



SACRAMENTO - SAN JOAQUIN
DELTA CONSERVANCY
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BOARD MEETING AGENDA

July 22, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Remote Access Meeting

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1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Welcome, Roll Call, and Introductions**
3. **Public Comment** (*New Business*)
4. **Board Elections** (*Action Item*)
5. **Consent Calendar** (*Action Item*)
 - *Approval of May 27, 2020 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items (Attachment)*
6. **Executive Officer's Report**, *Campbell Ingram*
 - *Program Update (Attachments)*
 - *Budget and Expenditure Report, Jessica Adel (Attachment)*
7. **Proposition 1 Program Update**, *Aaron Haiman (Attachment)*
8. **Proposition 68 Program Update**, *Robyn Krock (Attachment)*
9. **Delta Conservancy 2020 Implementation Plan Status Update**, *Debra Kustic (Attachment)*
10. **Delta Carbon Management Overview and Update**, *Campbell Ingram (Attachment)*
11. **Delta Stewardship Council Update**, *Amanda Bohl*
12. **Delta Protection Commission Update**, *Erik Vink*
13. **Delta Conveyance Update**, *Carrie Buckman*
14. **EcoRestore Update**, *Charlotte Biggs*
15. **Potential Agenda Items for the Oct 28, 2020 Board Meeting**, *Campbell Ingram (Attachment)*
16. **Public Comment**
17. **ADJOURN**

- To view the members of the Delta Conservancy Board, please visit <http://deltaconservancy.ca.gov/delta-conservancy-board>.
- Attachments and additional information are on the Delta Conservancy's website at: <http://www.deltaconservancy.ca.gov>.
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- Public comments are generally limited to three (3) minutes but may be more or less at the discretion of the Board Chair.
- The Board may consider the agenda items listed above in a different order at the Delta Conservancy Board meeting, pursuant to the determination of the Board Chair. All items appearing on this agenda, whether or not listed expressly for action, may be deliberated upon and subject to action at the discretion of the Delta Conservancy Board.



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BOARD MEETING SUMMARY AND ACTION ITEMS

May 27, 2020

Zoom Meeting

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chair Karen Mitchoff. There was no Pledge of Allegiance due to the Zoom format.

Agenda Item 2 – Welcome, Roll Call, and Introductions

The Executive Officer provided instruction on participating in public comment using the Zoom meeting format. Roll call was taken and agenda items were heard by the Board in the order indicated below.

Board Members Present: Karen Mitchoff, Leo Winternitz, Skip Thomson, Jim Provenza, Don Nottoli, Kathy Miller, Bryan Cash, Richard Gillihan, Dolly Sandoval, Sandi Matsumoto, Larry Ruhstaller

Ex Officio Members Present: Assemblymember Timothy Grayson

Liaison Advisors Present: Steve Chappell, Erik Vink, Mike Villines, Moira McEnespy

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment

Martha Ash sent an email inquiry with two questions:

1. Where is the meeting agenda physically posted? *The agenda is only posted on the website.*
2. When was the agenda posted and what are the requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act (Bagley-Keene) and are there any exceptions to Bagley-Keene due to COVID -19? *The agenda was posted on the Conservancy's website ten business days prior to the meeting. The requirements of Bagley-Keene are under Agenda Item 14 below.*

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Calendar

MOTION: Board Member Sandoval moved, seconded by Vice Chair Winternitz, that the Board approve the following:

- March 25, 2020 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items

A roll call vote was taken. There were ten ayes and one abstention. The motion passed.

MOTION: *Board Member Ruhstaller moved, seconded by Board Member Matsumoto that the Board approve the following:*

- *Consideration of Amendment to the Budget, Scope, and Term of the Knightsen Wetland Restoration and Flood Protection Project*

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5 – Executive Officer’s Report

The Executive Officer introduced two newly-hired staff members: Chelle Temple-King, Environmental Scientist; and Martha Ozonoff, Associate Government Program Analyst. The Conservancy, in conjunction with the Delta Protection Commission, continues efforts to post “Welcome to the Delta” signs despite recently denied encroachment permits. Board members suggested possible options that will be pursued. There were no Board directives from the March meeting. Staff presented the Budget and Expenditure Report and additional items for year-end expenditures were reviewed.

Agenda Item 6 – Proposition 1 Program Update

Staff presented highlights from the Proposition 1 Program Update Staff Report.

Proposed Cycle 5: No changes from the March Board meeting.

Cycle 4: Two grant agreements have been executed and Prop 1-1813 Nutria Eradication Project, Phase 2, is ready for signatures.

Cycle 3: All of the grant agreements have been executed and are moving forward.

Cycle 2: The Dutch Slough Revegetation Project has planted 260 acres, approximately 50% of the project area.

Cycle 1: Three projects have closed and one more is almost complete. The construction contract has been executed for the Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project and a groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for June 25, 2020.

Agenda Item 7 – Proposition 68 Program Update

Staff presented highlights from the Proposition 68 Program Update Staff Report. The Conservancy has received eight concept proposals to date, one of which is ineligible. Staff is working with four applicants to assess viability and three applicants to develop full proposals. There was an inquiry concerning how long proposals will be accepted into the program. Staff responded that there is no stated end date and the program will continue as funding permits.

Agenda Item 8 – Delta Mercury Exposure Reduction Program Final Update

Staff delivered a slide presentation of the Delta Mercury Exposure Reduction Program (MERP). The primary goal of the six-year program, funded by the State Water Resources Control Board, was to protect public health by reducing the risk of exposure to methylmercury from eating fish from the Delta. Since 2014, MERP worked with program participants in a small grants program with more than 50 staff and volunteers. MERP focused on community outreach through social media, events, presentations, and trainings. During the program, 147 advisory signs were posted at highly-visible areas, with 90% of the signs placed in or near disadvantaged communities. Funding for the program ends in June 2020. Board members expressed their gratitude for the work of the Conservancy staff.

Agenda Item 9 – Delta Stewardship Council Update

Amanda Bohl, Special Assistant for Planning and Science for the Delta Stewardship Council (Council), provided an update. The Council will hold a virtual public hearing on July 6, 2020 on the Lower Yolo Ranch Restoration Project appeal. The Council continues its multi-year work on the amendment to Chapter 4 of the Delta Plan. Most recently, the Council has initiated the California Environmental Quality Act process for the amendment. On June 3, 2020 the Council will host part two of a four-part virtual discussion series on how to build an effective Delta science enterprise. Eva Bush, Senior Environmental Scientist, reported on the Delta Science Action Agenda (DSAA), which is one of the three guiding documents of the Delta Science Strategy, and is updated every five years. The Council is working on the 2022 to 2026 update. Outreach to receive input from the science community and Delta stakeholders is underway. The Council anticipates the release of a draft DSAA in the fall of 2020. More information on these updates can be found on the Council website.

Agenda Item 10 – Delta Protection Commission

Erik Vink, Executive Director of the Delta Protection Commission (Commission), presented a brief update. Work continues on the National Heritage Area initial planning effort and on the update of the Economic Sustainability Plan recreation and tourism chapters.

