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2019 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN SUMMARY TABLE

DELTA MARKETING			
2019 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Recreation map	Qtr 2	Delayed	Completion expected by September. Delay caused by staff vacancy and complexity of obtaining quotes for specialized material.
Hire Economic Development Program staff	Qtr 2	Delayed	Supervisor hired March. Recruitment for analyst in process.
Develop guidelines/social media policy for web site	Qtr 3	Delayed	Not yet started. The Conservancy has been testing different types of posts and content themes on social media to better understand the audience before we develop full social media guidelines. Currently working closely with Natural Resources Agency to get the Conservancy website onto the new template, which will help shape website guidelines.
Adopt economic development program guidelines and open solicitation	Qtr 4	On Track	Conservancy received \$12 million it will use to support Delta as Place efforts and is developing guidelines for a grant program expected to begin in early 2020.
Define emerging priorities with Delta Marketing Task Force	Ongoing	On Track	Currently no emerging priorities.
Continue implementation of the Signage Plan	Ongoing	On Track	Continuing to working with the Delta Protection Commission and the Marketing Task Force to place initial Delta Welcome Signs.
Update and develop content for visitCADelta.com	Ongoing	On Track	Support Delta Protection Commission (DPC) which has taken primary responsibility. In May, Conservancy and DPC staff met to discuss the voice and vision for the page, and to brainstorm ways to collaborate. In the coming months, Conservancy staff will begin posting on visitCADelta.com social media pages.
Potential transition of website management to Delta Marketing Task Force	Ongoing	On Track	Remains a goal, but to date, Task Force has not had the capacity to take this on.
AGRICULTURAL SUSTAINABILITY ANALYSIS			
2019 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Cultivate, maintain, and engage a network of interested parties	Ongoing	On Track	Conducted the last of seven listening sessions with farmers in developing the Delta Agriculture Problems & Solutions Matrix. Will contact farmers as part of Proposition 68 outreach and communicate with farm bureaus and agricultural commissioners in summer/early fall.
ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION & WATER QUALITY GRANT PROGRAM			
2019 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Award Cycle 4 Grants	Qtr 2	Complete	Grants awarded to seven proposals in May. Board directed staff to meet with applicants for three other proposals to determine if they can clarify information and address concerns raised by review panel, and will bring recommendations to the Board at a future meeting. In July, Board will consider one proposal (not recommended by staff for funding) for which it could not pass a vote in May.

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ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION & WATER QUALITY GRANT PROGRAM (continued)			
Plan Cycle 5 Grants	Qtr 2	Delayed	Cycle 5 has been delayed to maximize program efficiency and efficacy. The timeframe has yet to be determined.
Cycle 5 Concept Proposal Solicitation	Qtr 3	Delayed	Cycle 5 has been delayed to maximize program efficiency and efficacy. The timeframe has yet to be determined.
Cycle 5 Full Proposal Solicitation	Qtr 4	Delayed	Cycle 5 has been delayed to maximize program efficiency and efficacy. The timeframe has yet to be determined.
INVASIVE SPECIES COORDINATION, CONTROL, AND RESTORATION			
2019 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Convene a symposium or workshop to discuss remote sensing techniques for invasive species mapping in the Delta	Qtr 3	On Track	Speakers are being identified and venue secured for August 29, 2019 Symposium.
Continue maintenance of restored sites at Ulatis Creek (Emigh R. Livestock) and the Peterson Ranch drainage corridor	Qtr 4	On Track	Grant will be extended thru March 2021 because of site access problems and flood damage due to the extremely wet winter.
Complete Arundo treatments and restoration along Lindsay Slough on Hastings Tract	Q4	On Track	Completed Arundo treatments. To date, 302 trees and shrubs planted at 2 sites.
Apply integrated chemical treatments at Sacramento River sites (Andrus Island, CDFW fishing access sites, Cliffhouse fishing access site)	Ongoing	On Track	Agreements secured to treat at Andrus Island and Cliffhouse. CA Department of Fish and Wildlife sites treated and will be assessed for any new growth.
Release biocontrol insects at Tracy Fish Collection Facility (TFCF), Stewart Tract, and the Port of Stockton	Ongoing	On Track	Releases are planned for the summer of 2019 and 2020 at the TFCF and the Port of Stockton. Work is not planned for Stewart Tract because the land owner is no longer interested in participating in this effort.
Evaluate and scope integrated chemical treatments and restoration project opportunities at these South Delta sites	Ongoing	On Track	Chemical treatments would exceed available funding and are no longer planned. Exploring partnership with Port of Stockton for future funding opportunities.
Continue outreach and explore additional opportunities for Arundo control and restoration projects in the Delta	Ongoing	On Track	Staff have initiated discussions with Solano County Regional Parks regarding Arundo treatment and restoration at Sandy Beach Regional Park.
Pursue funding for Phase 2	Ongoing	On Track	Dept. of Water Resources funding for Phase 2 is no longer available. Alternative funding sources and partnerships are being explored.
Facilitate quarterly DIISC meetings	Ongoing	On Track	Convened Delta Interagency Invasive Species Coordination (DIISC) team meetings in March and June. Additional meetings planned for September and December.
Develop Delta interagency collaboration strategy for prevention, early detection, and rapid response to invasive species	Ongoing	On Track	Convened and leading sub team in laying groundwork for this effort.

