



Joint One Water and Adaptation Committee and  
Subcommittee on Imported Water

# Delta Conveyance Project Delta Plan Certification of Consistency

Item 6a

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Delta Plan  
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**Subject**

Delta Conveyance Project Delta Plan Certification of Consistency

**Purpose**

Provide an overview of the Delta Plan Certification of Consistency process and a status update on the Delta Conveyance Project Certification of Consistency

**Next Steps**

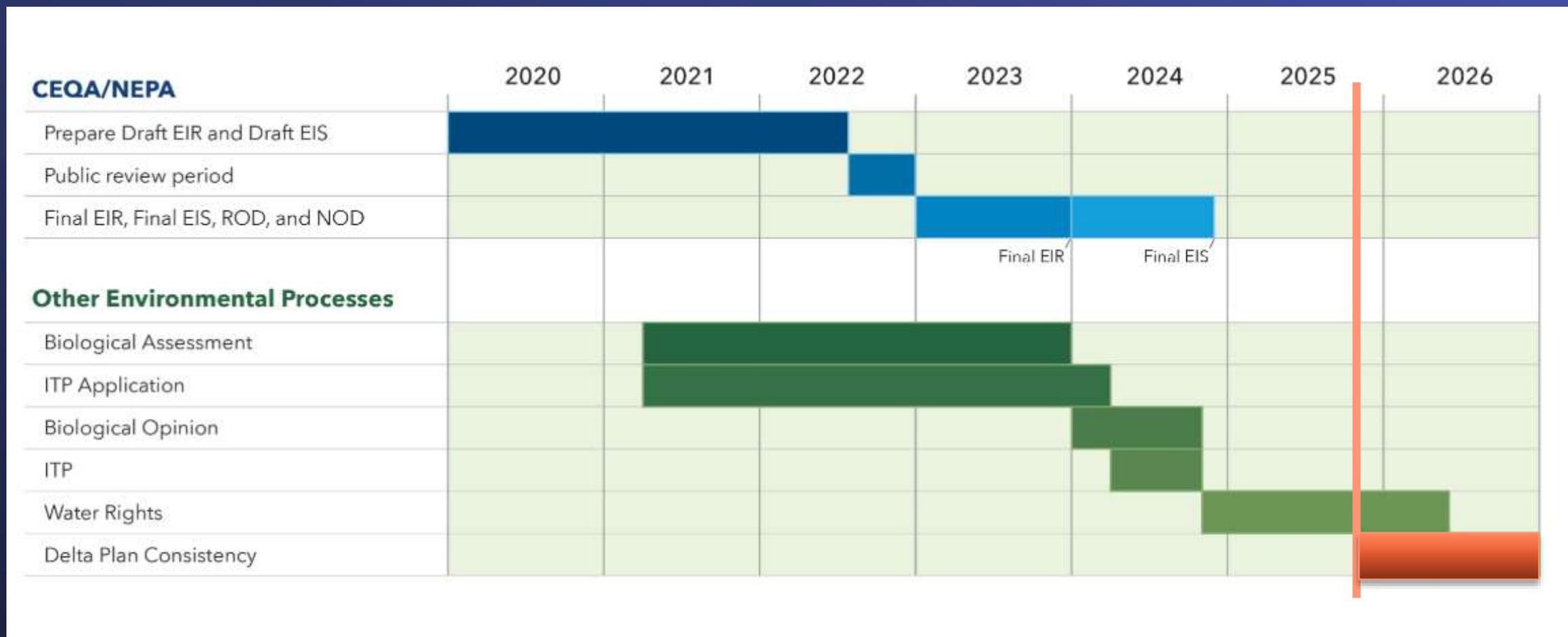
Follow-up with the Board on appeals hearing process as needed

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## Presentation Overview

- Delta Conveyance Project Planning Timeline
- Background
- Delta Conveyance Project Certification Overview
- Delta Stewardship Council Certification & Appeals Process
- Next Steps

