

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL 2022 PRIORITIES						
Work Item	Timeframe	2022				Background
ADAPTIVELY MANAGE AND IMPLEMENT THE DELTA PLAN						
Delta Levees Investment Strategy (DLIS)	2014-2022		Public Hearing	Consider Adoption		Previous DLIS rulemaking was withdrawn in March 2020 to evaluate new levee condition (LiDAR elevation) data. Council staff presented the results of the evaluation to the Council in May 2021, and the Council authorized staff to reinstate the rulemaking process in August 2021. Staff anticipates conducting a public hearing for the rulemaking process in Spring 2022 and an effective regulation date in January 2023.
Delta Plan Ecosystem Amendment	2017-2022		Public Hearing and Consider Adoption	Begin Rulemaking		The Council released a Draft PEIR for public review in September 2021, and the public comment period ended in November 2021. Staff anticipates releasing the Final PEIR in June 2022 and conducting a public hearing on the Ecosystem Amendment in Summer 2022, and, if approved to be followed by consideration for initiating rulemaking.
Delta Adapts: Adaptation Strategy	2018-2023			Council Update		The Council released a draft Vulnerability Assessment in January 2021 for public review and comment, and endorsed the Vulnerability Assessment final report in June 2021. Staff has initiated preparation of the accompanying Adaptation Strategy, supported by a Stakeholder Working Group and several topic-specific focus groups. Completion of the Adaptation Strategy is anticipated in 2023.
Environmental Justice Issue Paper	2022-2023				Draft Issue Paper	Staff presented a workplan for the Environmental Justice (EJ) Issue paper to the Council in February 2021, and has convened an EJ Expert Group to guide preparation and review of the issue paper. Completion of the EJ Issue Paper is anticipated in early 2023.
Covered Action Appeals Procedures	2022	Public Review of Draft Procedures		Council Workshop	Consider Adoption	Proposed revisions to the Council's Administrative Procedures Governing Appeals were released for a 90-day public review and comment period in December 2021. Staff anticipates convening a Council workshop to review the procedures in early 2022. Following the Council workshop, staff will present the proposed revisions to the Council for adoption.

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Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC)	Ongoing	January 31 - Restoration Subcommittee Meeting	March 14 - Restoration Subcommittee Meeting March 28 - DPIIC Meeting TBD - Delta Restoration Network Forum	July 18 - DPIIC Meeting TBD - Restoration Subcommittee Meeting Mid-July - Release 3rd Annual Delta Crosscut Budget Report	November 7 - DPIIC Meeting TBD - Restoration Subcommittee Meeting	<p>Building on conversations that started in 2021, DPIIC will meet three times in 2022 to discuss ecosystem-based management, cross-estuary collaboration, and restoration.</p> <p>One of the recommendations in the Chapter 4 Ecosystem Amendment is the formation of a DPIIC Restoration Subcommittee to begin to address barriers to restoration. It is anticipated that the subcommittee will meet quarterly.</p>
Covered Actions	Ongoing	Covered action early consultation, certifications, and appeals as received				<p>In 2021, the Council received 10 certifications of consistency for covered actions. Appeals were submitted by four parties for DWR's Lookout Slough Habitat Restoration Project. The Council conducted hearings in May and July 2021 and the Council's findings remanded this covered action in part, on certain issues related to recreation under the best available science (GP(1)(b)(3)) and Delta as a place (DPP2) policies. DWR submitted a second certification for this project in December 2021.</p> <p>Additionally, Council staff distributed 16 detailed comment letters to identify potential covered actions and to ensure state and local agencies are aware of the Delta Plan's requirements and how they may apply to their work. This is part of the Council's early consultation process, which successfully engages state and local agencies regarding certification of consistency requirements.</p>

