

**RESOLUTION OF THE DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL ADOPTING  
THE FINAL TRIBAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ISSUE PAPER**

Resolution 2025-05

WHEREAS, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 (Wat. Code, § 85000 et seq.; Delta Reform Act) creates and directs the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) to develop an enforceable, comprehensive, long-term management plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the Suisun Marsh (collectively, the Delta) referred to as the Delta Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Delta Reform Act requires the Council to review the Delta Plan at least once every five years (Wat. Code, § 85300, subd. (c).), and in 2019, as part of that review, the Council in Resolution 2019-3 directed staff to prepare an issue paper "to investigate the potential need for additional strategies or responses within the Delta Plan to address disadvantaged communities and environmental justice"; and

WHEREAS, Council staff expanded the issue paper to include tribal justice; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 65040.12, subdivision (e), defines environmental justice as "the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of people of all races, cultures, incomes, and national origins, with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies"; and

WHEREAS, in his June 2019 Executive Order No. N-15-19, Governor Gavin Newsom described the state's history with California Native American Tribes as "fraught with violence, exploitation, dispossession, and the attempted destruction of tribal communities" and publicly apologized on behalf of the residents of California for "the many instances of violence, maltreatment, and neglect California inflicted on tribes."; and

WHEREAS, as part of developing the tribal and environmental justice issue paper, Council staff on September 3, 2024, opened a tribal consultation period and solicited public comments during a 60-day public comment period on the draft tribal and environmental justice issue paper and also presented the draft to the Council at a publicly noticed meeting on September 26, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Council staff implemented changes in the final tribal and environmental justice issue paper in response to the feedback received during the tribal consultation period as well as from public comments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Delta Stewardship Council as follows:

Section 1. The final tribal and environmental justice issue paper, as presented to the Council on April 24, 2025, is adopted.

Section 2. The Executive Officer, or their designee, is directed to present at a future date for consideration and possible adoption by the Council recommendations and actions that are consistent with, contemplated by, or recommended in the issue paper adopted in section 1.

Section 3. This resolution takes effect immediately upon approval.

#### CERTIFICATION

On a motion by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, and a vote of the Council, the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Delta Stewardship Council by the following vote at a regular meeting of the Delta Stewardship Council on April 24, 2025.

Burgis \_\_\_\_\_

Damrell \_\_\_\_\_

Hueso \_\_\_\_\_

Lee \_\_\_\_\_

Mehranian \_\_\_\_\_

Miller \_\_\_\_\_

Zingale \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: April 24, 2025

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Emma Askea

Clerk of the Board of the Delta Stewardship Council