# Delta Conveyance Project Planning Schedule



# Background - Delta Reform Act of 2009

## Coequal Goals

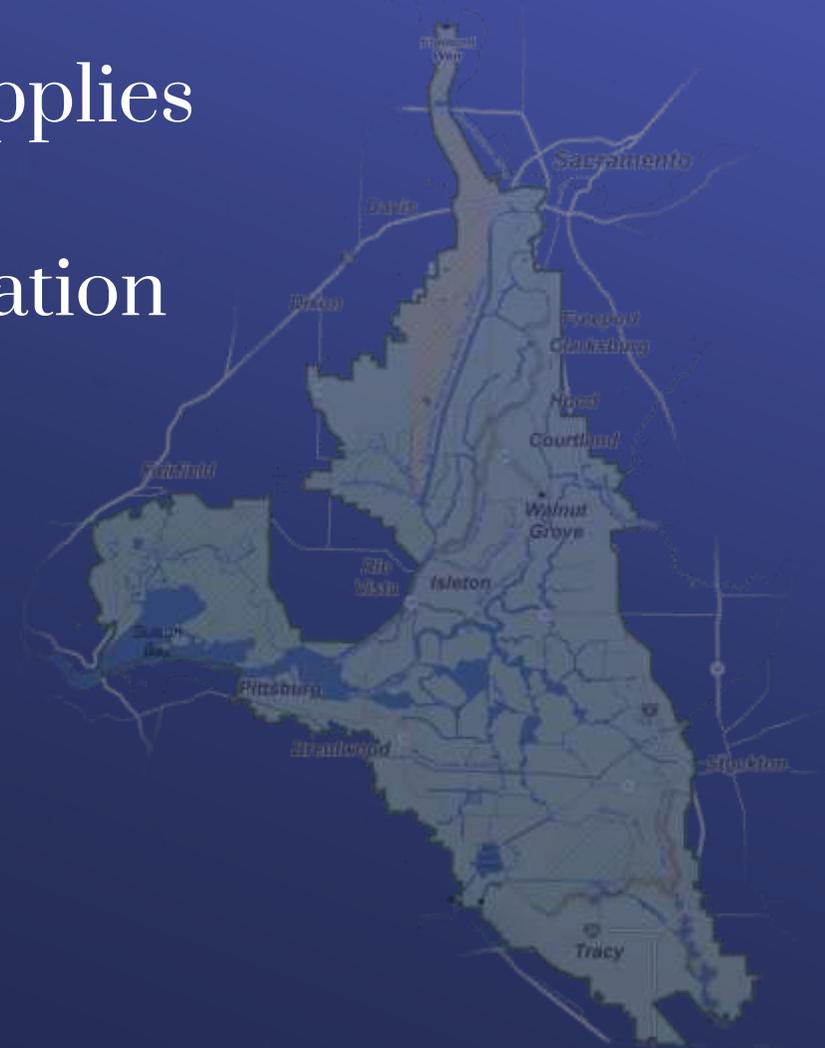


Reliable water supplies



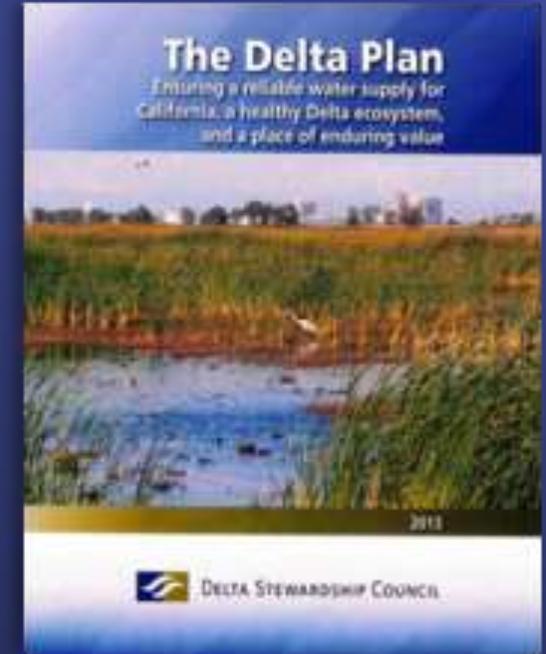
Ecosystem restoration

- Delta Stewardship Council
- Delta Science Program
- Independent Science Board
- Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC)
- Delta Watermaster



# Background – The Delta Plan

- Developed and implemented by the Delta Stewardship Council
  - Eight chapters with policies & recommendations
- Actions subject to Delta Plan policies are called “covered actions”
  - Undertaken by state or local agencies
  - Occur in whole or in part in the Delta
  - Significantly affect the coequal goals
  - Covered by one or more policies in the Delta Plan
- State & local agency “covered actions” must certify consistency with applicable policies to proceed



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## Certification - Non-Applicable Policies