Agenda Item 11 – Delta Conveyance Update

Carrie Buckman, Environmental Program Manager with the Department of Water Resources (DWR), presented an update. DWR just finished the public scoping process and is reviewing comments from eight public meetings, and 850 comment letters which included more than 3,500 individual comments. They are working on the draft Environmental Impact Report and anticipate completing it in early 2021. The Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority meetings continue and provide a venue to share technical information with the Delta community. DWR is considering a number of soil investigations for 2020. Some of the court-ordered soil explorations in Sacramento and San Joaquin County are scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2020. Other soil explorations on public lands are being considered once permits are obtained. Finally, DWR plans to start talking to private landowners about soil explorations for 2021.

Agenda Item 12 – EcoRestore

Charlotte Biggs, Program Manager II at DWR, provided an update on the EcoRestore initiative. The EcoRestore initiative is celebrating their five-year anniversary and has produced an eight-page expanded fact sheet highlighting the accomplishments of the program partners. The fact sheet will be available soon on the EcoRestore website.

Chair Mitchoff had to leave the meeting at this point and turned the meeting over to Vice Chair Winternitz.

Agenda Item 13 – Potential Agenda Items for the July Meeting

- Annual Conservancy Board chair and vice-chair elections.
- The Bay Point Tour will likely not be able take place with the July meeting due to COVID-19 public health concerns.
- Overview of the Nutria Eradication Program.
- The Executive Officer asked for agenda items for the June 17, 2020 Program and Policy Subcommittee meeting. Hearing none, the meeting was cancelled.

Agenda Item 14 – Public Comment

1. There was an email inquiry asking if a recording of the Board meeting is available. *It will be posted on the Conservancy website when it is available.*
2. Nicole Rinke, legal counsel to the Conservancy, responded to the public comment in Agenda Item 3 concerning posting of the Board meeting agenda. *The Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act does not require physical posting of the agenda. Current requirement dictate that the agenda is posted ten days prior to the meeting and that anyone who requests an agenda must be provide one.*
3. Martha Ash, a member of the public, asked if there have been reports of nutria in the Franks Tract State Recreation Area (Franks Tract). *The Executive Officer responded that a single nutria was detected near Rough and Ready Island outside of Stockton about six months ago. There have been no further sightings in the Delta.*
4. Martha Ash asked if Franks Tract will be filled with tunnel boring material, and if so, when? *The Executive Officer briefly described the ongoing Franks Tract planning effort being conducted by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and directed Ms. Ash to their website for additional information.*

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

1. Board Member Sandoval requested that the link to the EcoRestore 5 year fact sheet be distributed to the board members when it is available.
2. Board Member Provenza requested an overview and update on Conservancy Delta Carbon management efforts.
3. Board members requested a status update on the application for the Pacific Flyway Center Proposition 68 grant.
4. Board members discussed the possibility of touring the Dutch Slough project currently in the implementation phase.

MEETING ADJOURNED by Vice Chair Winternitz at 10:38 a.m.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT July 22, 2020

PROGRAM UPDATE

STAFFING UPDATE

Sadly, we must say goodbye to Laura Jensen who has accepted a position as the Assistant Executive Officer of the California Water Commission. Laura has been with the Conservancy for five years and was the lead for the development of the Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 grant programs. Laura's hard work, dedication, and exceptional organizational skills were critical to the success of these programs and we thank her for all her hard work. This is a great opportunity for Laura; please join me in wishing her the best.

Please welcome Dr. Rachel Wigginton, our newly-hired Senior Environmental Scientist. Rachel will be applying her scientific expertise to the Conservancy's various projects and representing the Conservancy within the Delta science community. Rachel came to California from Kentucky ten years ago to pursue graduate research in wetland ecology and conservation management. Before coming to the Conservancy, Rachel was with the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, leading the agency's effort to review and update its Suisun Marsh Protection Plan and Local Protection Program. Rachel started with the Conservancy on July 6th.

HAPPY 10TH ANNIVERSARY TO THE DELTA CONSERVANCY

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy. The Delta Conservancy was created as part of the Delta Reform Act passed in late 2009, and in March of 2010, the Delta Conservancy Board met for the first time. We have accomplished so much since that first Board meeting as the Conservancy has evolved and grown into our role as a state partner for ecosystem restoration and economic development in the Delta and Suisun Marsh.

Significant funding for the Conservancy arrived with the passage of Proposition 1 in late 2014. Staff went to work developing and implementing our Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality grant program, that to date has resulted in 29 community-supported projects enhancing over 8,000 acres in the Delta. With the more recent passage of Proposition 68, the Conservancy has developed our Community and Economic Enhancement grant program that will fund projects that support the economic vitality of the Delta and serve its disadvantaged communities. In addition to these grant programs, the Conservancy has led and supported many important collaborative planning and outreach efforts. We have also been a driving force for the development of market-based incentives to address subsidence and related carbon emissions. The Conservancy was honored when the American Carbon Registry presented the 2017 Innovation Award to the developers of this landmark methodology for California wetland restoration.

The Delta Conservancy has maximized the funding and resources available to us, and our staff and Board have realized the intent of our enabling legislation and become a trusted and effective partner. The Conservancy has clearly demonstrated the value of a state partnership and what can be accomplished in the Delta when we work together.

I would like to personally thank all past and current Board members and Ex-Officio Legislative members for their guidance and contributions to our achievements. And to past staff, many of whom have gone on to significant leadership roles, and our current team of bright and dedicated public servants; thank you for all your hard work and for making the Conservancy a great organization.

Our stage is set for a bright future as we continue to engage the Delta community. What comes next for the Delta Conservancy will depend largely on available funding, there is no limit to what we can do if resourced to do it! Happy 10th Anniversary, Delta Conservancy!! Here's to many more.

COVID-19 UPDATE

All Conservancy staff continue to work from home with the expectation that this will continue until a vaccine is approved. Staff have done an excellent job adapting to our new reality and continue to be very productive with only minor disruptions in our workflow. We are currently developing procedures to ensure upcoming project site visits can be conducted safely and with appropriate social distancing. Larry Hughes has volunteered to be our designated Contact Tracer. He recently completed his weeklong training and will likely be called upon in the coming weeks for a six-month deployment.

CONTRACTS

The Conservancy is in the process of amending the technical support contract for our Delta carbon and subsidence work. The amendment will increase the budget by \$80,000.00 and add two additional pilot projects to the scope of work. The original agreement supported project development and third party validation/verification of carbon offsets for the three Department of Water Resources managed wetlands projects on Sherman and Twitchell islands. The amendment will support similar activities, including project development, carbon flux estimations, monitoring program development, and third-party validation/verification for two additional pilot projects. Staff are currently working closely with two land owners, one of whom is interested in converting over 1,000 acres to rice cultivation and the other interested in engaging the carbon market for an existing, recently converted, rice project of several hundred acres and a future managed wetland project of approximately 1,000 acres. The contract amendment is awaiting final approval by the Department of General Services and should be executed within the next several weeks.

ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROGRAM

Nutria Eradication:

Please see Attachment 2 for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's June 2020 update for the Nutria Program. We are planning to provide a detailed Program overview at future Board meeting.

Delta Subsidence and Carbon Emissions:

The Conservancy continues to work to develop pilot projects and support land owners in their efforts to explore carbon market opportunities. A Delta Carbon overview and update will be provided as Item 10 on the agenda for this meeting.