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REGIONAL PLANNING			
2019 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Complete final public review and present final draft of the Delta Public Lands Strategy for Board considerations	Qtr 1	Complete	Presented to the Board in March.
Complete the Restoration Opportunities for Juvenile Salmonids I the Delta analysis	Qtr 4	On Track	Technical advisory committee meetings and public workshop have been completed. Draft study due in late summer.
LAND OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT			
2019 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Refine draft ownership/management white paper	Ongoing	On Track	Revisions are made as appropriate following discussion at Program and Policy Subcommittee meetings and as new information is obtained.
Provide updates to the Board	Qtr 2 & Qtr 4	On Track	Discussion of land ownership issues continue at Program and Policy Subcommittee (PPS) meetings. Updates are provided to the Board following each PPS meeting as part of the PPS staff report.
DELTA CARBON PROJECTS			
2019 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Work with Department of Water Resources to develop carbon credit sale agreements for existing managed wetlands on Sherman and Twitchell Islands	Qtr 4	Ongoing	Project validation/verification for the existing wetlands is underway and expected to be completed by November. Credit sales agreements will be developed once verification is complete.
Secure funding to support future projects	Qtr 4	Ongoing	Efforts to secure funds for a Delta subsidence reversal program have not been successful.
PROJECT TRACKING/ REPORTING AND IMPROVED DATA INTEGRATION/ACCESS			
2019 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Develop a synthesis report of user needs, priorities, and desired Delta Science Tracker functions as identified at the workshop	Qtr 2	Complete	Aquatic Science Center submitted final report to the Delta Science Program.
Acquire and compile digital imagery	Qtr 3	On Track	Compiled a matrix of existing datasets (inventory). Continuing review and update of the inventory.
Prepare quality assurance project plan	Qtr 4	On Track	Preparation of the plan is anticipated to begin in Quarter 3.
Work with restoration project managers to enter or update project information in EcoAtlas	Ongoing	Ongoing	Conservancy staff continued to work with project managers to enter and update project information in EcoAtlas.

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WATER QUALITY MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT			
2019 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Field water quality monitoring (quarterly)	Ongoing	Ongoing	Testing was conducted in April and July and is planned for September and November/December. The Conservancy is discussing with partners augmenting monitoring to include metals, nutrients, and other analyses that require analytical testing by Sacramento Regional County Sanitation Dist. environmental laboratory.
Update the 3-year monitoring plan for Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge	Qtr 4	Complete	Completed in January.
Continue coordination with watershed organizations: develop monitoring plans for watersheds to increase consistency in data collection and reporting	Ongoing	Ongoing	Produced Monitoring Compendium to provide guidance to project proponents and programs to enhance habitat restoration monitoring and data management and facilitate coordination in approaches among efforts. Conservancy continues as steward of the document, which is being refined as a collaborative product of the Interagency Adaptive Management Implementation team.
Identify and secure funding for implementation of best management practices	Ongoing	Complete	The State Water Resources Control Board awarded the Conservancy \$399,407 to implement best management practices related to pesticide use and handling.
IMPLEMENTATION OF BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES: COMPREHENSIVE PESTICIDES PROJECT			
2019 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Execute contract for implementation of Fish Friendly Farming Program	Qtr 1	Complete	State Water Resources Control Board awarded the Conservancy \$399,407 to implement best management practices related to use and handling of pesticides to improve water quality.
Develop a list of high priority outreach areas	Qtr 3	On Track	Execution of a contract to implement this is in progress.
Develop a mailing list and outreach letters	Qtr 4	On Track	Execution of a contract to implement this is in progress.
DELTA WATERWAY CLEANUPS			
2019 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Track litter trends over time at specific sites	Ongoing	On Track	Staff is exploring how other state agencies and nonprofit organizations are tracking the amounts and types of trash collected from waterways.
Biannual clean-ups and environmental education at three sites	Q2 & Q3	On Track	April 2019: Removed approximately 3,200 lbs. of trash with help of approximately 85 volunteers at four sites. Developed Impressions Report to track outreach impact of the Conservancy's participation in the cleanup - Conservancy's top media Tweet in March had 782 impressions and in April had impressions.
Assist Yolo Resource Conservation District to secure landowner access affidavits for tire removal	Qtr 4	On Track	Work for Phase 2 is in progress. Affidavits for Phase 3 will be collected throughout 2019, with work likely occurring during the winter of 2019-20.
Expand number of clean-up sites and number of volunteers	Ongoing	On Track	A new site for the spring cleanup was added in Locke.

