

DPIIC Restoration Subcommittee

Meeting Summary

August 7, 2025



Delta Plan Interagency
Implementation
Committee

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

The Delta Stewardship Council (Council) established the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC) after adopting the Delta Plan in 2013 and continues to oversee DPIIC activities as required by the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act. The Restoration Subcommittee (Subcommittee) was formed by the 2022 amendment to Chapter Four of the Delta Plan, which recommended the formation of a restoration subcommittee to address barriers to restoration in the Delta. Staffed by the Council and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy (Delta Conservancy), Subcommittee members collaborate to support a vision of the Delta that is a mosaic of natural and human communities, is resilient to stressors, adaptable, and is accessible for the public.

The recording of the meeting is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-ZuvG5XpPo&list=PLqTHCliW1HhrN6TgcxvrcUOP3NnGrJvBj>

Meeting materials can be found on the Council's website at <https://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/dpiic/meetings>.

Attendees

The following Subcommittee members attended in person:

Delta Stewardship Council

Jeff Henderson

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy

Campbell Ingram

Delta Protection Commission

Dan Ray

Department of Water Resources

Michelle Jespersen

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State Water Resources Control Board

Jay Ziegler

US Environmental Protection Agency

Fadwa Bouhedda

The following Subcommittee members attended remotely:

Central Valley Flood Protection Board

Jamie Silva

US Fish and Wildlife Service

Heather Swinney

1. Welcome and Introductions

Campbell Ingram opened the meeting at 1:01 PM, welcomed the attendees, and provided opening remarks. He welcomed Subcommittee members to share announcements.

Announcements included:

- Jeff Henderson:
 - Mentored by Council staff, a team of UC Davis graduate students prepared a report on climate-smart agriculture strategies and alternative revenue streams available to farmers in the Delta. Learn more in the Council's [blog](#) about this project.
 - The 2025 Adaptive Management Forum will be held October 14 at the Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) building and on Zoom with a field trip to Lookout Slough October 15.
- Dan Ray
 - Tomorrow, there should be an announcement of the replacement for the Delta Protection Commission's interim executive director.
 - A draft report on agricultural land converted to restoration has been released. Public comment on the draft report will be accepted until September 8, 2025.
- Campbell Ingram
 - Subcommittee staff proposed an oral session for the State of the Estuary conference titled "Implementing Permitting Tools to Advance Ecological Restoration in the Bay-Delta Estuary." Waiting to hear if accepted.

- A new info sheet: “Restoring the Delta’s Ecosystems: Progress and Next Steps” is available on the DPIIC webpage under “Initiatives.”
- The Delta Interagency Invasive Species Coordination Team will hold the sixth biennial Delta Invasive Species Symposium on December 4 at CNRA and online with a theme of “Modeling and Managing Invasive Species for Tomorrow’s Delta.” Registration will open soon. Abstracts for short lightning talks are being accepted until August 29.
- Proposition 4 identified \$29 million for the Delta Conservancy, which will be evenly distributed among the Ecosystem Restoration and Nature-based Solutions and Community Development. Please check the Conservancy’s website and sign up for the email list to be notified when the funding solicitation opens for Prop 4.
- Jay Ziegler
 - State Water Resources Control Board released an updated water quality control plan and will hold a public workshop September 8 and 9. The fundamental framework is the same and the habitat accounting flows may be of particular interest to DPIIC. Major changes from 2024 draft include:
 - Refinement of flows with water rights aligned with the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program (Voluntary Agreements),
 - Framework for modifying rights aligned with new projects;
 - Method of habitat accounting;
 - Criteria on reservoir refill more aligned with individual watershed formula;
 - Definition of tribal beneficial uses.
- Campbell Ingram asked for public comment. There was none.

2. **Third Delta Restoration Forum Recap (Information Item)**

Dr. Rachel Wigginton of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy provided a summary of the third Delta Restoration Forum that took place in Clarksburg on May 1, 2025. Subcommittee discussion followed. Campbell Ingram asked for public comment. There was none.

This section is viewable at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-ZuvG5XpPo&list=PLqTHCliW1HhrN6TgcvrcUOP3NnGrJvBj> timestamp 13:43

3. Achieving California's Goals for the Delta with Rice and Wetlands (Information Item)

Jerred Dixon, President of Conservation Farms and Ranches, Inc. and Dr. Sydney Chamberlin of The Nature Conservancy described progress on implementing a mosaic of rice and wetlands on Staten Island, followed by discussion by the Subcommittee. Campbell Ingram asked for public comment. Tom Slater of Reclamation District 999 provided public comment.

This section is viewable at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-ZuvG5XpPo&list=PLqTHCliW1HhrN6TgcvrcUOP3NnGrJvBj> timestamp 29:08

4. Webb Tract Wetland Restoration Project Updates (Information Item)

Dr. Steve Deverel from HydroFocus described the history of the Webb Tract site and carbon sequestration research. Malinda Stalvey of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California provided an update on the Webb Tract Wetland Project planning. Dr. Don Hankins of California State University, Chico, described how the Webb Tract project is incorporating ecocultural perspectives in project development. Subcommittee discussion followed. Campbell Ingram asked for public comment. There was none.

This section is viewable at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-ZuvG5XpPo&list=PLqTHCliW1HhrN6TgcvrcUOP3NnGrJvBj> timestamp 59:06

5. Projecting the Benefits of Tidal Wetland Restoration in the Delta and Suisun Marsh (Information Item)

Dr. Kristen Dybala from Point Blue Conservation Science described Point Blue's research to estimate the potential benefits of tidal wetland restoration for the Delta's bird community. Subcommittee discussion followed. Campbell Ingram asked for public comment. There was none.

This section is viewable at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-ZuvG5XpPo&list=PLqTHCliW1HhrN6TgcvrcUOP3NnGrJvBj> timestamp 1:48:18

6. General Public Comment

Campbell Ingram welcomed any public comments on items not on the agenda; there were none.

Campbell Ingram thanked the presenters and Subcommittee members.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 PM.