Water Resilience Portfolio:

Governor's Executive Order Number N-10-19 calls for the development of a Water Resilience Portfolio to guide the Administration's water policy. A draft of the Portfolio was released in January. The release of the final Portfolio had been delayed due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Delta Marketing:

Through an interagency agreement, staff have been working with the Delta Protection Commission (Commission) to implement elements of the Five-Year Delta Marketing Plan and the Delta Sign Plan, which was a recommendation in the Marketing Plan. Together, Conservancy and Commission staff submitted 11 encroachment permit applications to Caltrans for "Welcome to the Delta" signs throughout the Delta. Unfortunately, the encroachment permits have been denied. Staff met with representatives from Assemblymember Grayson's office to discuss ways that the Legislature might support the plan and help staff get the signs posted. Conservancy staff and Assemblymember Grayson's office continue to coordinate with Caltrans.

The Delta Marketing Plan also recommended creation of a Delta recreation map and in November the Commission printed 6,500 maps. A distribution plan has been developed and staff is reaching out to contacts on the distribution list, but many are still closed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

1. Board Member Sandoval requested that the link to the EcoRestore 5-year fact sheet be distributed to the Board members when it is available.
 - *The link to the document was sent on June 24, 2020*
2. Board Member Provenza requested an overview and update on Conservancy Delta Carbon management efforts.
 - *An overview and update presentation will be presented as Item 10 on the agenda for this meeting.*
3. Board members requested a status update on the application for the Pacific Flyway Center Proposition 68 grant.
 - *The Conservancy has received and is currently reviewing a concept proposal for the Pacific Flyway Center*
4. Board members discussed the possibility of touring the Dutch Slough project currently in the implementation phase.
 - *Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, a sight visit is not possible at this time. We will resume site visits as soon as possible once it is safe to do so.*

DELTA CONSERVANCY BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE UPDATE

(Attachment 3)

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Nutria Eradication Program Update

Field Update

Since implementing the Nutria Eradication Incident Command System (ICS) in March 2018, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, along with three USDA-Wildlife Services contracted trappers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge staff, and the California Department of Food and Agriculture's delimitation crews, have:

- Completed full and/or rapid assessments on over 843 K acres
- Executed entry permits with over 2500 landowners
- Set up 2,297 camera stations (628 currently active)
 - Conducted 12,585 camera checks
- Confirmed nutria within 329 sites
- Deployed 3,332 trap sets for a total of 38,599 trap nights
- Taken or accounted for the take of 1,402 nutria (since Mar 2017)
 - Merced- 1,058
 - Stanislaus- 229
 - San Joaquin- 101 (100 from Walthall Slough)
 - Mariposa- 12
 - Fresno- 2
- Of 1,125 necropsies, the data has shown:
 - 1.17 sex ratio (M:F)
 - Of the females captured:
 - 26% of juvenile (2-6 mos.) females have been pregnant
 - 60% of subadult (6-14 mos.) females have been pregnant
 - 71% of adult (>14 months of age) females have been pregnant
 - 1313 fetal nutria have been documented
 - Litter size ranged from 2-13, with an average of 6.0
 - Average litter size for adult females (> 14 mos.) in California is 6.6

SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE REPORT 2020-2021

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	CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURES Personal Services (PS)	Delta Conservancy Budget
1		
2	Salaries & Wages	\$1,164,050
3	Temporary Help	\$58,509
6	Benefits	\$666,240
7	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	\$1,888,800
8		
	CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURES Operating Expenditures and Equipment (OE & E)	Delta Conservancy Budget
9		
10	General Expense	\$51,059
11	Printing	\$5,000
12	Communications	\$6,100
13	Postage	\$252
15	Travel-In State	\$8,365
17	Training	\$10,625
18	Facilities Operation	\$115,994
21	Contracts & Personal Services-External	\$210,892
22	Contracts & Personal Services-Interdepartmental	\$138,177
24	Information Technology	\$43,100
25	Central Administrative Service	\$26,061
30	Unallocated Operating Expense & Equipment	\$461,090
32	Grants and Subventions	\$0
33	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES & EQUIPMENT	\$1,076,716
34		
	TOTALS	Delta Conservancy Budget
35		
36	TOTAL PS & OE & E	\$2,965,515
37	REIMBURSEMENT	(\$253,562)
38	GRAND TOTAL	\$2,711,953
39		

Unallocated Operating Expense and Equipment:
General Fund \$139,430 Prop 1 \$287,322, Prop 68 \$34,338



**Proposition 1 Program Update
Staff Report**

Approved Project Update

To date, the Conservancy has approved a total of 29 projects, committing approximately \$39.3 million for Proposition 1 projects. A brief overview of each grant cycle, including the status of each funded project for which there is an active or pending grant agreement, is provided herein.

Cycle 4 – Fiscal Year 2018-2019

The Board awarded approximately \$14.9 million for ten projects (eight planning and two implementation). Three grant agreements have been executed; staff is working with grantees to negotiate seven grant agreements.

Project Name	Mello/Jensen Heirs Sandhill Crane Preserve Project (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$2,273,469
County	Sacramento
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1801
Grantee	Agricultural-Natural Resources Trust
Overview	Acquire a conservation easement on 275 acres of farmland to ensure that it remains as wildlife friendly agriculture
Board Action	Conditional Approval
Conditions/Status	1. Revised budget 2. Revised task descriptions 3. Audit documents
Grant Agreement Status	Pending
New Information	None

Project Name	Blacklock Restoration: Phragmites Control Study (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$387,440
County	Solano
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1803
Grantee	Department of Water Resources
Overview	Test methods for controlling invasive species in future restoration at the Blacklock restoration site
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 3/17/2020
New Information	Data collection is in progress

Project Name	Delta Waterways Habitat Restoration Planning (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$347,481
County	Solano
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1804
Grantee	Solano Resource Conservation District
Overview	Planning for restoration and enhancement of waterways and edge habitats on working lands in Solano County
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 12/19/2019
New Information	None

Project Name	Paradise Cut Conservation and Flood Management Project, Phase 2 (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$265,254
County	San Joaquin
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1806
Grantee	San Joaquin Resource Conservation District
Overview	Outreach and planning to advance the Paradise Cut Flood Bypass in San Joaquin County
Grant Agreement Status	Pending
New Information	Site access has been secured

Project Name	Elk Slough Fish Passage and Flood Improvement (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$984,695
County	Yolo
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1807
Grantee	Reclamation District 999
Overview	Planning for habitat and flood control enhancements along Elk Slough
Grant Agreement Status	Pending
New Information	Grant agreement has been sent to the Grantee for review

Project Name	Lower San Joaquin Riparian Corridor (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$522,027
County	San Joaquin
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1808
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	Planning for restoration of floodplain and riparian habitat along the lower San Joaquin River
Grant Agreement Status	Pending
New Information	None

Project Name	Marsh Creek Channel Restoration (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$519,494
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1809
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	Planning for Marsh Creek floodplain and riparian habitat restoration
Grant Agreement Status	Pending
New Information	None

Project Name	Phase 1 San Joaquin River Floodplain Restoration and Floodway Enhancement at Banta-Carbona Project (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$750,931
County	San Joaquin
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1810
Grantee	Banta-Carbona Irrigation District
Overview	Planning for 30 acres of seasonally-inundated floodplain restoration
Grant Agreement Status	Pending
New Information	None

Project Name	Nutria Eradication Project, Phase 2 (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$8,483,080
County	Multiple
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1813
Grantee	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Overview	Surveys for and removal of invasive species to minimize or avoid impacts to wetland habitats and water quality
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 6/8/2020
New Information	Grant agreement has been executed

Project Name	Oakley Creekside Park Restoration (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$436,465
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1814
Grantee	City of Oakley
Overview	Planning for restoration of floodplain and riparian habitat along Marsh Creek
Grant Agreement Status	Pending
New Information	None

Cycle 3 – Fiscal Year 2017-2018

The Board awarded approximately \$16.0 million for eight projects (four planning and four implementation).