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND OUTREACH			
2019 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Conduct education and outreach for Watershed Protection Week	Qtr 3	On Track	The second week of September is Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Watershed Protection Week. Promotion will be coordinated with Senator Bill Dodd's office.
Conduct Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) educational workshop	Qtr 3	Complete	Using grant funds from the US Bureau of Reclamation, the Conservancy provided the Water Education Foundation funding through June to conduct numerous Project WET workshops.
Support Delta water tours and water summit	Qtr 4	Complete	Using grant funds from the US Bureau of Reclamation, the Conservancy executed a contract with the Water Education Foundation which included the tour and the executive briefing. The tour was conducted in June. The briefing will be held in the fall, using funding from sources other than the Conservancy.
Water Education Foundation workshop and related white paper	Qtr 4	Inactive	The workshop and white paper are no longer planned.
Develop fact sheets for Conservancy programs	Ongoing	On Track	An Ecosystem Restoration flyer was developed and is being updated with information from Cycle 4 of the Proposition 1 grant program. A general outreach flyer and general outreach brochure are also being developed.
Educational outreach in schools	Ongoing	On Track	Staff is participating in the Students and Landowners Education and Watershed Stewardship (SLEWS) program. In March, Conservancy staff helped mentor students from Florin High School as they installed native habitat along 3/4 mile of a slough at River Garden Farms in Yolo County.
MERCURY EXPOSURE REDUCTION PROGRAM (MERP)			
2019 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Create and convene stakeholder meetings	Qtr 1	Complete	A stakeholder meeting was held in February of 2019.
Complete Community Grant Program	Qtr 2	Complete	The Community Grant Program provided education to more than 2,900 families.
Coordinate and post advisories	Ongoing	On Track	Fish consumption advisory signs will be posted in additional locations to be identified in coordination with counties, cities, state agencies, and other partners. A total of 81 signs have been posted through MERP at 65 sites; approximately 30 of the signs were posted in 2019.
Implement exposure reduction activities	Ongoing	On Track	Closed agreements with two Community Grant Program grantees. Working with Tribal Liaisons to share MERP messages with Delta Tribe communities. Working with Southeast Asian Assistance Center to evaluate sign effectiveness and to integrate MERP messaging into the organization's activities.

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ADMINISTRATION			
2019 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Proposition 1 grants acquisitions process and template	Quarter 2	Delayed	In progress. Delayed due to resource constraints.
Transition to primary reliance upon Fi\$Cal for in-house accounting	Qtr 4	On Track	Initiated discussions with Department of General Services (DGS), Contracted Fiscal Services, DGS Budgets, and Fi\$Cal regarding more fully utilizing Fi\$Cal and decreasing dependence on accounting systems outside of Fi\$Cal.
Expand office space into adjacent suite	Qtr 3	On Track	Construction started in June and is expected to be complete in August.
Implement State Leadership Accountability Act Implementation Plan to minimize organizational risk	Qtr 4	On Track	Biannual Implementation Plan status update is due in December and June.
Prioritize and develop new/update existing policies and procedures	Quarter 4	On Track	Initial assessment of existing policies and need to update or create new policies has begun.
Analyze and streamline accounting practices	Quarter 4	On Track	Initiated discussions with Department of General Services (DGS), Contracted Fiscal Services, DGS Budgets, and Fi\$Cal regarding more fully utilizing Fi\$Cal and decreasing dependence on accounting systems outside of Fi\$Cal.
Submit indirect Cost Rate Proposals	Qtr 4	Delayed	Vacancy of a key position has caused a delay.
Develop Workforce Plan and Succession Plan	Qtr 4	On Track	Deferred in prior years due to resource constraints, the Conservancy anticipates completing this task by December.
Identify critical processes, knowledge, and expertise and develop risk management plan	Quarter 3	On Track	Some critical processes have been identified. Completion may be delayed.
Financial Reporting (such as Governor's budget building, bond accountability reporting, update System for Award Management)	Ongoing	Delayed	Despite significant vacancies, most reporting has been completed on time. The Indirect Cost Rate Proposal is in progress, but past-due.
Human resource related mandates (such as establishing a Disability Advisory Committee, Job Action Contingency Plan, Upward Mobility Program)	Ongoing	On Track	Some efforts have been delayed due to resource constraints. The Disability Advisory Committee has been meeting and an assessment for Americans With Disabilities Act compliance was completed for the Conservancy's office.
Various other administrative requirements (Such as State Agency Recycle Campaign and State Agency Reporting System reports, Contracting Activity Report and Improvement Plans)	Ongoing	On Track	Despite significant vacancies, reporting has been completed on time. However, this has been done at the cost of higher level program and policy development.