- Conservation Measures
- Locate New Development Wisely
- Prioritization of State Investments in Delta Levees and Risk Reduction
- Require Flood Protection of Residential Development in Rural Areas
- Protect Floodways
- Floodplain Protection

# Certification - Applicable & Consistent Policies

- Mitigation Measures
- Best Available Science
- Adaptive Management
- Reduce Reliance on the Delta through Improved Regional Water Self-Reliance
- Transparency in Water Contracting
- Delta Flow Objectives
- Disclose Contributions to Restoring Ecosystem Function & Providing Social Benefits

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# Certification - Applicable & Consistent Policies

- Restore Habitats at Appropriate Elevations
- Protect Opportunities to Restore Habitat
- Expand Floodplains & Riparian Habitat in Levee Projects
- Avoid Introductions of & Habitat Improvements for Invasive Nonnative Species
- Respect Local Land Use When Siting Water or Flood Facilities or Restoring Habitats

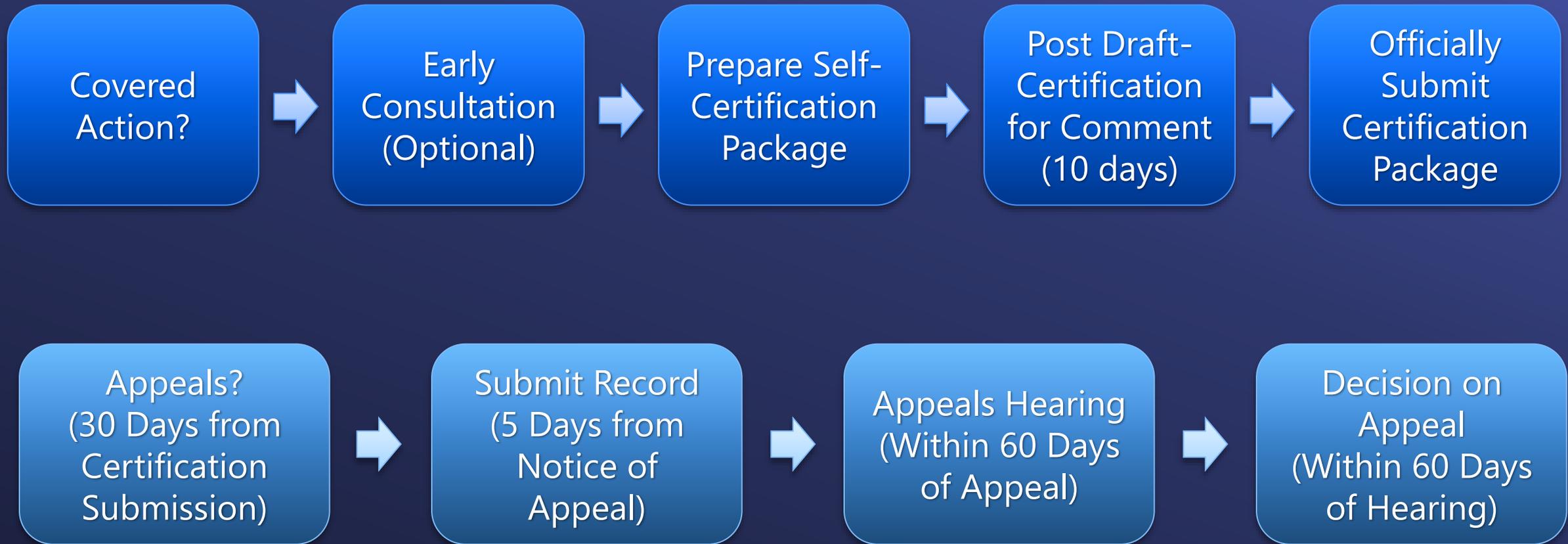
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## Certification – Key Takeaways

- Builds on lessons learned from California WaterFix & other certifications
- Represents a dedicated effort since 2020
  - DWR and Public Water Agency experts
  - Early consultation with DSC staff
- Includes reduced reliance analyses for 257 Urban & Ag water suppliers
- Planning schedule accommodates appeals process & potential remand

# Covered Action Process and Appeal Procedures



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## Next Steps – Estimated Process Timeline

- Public Posting of Draft Certification
  - October 3 – October 13
- Submission Appeal Period
  - October 17 – November 17
- Hearing
  - Mid-January
- Decision on Appeals
  - March Council Meeting (Anticipated)
- Repeat process for any remanded items...