Project Name	Bay Point Habitat Restoration Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$2,100,000
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1701
Grantee	East Bay Regional Park District
Overview	Restore 44 acres of wetland and grassland and 5,595 linear feet of saline emergent marsh channel at Bay Point Regional Shoreline Park
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 4/10/2019
New Information	None

Project Name	Restoration Planning at River Garden Farms: Improving aquatic habitat resiliency on working lands along the Sacramento River (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$647,701
County	Yolo
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1702
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	Develop restoration design plans for seven different project sites at River Garden Farms to restore ecosystem function in floodplain, wetland, and riparian habitats and provide habitat connectivity on a working farm
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 1/22/2019
New Information	Grantee discovered that DWR has begun developing restoration plans for one of the subsites of this grant. Conservancy staff and Grantee are determining how to respond to this complication.

Project Name	Knightsen Wetland Restoration and Flood Protection Project (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$1,225,000
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1709
Grantee	East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy
Overview	Advance planning for restoring wetlands and managing and treating storm water on public land in Knightsen
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 3/20/2019
New Information	None

Project Name	Grizzly Slough Floodplain Restoration Project at the Cosumnes River Preserve (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$8,700,800
County	Sacramento
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1710
Grantee	Department of Water Resources
Overview	Restore wetland and riparian habitat to the 334-acre site by breaching the levee and reintroducing tidal and seasonal flooding, and by establishing native vegetation
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 4/30/2020
New Information	None

Project Name	Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project #2 (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$990,543
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1711
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	Add one acre of habitat to the current Three Creeks Parkway Restoration project, thereby enhancing the ecological benefits of that project, while satisfying flood conveyance needs to protect the local area and allowing the larger project to move forward
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 7/26/2019
New Information	The County approved the construction contractor in March. Construction has begun as of June 2020. The final Landowner Access Agreement (LAA) with the City of Brentwood has been finalized. The requirement that the LAA be recorded with the County is being waived, temporarily, due to COVID-19 related closure of County offices.

Project Name	Bees Lakes Habitat Restoration Plan (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$592,500
County	Yolo
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1712
Grantee	City of West Sacramento
Overview	Develop a detailed habitat restoration plan to restore disturbed riparian habitat, control non-native species, improve pond water quality, and improve the ability of the Bees Lakes area to support listed species
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 1/9/2019
New Information	None

Project Name	Stone Lakes Restoration Project (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$635,573
County	Sacramento
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1713
Grantee	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.
Overview	Planning to restore approximately 257 acres of seasonal wetland and 39 acres of riparian seasonal wetland, and enhance 20 acres of existing low-quality wetland on the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 4/2/2019
New Information	None

Project Name	Nutria Eradication Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$1,125,577
County	Multiple
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1718
Grantee	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Overview	Eliminate nutria from all known and discovered locations in California to prevent nutria from causing significant ecological damage in the Delta
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 1/14/2019
New Information	The current total nutria taken is 1,402

Cycle 2 – Fiscal Year 2016-2017

The Board awarded approximately \$4.4 million for four projects (one planning and three implementation).

Project Name	Dutch Slough Revegetation (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$2,900,000
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1602
Grantee	Reclamation District 2137
Overview	Establish and maintain 468 acres of native tidal marsh, riparian, and grassland vegetation at the Dutch Slough restoration site
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 8/29/2019
New Information	None

Project Name	Petersen Ranch: Working Waterway Habitat Enhancement Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$444,464
County	Solano
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1605
Grantee	Solano Resource Conservation District
Overview	Restore 13.5 acres of riparian habitat and improve water quality through improved cattle management practices on approximately 525 acres of active farmland along Lindsey Slough
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 9/1/2017
New Information	None

Project Name	Restoration of Priority Wetlands for Endangered Species at the Cosumnes River Preserve (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$942,631
County	Sacramento
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1608
Grantee	Sacramento County Regional Parks
Overview	Restore 110 acres of freshwater wetlands to benefit listed species
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 1/8/2018
New Information	All volunteer monitoring activities have been suspended due to COVID-19 restrictions

Project Name	Investigations of restoration techniques that limit invasion of tidal wetlands (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$104,452
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1612
Grantee	The Regents of the University of California (UC Davis)
Overview	Identify improved methods for tidal wetland revegetation that reduce invasion by non-native plants at Dutch Slough
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 1/8/2018
New Information	None

Cycle 1 – Fiscal Year 2015-2015

The Board awarded approximately \$3.9 million to seven projects (four planning and three implementation). To date, three grants have closed.

Project Name	Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Habitat and Drainage Improvement Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$2,026,814
County	Yolo
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-Y1-2015-003
Grantee	Ducks Unlimited
Overview	Implement habitat and working landscape enhancements in the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 6/18/2019
New Information	Construction on this project is progressing

Project Name	Fish Friendly Farming Certification Program for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$89,450
County	All Delta Counties
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-Y1-2015-005
Grantee	California Land Stewardship Institute
Overview	Develop a program to work with farmers to improve water quality, that is specific to the crops and water quality concerns in Delta counties
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 1/9/2017
New Information	The funding term of this agreement ends 7/31/2020

Project Name	Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$836,409
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-Y1-2015-009
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	Convert denuded flood control channel at the confluence of Marsh, Sand, and Deer Creeks into a healthy stream corridor
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 6/27/2017
New Information	The County approved the construction contractor in March. Construction has begun as of June 2020

Project Name	Wildlife Corridors for Flood Escape on the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$836,234
County	CountyYolo
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-Y1-2015-016
Grantee	Yolo Resource Conservation District
Overview	Restore up to 5 miles (22 acres) of floodway-compatible wildlife and pollinator habitat, providing a transit corridor for wildlife during floods
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 1/24/2017
New Information	None

Background

The Conservancy's Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program funds \$50 million in multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects in accordance with statewide priorities. The Grant Program is a two-step process, requiring both a concept proposal and a full proposal. Full proposals are subject to a rigorous scoring and evaluation process by both staff and a professional review panel, and are recommended for funding based upon score and funding availability.

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***Proposition 68 Program Update
Staff Report***

PROGRAM UPDATE

The Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program is designed to promote a robust Delta economy, support the vitality of Delta communities, and allow staff to partner with project proponents to develop proposals that meet these goals. The Conservancy has received eleven concept proposals to date. One was deemed ineligible under General Obligation Bond law, and one was determined not to be a viable project. Staff is currently working with four applicants to assess the viability of proposed projects and five applicants to develop full proposals.

