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The Delta Agency with a Statewide Impact

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Delta
Stewardship
Council

A CALIFORNIA STATE AGENCY

About the Council

- The Council is made up of **seven members** advised by an Independent **Science Board** and supported by a staff of ~70. This includes:
 - The renown Delta Science Program, guided by the Delta Lead Scientist
 - A planning and regulatory team



Our mission: The coequal goals

- The Council's role is to **bring together** agency and community **partners** to work together to support two **coequal goals** in a manner that protects and enhances the cultural, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as a place where people live, work, and recreate



The Delta Plan

- Sets forth a **common vision** for the Delta
- A resilient statewide water supply and ecosystem necessitate **collective implementation** of the Plan
- Chapters cover water supply, water quality, Delta ecosystem restoration, importance of reducing reliance on the Delta, and more
- Includes **regulations**, non-regulatory **recommendations**, and **performance measures** to further the coequal goals and measure progress



Delta Adapts

Creating a climate-resilient future

- Phase 1: Vulnerability Assessment

What specific risks does the Delta face?

- Phase 2: Adaptation Plan

How will we as a state face these risks?



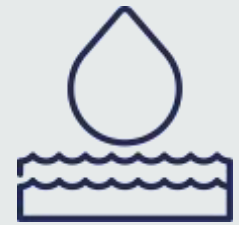
Vulnerability Assessment

Phase 1: Identify assets and systems most at risk from climate change

Flooding



Water exports & quality



Ag production



Extreme heat



Adaptation Strategy for the Delta

Phase 2: Identify a range of actions to improve regional resilience



Advancing ecosystem restoration

Amending Delta Plan Chapter 4:
Protect, Restore, and Enhance the
Delta Ecosystem

**A healthier Delta ecosystem leads
to a more reliable statewide water
supply**



A strategy for investing in Delta levees

Maximizing the protection of people, property, and state interests with an emphasis on transparent decision-making



Levees provide protection

- The Delta includes over 1,100 miles of **levees**
- Historically, there has **never been enough money** available to meet the established needs
- Delta levees **protect water conveyance** pathways 24/7



Other initiatives

- Environmental justice
- Tribal engagement
- Delta residents survey
- Science funding, synthesis, and peer review



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