF): Sacramento River East Levee Contract 2*	Sacramento*	DWR, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA)*	Early Consultation*	Supplemental EIR/EIS*	Levee improvement project along the east bank of the Sacramento River*
ARCF: Sacramento River Mile 55.2 Left Bank*	Sacramento*	DWR, SAFCA*	Early Consultation*	Supplemental EIR/EIS*	Levee improvement project along the east bank of the Sacramento River*

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Regional Projects

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])
Plan Bay Area 2050	Contra Costa, Solano	Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)	Early Consultation	Not Initiated	Update to the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) which projects regional growth patterns and prioritizes transportation investments
Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)	San Joaquin	Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)	Comment Letter*	Not applicable	Strategies and potential projects to enable the groundwater basin to reach long term sustainability by 2040.
Valley Rail Sacramento Extension Project	San Joaquin, Sacramento	San Joaquin Regional Rail Authority	Comment Letter*	Draft EIR	Proposed rail service between Stockton and Natomas using existing Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way

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Local Projects

Name	Location (County)	Proponent	Status	CEQA Status	Description
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	Certified without Appeal*	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
Lathrop Consolidated Treatment Facility Surface Water Discharge Project	San Joaquin	City of Lathrop	Comment Letter	NOP	Project to repurpose existing recycled water pipeline or construct new effluent pipeline, and install a new outfall to discharge effluent to the San Joaquin River
Yolo County Cannabis Land Use Ordinance	Yolo	Yolo County	Comment Letter	Draft EIR	Project to regulate cannabis activities through land use, zoning, and development standards, and related General Plan amendments
Burning Waters RV Park and Marina (21 Pierce Lane)	Solano	Solano County	Comment Letter	Application Referral	Permit application for a recreational vehicle park and marina in the Suisun Marsh

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Development Title, Chapter 9-1080 Agricultural Mitigation*	San Joaquin*	San Joaquin County*	Comment Letter*	Exempt*	Proposed text amendments to County code relating to mitigation for conversion of agricultural land to other uses or zoning designations*

Other Projects

Name	Location (County)	Proponent	Status	CEQA Status	Description
Long-Term Water Transfers	Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Yolo	San Louis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority	Monitoring	NOD/Record of Decision (ROD)	Project to make water transfers more implementable in order to serve existing demands
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
Yolo Bypass Salmonid Habitat Restoration and Fish Passage (EcoRestore)	Yolo	Reclamation and DWR	Anticipating Certification	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
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)

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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.

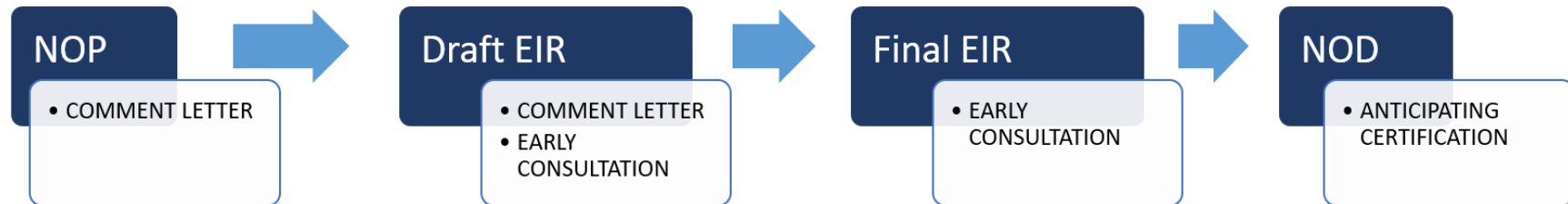


Figure 1. Typical Project Sequence

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.

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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.