Staff will continue to evaluate opportunities for outreach and collaborate to develop projects as appropriate.

ACTIVE PROPOSALS - Received since previous staff update

ID #	Project Name	Applicant	Project Type	Amount Requested	County	Status
P6811	Asian American Heritage Park	Delta Educational Cultural Center	Implementation	\$340,974	Sacramento	Viability Assessment in process
P6810	Bees Lake Public Access	City of West Sacramento	Implementation	\$495,900	Yolo	Viability Assessment in process
P6809	Pacific Flyway Center	Pacific Flyway Fund	Implementation	\$900,000	Solano	Viability Assessment in process

ACTIVE PROPOSALS – Included in previous updates

ID #	Project Name	Applicant	Project Type	Amount Requested	County	Status
P6807	Clarksburg Branch Line Trail	City of West Sacramento	Planning	\$250,000	Yolo	Developing Full Proposal
P6806	Discover the Delta Foundation Education Ctr	Discover the Delta Foundation	Implementation	\$1,500,000	Sacramento	Developing Full Proposal
P6805	Converting Bing Kong Tong Building into a Museum	Isleton Museum	Implementation	\$55,000	Sacramento	Viability Assessment in process
P6804	Revitalization of Pittsburg Boat Launch Facility & Park	City of Pittsburg	Implementation	\$752,100	Contra Costa	Developing Full Proposal
P6803	Southport Levee Recreational Trail	City of West Sacramento	Implementation	\$1,670,000	Yolo	Developing Full Proposal
P6802	Restoration of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse & Creation of a Delta Welcome Center	Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse	Implementation	\$981,500	Yolo	Developing Full Proposal
Total Amount Requested:				\$6,945,474.00		

BACKGROUND

Proposition 68 is the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Public Resources Code (PRC), Division 45) that was passed by California voters on June 5, 2018. Proposition 68 makes \$12,000,000 available to the Conservancy to use for the purposes specified in its governing statute (Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Act, Public Resources Codes, Division 22.3). The Conservancy's Proposition 68 funds will be used to fund projects in the Conservancy's Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program to support community and economic development in the Delta in a manner that is complementary to ecosystem restoration and other Conservancy programs. The grant program began accepting concept proposals on January 6, 2020.

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Delta Conservancy 2020 Implementation Plan Status Update Staff Report

This item presents the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy's (Conservancy) progress toward meeting the goals of the 2020 Implementation Plan.

DESCRIPTION

Each July, staff presents the Board with a mid-year status update on work identified in the Implementation Plan. The Conservancy has made steady progress toward the goals and, overall, work is progressing according to the timelines.

Due to COVID-19, all staff have been teleworking since March 16, 2020. Staff quickly adjusted to the new model of operating and have continued to be effective. While some work has been delayed, as indicated in the attached update, the dedication and hard work of the Conservancy's staff have minimized the impacts and allowed all essential work to continue. Staff will remain teleworking for the foreseeable future and will continue to adapt as needed to most effectively meet the goals of the organization and the needs of our stakeholders during this challenging time.

BACKGROUND

The Strategic Plan was adopted by the Board in July 2017 and provides a high-level road map and sets objectives and performance measures to achieve them. The annual Implementation Plan was adopted by the Board in March 2020 and provides a more detailed accounting of the tasks the Conservancy will undertake this year to implement the Strategic Plan.

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2020 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: MID-YEAR STATUS UPDATE

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

2020 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Begin accepting concept proposals	Qtr 1	Complete	Eleven concept proposals have been submitted.
Assist project proponents to develop comprehensive proposals	Ongoing	On Track	Staff are assisting six project proponents to develop concept proposals into comprehensive (full) proposals.
Manage awarded grants	Ongoing	On Track	Grant proposals are being developed. There are no awarded grants as of the time of this update.

DELTA MARKETING

2020 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Distribute recreation maps	Ongoing	Delayed	Delayed due to COVID-19. Staff continues to reach out to potential partners on the initial distribution list, but most remain closed.
Pursue sustainable management plan for visitCADelta.com	Ongoing	On Track	Student assistant will be hired to manage the site.
Install 11 signs per Delta Sign Plan	Qtr 4	Delayed	Caltrans denied encroachment permits needed to post signs. Staff is working with Assemblymember Grayson's office and Caltrans Legislative Affairs to explore alternate options.

ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION & WATER QUALITY GRANT PROGRAM

2020 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Manage active and closed grants	Ongoing	On Track	Currently managing 19 active and three closed grants and negotiating the execution of seven grants.
Plan Cycle 5 solicitation	Ongoing	On Track	Cycle 5 solicitation will open August of 2021.
Adjust granting processes based on audit results	As Required	On Track	Waiting for Department of Finance to issue audit findings.

INVASIVE SPECIES COORDINATION, CONTROL, AND RESTORATION

2020 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Write white paper summarizing 2019 Delta Invasive Species Symposium	Qtr 2	Delayed	Delayed due to vacancy of Senior Environmental Scientist position; anticipate completion in third quarter.
Coordinate arundo control and restoration activities at Phase 1 sites	Ongoing	On Track	Work funded by DWR includes spraying of arundo and planting of native vegetation across the Cache Slough Complex (project ends 3/31/2021). Work funded by USDA includes spraying arundo on Brannan Island and will finish with spraying on Andrus Island (project ends 8/31/2020).
Develop funding and implementation strategy for Phase 2	Ongoing	On Track	Efforts to identify funding for additional work continue but have thus far been unsuccessful.
Facilitate quarterly DIISC meetings	Ongoing	Delayed	Facilitation of Delta Inter-Agency Invasive Species Coordination (DIISC) meetings was paused while the Senior Environmental Scientist position was vacant.
Develop Delta interagency collaboration strategy for early detection and rapid response to invasive species	Ongoing	Delayed	Delayed due to vacancy of Senior Environmental Scientist position.

LAND OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

2020 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Refine draft ownership/management white paper	Ongoing	On Track	Little work has been performed on this issue other than briefing agency heads on land ownership challenges.
Provide updates to the Board	Ongoing	On Track	There have been no significant updates.

PROJECT TRACKING/REPORTING AND IMPROVED DATA INTEGRATION/ACCESS

2020 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Work with restoration project managers to enter or update project information in EcoAtlas	Ongoing	On Track	Staff reviews EcoAtlas entries as they are created or updated by project proponents.
Update the DARI mapping SOP and develop protocols for submitting data and maintaining the DARI base map	Qtr 3	On Track	The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has been developed and continues to be refined and revised as it is applied.
Integrate DARI into EcoAtlas	Qtr 3	Delayed	Due to COVID-19, staff has requested a no-cost time extension for the DARI contract. If approved, the new end date will be June 2021.
Training for regional data stewards	Qtr 3	Delayed	Due to COVID-19 impacts, staff has requested a no-cost extension of the DARI contract to June of 2021.