BUILD CAPACITY FOR ONE DELTA, ONE SCIENCE						
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2022-2026 Delta Science Action Agenda	2020-2022		Publish final Science Action Agenda			The Science Action Agenda (SAA) is a collaboratively produced document that prioritizes science actions that inform management and guides science funding investment. The 2022 - 2026 Science Action Agenda is the result of a series of nearly two years of collaborative workshops, surveys, and review to develop a shared set of priority science actions for the Delta. Publication of the final 2022-2026 SAA is anticipated by April 2022.
State of Bay Delta Science	2022				Publication of 2022 Edition of State of Bay-Delta Science on the Services and Disservices of Plants and Algae in the Bay-Delta	The 2022 edition of State of Bay-Delta Science will include chapters on aquatic vegetation ecology, aquatic weed control, harmful algal blooms, the role of primary producers in carbon sequestration and subsidence, advancement in remote sensing technology for plants and algae, and the historical, current, and future contribution of aquatic plants to carbon production. All chapters will be submitted to the San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Sciences journal for independent peer review. Pending acceptance to the journal, the edition will be published in late 2022.
Delta Science Fellows Cohort	2022		Applications due for prospective 2022 Delta Science Fellows	Awards Announced for 2022 Delta Science Fellows		The Delta Science Fellows Program is a partnership between the Delta Science Program and California Sea Grant. Since its inception in 2003, the program has supported over 100 graduate and post-graduate scientists to pursue management-relevant research in the Bay-Delta. The 2022 Fellows will be the 14th cohort, and for the first time, this funding opportunity includes a dedicated track for the social sciences.
Delta Science Tracker	2022		Public Launch of the Delta Science Tracker			The 2019 Delta Science Plan calls for development of a web-based tracking system of science activities in the Delta to facilitate enhanced coordination and collaboration and increased transparency in science funding streams. In Spring 2020, the Delta Science Program undertook an effort to develop the Delta Science Tracker under the guidance of an interagency Advisory Team. This tool will be launched in early summer of 2022 and be maintained by the Delta Science Program with continuing guidance from the Advisory Team.

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Delta Science Symposia	2022		<p>"What is Delta Governance, Anyway?" Public Brown Bag Series: March 1, April 13, and May 5</p> <p>Public Workshop on Salinity Management in the Delta (Part I) April 26-27</p>	Public Workshop on Salinity Management in the Delta (Part II)	<p>Public Workshops on Salinity Management in the Delta (Part III) October 11-12</p> <p>Harmful Algal Blooms (TBD)</p>	<p>Delta Science Program Independent Science Workshops and Brown Bags provide public venues for dialogue that advance the science for critical Delta management topics. In 2022, the Delta Science Program will host a Brown Bag series that will be an educational opportunity regarding frameworks for environmental, collaborative, and adaptive governance. A second workshop series on Delta salinity management will investigate knowledge gaps and explore the process of scenario-based planning for this critical management issue of the Delta. A final workshop topic will be Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs), with the goal of developing a framework for cohesive monitoring and reporting for HABs in the Delta.</p>
Delta Independent Science Board	2022	Review of the Public Draft 2022-2026 Science Action Agenda	Completion of the Water Supply Reliability Review and the Monitoring Enterprise Review	Delta Conveyance Project: EIR/EIS Review		<p>The Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) will complete its reviews of Water Supply Reliability and the Monitoring Enterprise Review in the first half of 2022. Both of these reviews have received public comment. In the first quarter of 2022, the Delta ISB will also be charting a course for new thematic reviews. Potential topics include subsidence reversal, food-webs, and environmental flows.</p>
Delta Residents' Survey	2022			Delta Residents' Pilot Survey Launch		<p>Led by the Council and California Sea Grant's co-sponsored position for Social Science in the Delta, the Delta Residents' Survey aims to establish, collect, and track social data and information about human communities of the Delta. The survey will be developed with an advisory committee that includes representation from the Delta Protection Commission, local governments, and social science researchers. A pilot effort will be launched in Summer 2022 with support from California State University.</p>
Modeling Summit	2022			Modeling Summit		<p>The Delta Science Program will convene a Modeling Summit to bring together members of the Delta science and modeling community to discuss the vision and development of a virtual modeling collaboratory for the Delta. The Summit will build on previous work of the Integrated Modeling Steering Committee that identified the need for a collaboratory. Expected outcomes from the Summit include a refined plan for development of the collaboratory and identification of potential funding avenues, including competitive solicitations.</p>

STRENGTHEN LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS						
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Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI)	Ongoing		JEDI Trainings Assessment	JEDI Strategic Plan Development	JEDI Strategic Plan Development	In 2020, staff initiated conversations on justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI). Since that time the Council's internal Delta Diversity Team has been meeting regularly to identify how to better integrate the JEDI practices with the Council's work and organizational culture. During 2022, the Council will host internal JEDI trainings, undergo an assessment to ascertain gaps in the Council's JEDI efforts, and develop a JEDI strategic plan.