PESTICIDES MANAGEMENT BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

2020 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Develop a list of high priority outreach areas	Qtr 2	Delayed	Execution of the contract is pending Department of General Services approval to proceed.
Send introductory letters and enrollment information to landowners and operators in/near high priority outreach areas	Qtr 2	Delayed	Execution of the contract is pending Department of General Services approval to proceed.
Establish a Technical Advisory Committee	Qtr 3	Delayed	Execution of the contract is pending Department of General Services approval to proceed.
Conduct workshop with enrolled properties	Qtr 4	Delayed	Execution of the contract is pending Department of General Services approval to proceed.

DELTA WATERWAY CLEANUPS

2020 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Clean-up, community outreach, and environmental education events	Qtr 2 & Qtr 3	Inactive	2020 events have been canceled due to COVID-19. Events will restart in 2021 provided conditions are safe to do so.
Collect data on types and amounts of trash in the Delta	Ongoing	Inactive	2020 events have been canceled due to COVID-19. Events will restart in 2021 provided conditions are safe to do so.

DELTA CARBON MANAGEMENT

2020 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Develop, in coordination with DWR, carbon credit sale agreements for existing managed wetlands on Sherman and Twitchell Islands	Qtr 2	On Track	The final validation/verification report for Dept. of Water Resources wetland credits is pending final review from the American Carbon Registry.
Seek funding to support future projects	Ongoing	Delayed	Anticipated funding within a Climate Resilience Bond is unlikely at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

2020 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Conduct education and outreach for Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Week	Qtr 3	On Track	Staff will develop a social and earned media campaign for Delta Week and will continue to evaluate the feasibility of any in-person events due to COVID-19 related restrictions. The Conservancy applied for a grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation that, if awarded, will fund activities in future years.
Education and outreach via social media, events, and other opportunities	Ongoing	On Track	Staff continues to maintain a presence on Facebook and Twitter, posting original content and coordinating with contractors, grantees, and other state agencies to share relevant information. Staff is planning to participate in the Students and Landowner Education and Watershed Stewardship (SLEWS) program provided that COVID-19 restrictions allow the program to occur. The Conservancy applied for a grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation that, if awarded, will fund education and outreach activities in future years.
Develop fact sheets for Conservancy programs	Ongoing	On Track	This year, fact sheets will be developed to highlight Proposition 1 Grant Program projects, the Proposition 68 Grant Program, and the Delta Carbon Program.

MERCURY EXPOSURE REDUCTION PROGRAM

2020 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Evaluate effectiveness of posted advisory signs	Qtr 1	Complete	The Southeast Asian Assistance Center completed its evaluation of the effectiveness of advisory signs in January, concluding that target audiences were viewing and understanding the advisory information from the signs.
Convene stakeholder meeting	Qtr 2	Inactive	The stakeholder meeting was canceled due to COVID-19.
Coordinate and post advisory signs	Ongoing	Complete	Delta MERP staff and partners posted 11 advisory signs in the first quarter of 2020 (further postings were canceled due to COVID-19). From 2015 to 2020, Delta MERP staff and partners posted a total of 147 signs throughout the five Delta counties.
Conduct outreach to Delta communities	Ongoing	Complete	In the first quarter of 2020, the Conservancy engaged one tribe and two community-based organizations (further outreach was canceled due to COVID-19). From 2018-2020, Conservancy staff worked with 48 community-based organizations and six State agencies. The Delta MERP Program is now complete; a final overview presentation was made to the Board at the May 2020 Board meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

2020 GOALS	TIMELINE	STATUS	NOTES
Proposition 1 Grant Program acquisition process and template	Qtr 2	Delayed	The acquisition grant agreement template, which spells out acquisition processes, will be final in the third quarter.
Submit and update State Leadership Accountability Act (SLAA) Implementation Plan	Qtr 2 & Qtr 4	On Track	The SLAA Implementation Plan was submitted in June for Department of Finance review.
Develop internal work plans	Qtr 2	Complete	Work plans have been completed for both program and administration activities.
Develop records retention schedule	Qtr 3	Delayed	To complete the schedule, the Conservancy needs information from other departments, which have been delayed in responding due to impacts of COVID-19 on their operations.
Submit indirect cost rate proposal	Qtr 4	On Track	Staff will begin working on the fiscal year 2021/22 indirect cost rate proposal in October and submit it by December 31, 2020.
Develop Workforce Plan and Succession Plan	Qtr 4	On Track	Development of a Workforce Plan and a Succession Plan is on track for completion by December 31, 2020. Resource constraints have thus far impeded development of these plans.
Develop new/update existing policies and procedures	Qtr 4	On Track	Core policies have been revised and are under management review. Union notification may be required for some policies.
Ensure accessibility of Conservancy web content	Ongoing	On Track	Staff monitors the accessibility of web content by training new staff on document remediation and completing an accessibility checklist for each website update.
Submit financial reports and information (such as Governor's budget building, bond accountability reporting, update System for Award Management)	As Required	On Track	Planning for a mandated 5% reduction in the fiscal year 2021/22 budget is underway and budget development will continue through the fall. Bond accountability reporting is ongoing.
Fulfill human resource related mandates (such as Disability Advisory Committee)	As Required	On Track	The Disability Advisory Committee meets quarterly.
Various administrative and operational requirements (e.g. State Agency Recycle Campaign and State Agency Reporting System reports, Contracting Activity Report and Improvement Plans, Continuity Plan)	As Required	On Track	A Continuity Plan was completed in the first quarter and put into practice in response to COVID-19.
Participate in Audits (e.g. Dept. of Finance audits of bond funded grant programs, State Personnel Board audit of human resources practices, General Services audit of purchasing and procurement)	As Required	On Track	Findings from the Department of Finance's audit of the Conservancy's Proposition 1 Grant Program are pending. In response to the State Personnel Board's audit of personnel practices, the Conservancy will complete corrective actions by December 31, 2020.



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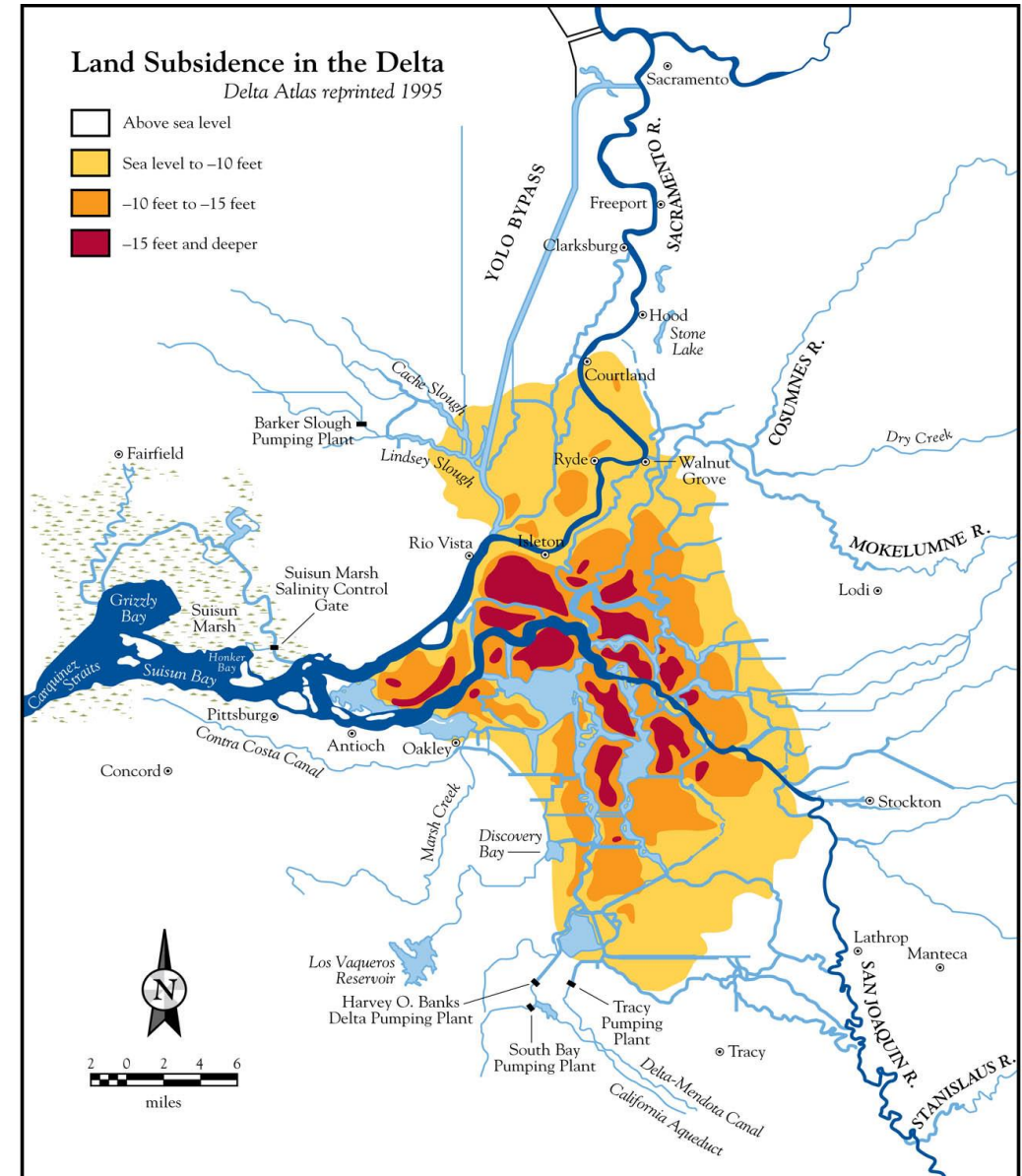
Delta Carbon Management Overview and Update

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Subsidence and Risks

- Subsidence continues at rates ranging from about 0.5 to 1.5 inches per year
- Sea levels are rising at a rate of about 0.3 inch per year

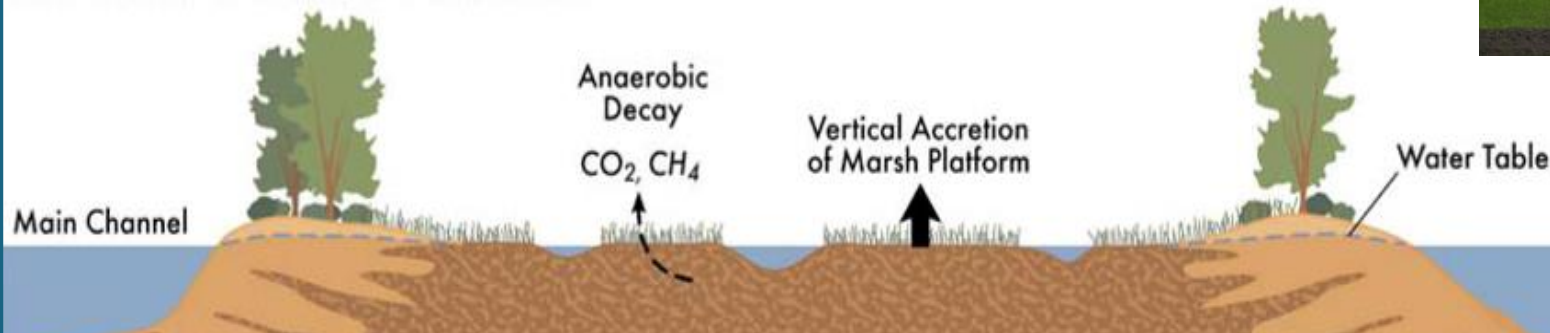




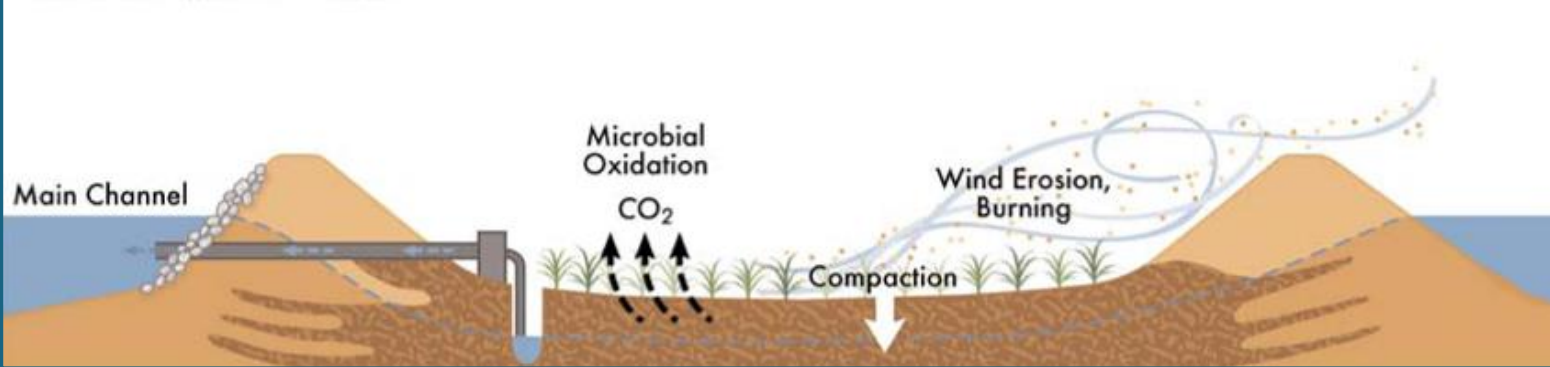
Subsidence Process



Pre-1880: Freshwater Tidal Marsh



1900's: Elevation Loss





Delta Public Lands Strategy

- Planning Process and participation
- Key strategies and outcomes

Delta Public Lands Strategy

Guidance for Conservation and Sustainability
Across the West, Central, and Northeast Delta

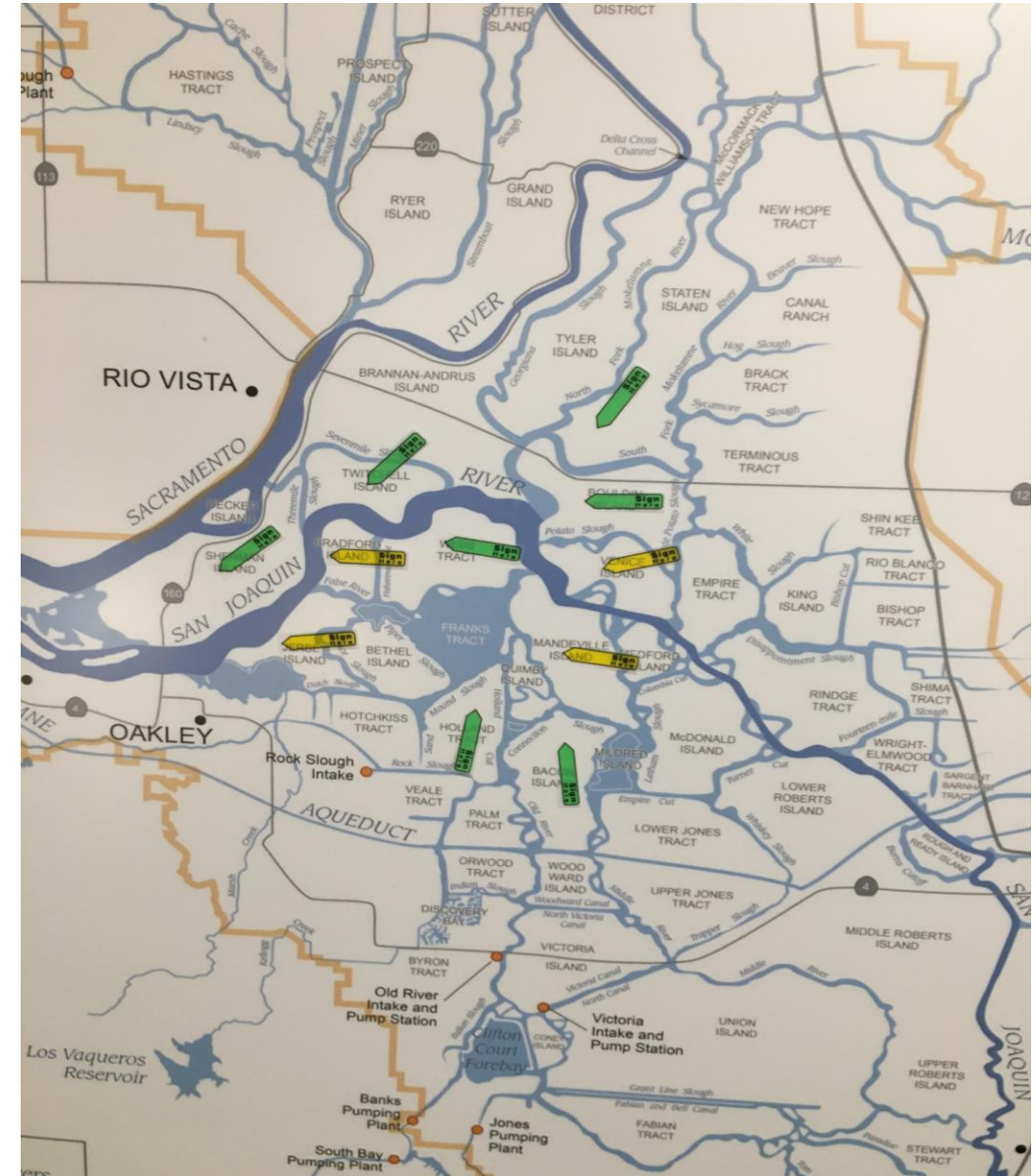
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Delta Realities

- Possibly the last land owners





Carbon Emissions Quantified

- Average of 15 metric tons of CO₂ per acre per year
- ~2,000,000 metric tons of CO₂ per year, Delta total
- ~500,000 vehicle equivalent
- Just over 1/4 of CA's total plant based agriculture carbon emissions



Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions

- ACR Methodology approved in April 2017 – First 3rd party validation/verification in progress for 1,600 acres of wetland
- Working with public and private land owners to develop pilot projects
- Working with carbon financiers and investors to market resulting carbon credits
- Seeking funds to support project construction
- Ongoing discussions with ARB for eventual inclusion in the compliance program



Market Potential

Estimated Annual Income per Acre	Voluntary	Compliance	Compliance
		Base Case	High Case
Offsets generated	15	15	15
Held in buffer account	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>
Offsets for sale	11	11	11
Sale price (\$/offset)	\$7.00	\$19.00	\$30.00
Gross revenue per acre	\$77	\$209	\$330
Verification & registration costs	<u>-\$18</u>	<u>-\$26</u>	<u>-\$26</u>
Net revenue per acre	\$59	\$183	\$304



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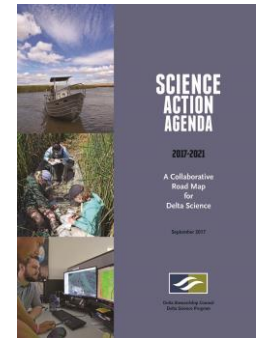
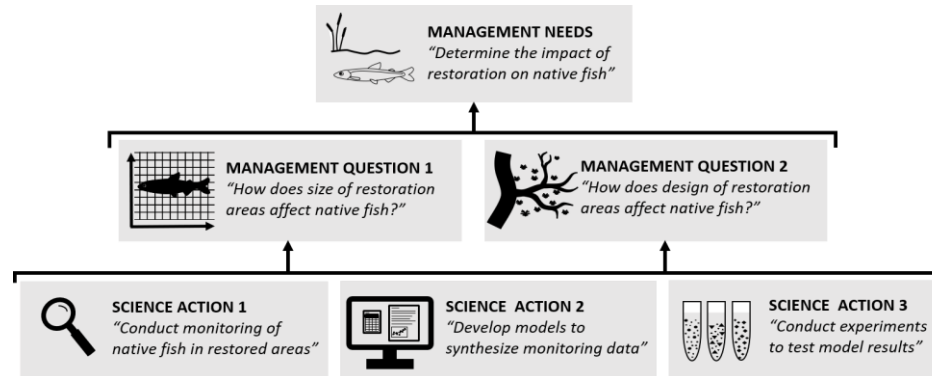
2022-2026 Science Action Agenda

- Purpose is to prioritize and align science actions to inform management needs (Delta Science Plan Action 2.2)
- Starting with a broad list of management questions to ensure science actions inform policy and management

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPECIFICS
Spring 2020	Initial outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compile initial list of management questions • Online survey (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NK72WV7), closes 7/17
Summer 2020	Scoping of management questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merge list and apply screening criteria for Delta relevance • Organize management questions by topic • Hold public workshop (9/29) to refine top management questions and publish list
Fall 2020-2021	SAA content creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select most relevant questions for SAA • Organize management questions into management needs and publish for public review • Hold public workshop to identify science actions • Release draft 2022-2026 SAA for public reviews
Winter 2022	SAA publication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish final 2022-2026 SAA

NEW for 2022-2026 SAA:

- Starting with a broad list of management questions is in support of the broader call for a list of management questions, which came out of the Science Funding and Governance Initiative in 2019





Potential Agenda Items for the October 28, 2020 Board Meeting

Staff is seeking input from the Board regarding additional agenda items for the October 28, 2020 Board meeting.

A tentative list of agenda items beyond the normal standing items include:

- Nutria Program update by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Consideration of one or more Proposition 68 project funding recommendations

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