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Introduction

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy (Delta Conservancy) seeks to achieve its mission through strategic planning, funding allocation, and collaborative efforts with stakeholders. This Implementation Plan outlines the goals, objectives, and key actions to be undertaken in 2026 to align with the Conservancy's [2022-2027 Strategic Plan](#).

Mission Statement

Working collaboratively and in coordination with local communities, the Conservancy will lead efforts to protect, enhance, and restore the Delta's economy, agriculture and working landscapes, and environment for the benefit of the Delta region, its local communities, and the citizens of California.



An aerial view of Webb Tract, a 5,500-acre Delta island in Contra Costa County. The Conservancy provided Nature-Based Solutions: Wetland Restoration grant funding for two subsidence reversal projects on the island. (Photo by California Department of Water Resources)

2025 Highlights at a Glance

- **Implementing Restoration** – In 2025, the Conservancy advanced high-priority multi-benefit projects for habitat, salinity management, and flood control such as the Paradise Cut Bypass and Franks Tract Futures projects. Several planning projects reached the milestone of being “shovel-ready,” including the Phase 1 San Joaquin River Floodplain Restoration and Floodway Enhancement at Banta-Carbona project. These projects are now seeking implementation funds.
- **Natural and Working Lands** – The Conservancy made progress in addressing subsidence and related carbon emissions in the Delta through its support of 11,000 acres of rice and habitat restoration. In 2025, the Conservancy amplified the Delta’s collective work by creating an ongoing team to coordinate and accelerate carbon work in the Delta.
- **Providing Technical Guidance** – Through the Delta Drought Response Pilot Program (DDRPP), the Conservancy provided valuable insight into the effectiveness of agricultural water conservation practices in the unique hydrology of the Delta by working with researchers at the University of California Davis to collect data on six farms.
- **Building Community** – The Conservancy furthered its commitment to building the community and economy of the Delta by launching two new projects. The first project will construct the Freeport gateway monuments and the second will acquire land for the future home of the Delta Aquatic Center – a center in downtown Stockton that will provide access to the Delta to everyone regardless of economic or physical limitations.
- **Building Partnerships** – The Conservancy continued to build meaningful partnerships to address Delta challenges throughout the year. A highlight is the Conservancy co-hosting the sixth biennial Delta Invasive Species Symposium to share information and build connections among the over 200 people who attended.
- **Keeping the Delta Clean** – The Conservancy launched the Clean Vessel Act Program (CVAP), which provides clean, safe, and enjoyable aquatic recreation by providing boater education and monitoring boat sewage and disposal.
- **Preparing to Make an Impact in the Delta** – In anticipation of the \$29 million awarded to the Conservancy in Proposition 4, the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (the Climate Bond), the Conservancy collected community input and established grant metrics and a procedure to ensure the funding meets the highest need in the Delta.
- **Administrative** – The Conservancy continued to grow its effectiveness as a team. In 2025, the team established the Delta Conservancy’s Core Values, advanced Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) goals, secured architectural and engineering (A&E) authority to more easily contract with private A&E firms, finalized its first Workforce and Succession Management Plan, updated the Conflict of Interest Code, and onboarded new staff and board members.

2026 at a Glance

- **Nature-Based Solutions** – The Conservancy remains committed to the adoption of nature-based solutions in the Delta. Working with partners, the Conservancy is seeking funding, advancing science, and supporting collaboration to increase the pace and scale of adoption.
- **“Delta as Place”** – is important to preserving the Delta’s past and building a vibrant future. The Conservancy will continue to work with partners to promote, fund, and support projects that help people access the Delta, highlight its history, and make it a place of discovery.
- **Making an Impact in the Delta** – The Conservancy is optimistic that it will open a funding solicitation in 2026. Committed to funding high-value projects, the Conservancy has created competitive evaluation criteria, established guidelines, and prepared to release a solicitation when funding becomes available.
 - New this year will be a small-grants program for projects under \$100,000
 - The Conservancy will also track the effectiveness of its grants and equity of the grant-making process
- **Amplifying the Impact** – The Conservancy will identify opportunities to bring additional funds to the important actions funded by the Climate Bond.
 - Creating a funding plan for the Conservancy and the Delta that seeks additional funding sources that may include carbon markets, private funding, and public partnerships
 - Educating the community about the important funding needs of the Delta as a whole
- **Bringing Value without Funding** – Because the Climate Bond funding will go quickly, the Conservancy is seeking ways to amplify its effectiveness in the Delta and make an impact through partnership, collaboration, and support.
- **Strategic Plan** – The Conservancy will launch its strategic plan efforts with a goal to have a strategic plan adopted in May 2027.
- **Broadening Partnerships** – The Conservancy is committed to broadening the partnerships and engaging an ever-widening set of partners including those who haven’t been part of the conversation.

Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Ecological Conservation, Restoration, and Climate Adaptation

Objectives

- Increase visibility, diversity, and resilience of the Delta and Suisun Marsh ecosystems
- Adapt landscapes to be resilient to climate change
- Create collaborative relationships across sectors to advance ecological restoration
- Engage with local entities, organizations, and agencies to identify Delta and Suisun Marsh ecosystem, climate, and science priorities

Strategy 1.1: Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation (ERCA) Program

The Delta Conservancy's ERCA Program funds ecosystem protection, restoration, and enhancement; water quality improvement; sustainable agriculture; and climate resilience projects. In 2025, the Conservancy partnered with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to advance design feasibility of the Franks Tract project, supported innovative invasive species management projects such as the Little Franks Tract project, helped to design multi-benefit flood control projects like the Paradise Cut flood bypass, informed and advanced Cutting the Green Tape initiatives, and was a leader in increasing accessibility of ecosystem and climate data.

As of December 31, 2025, 24 projects have been completed, and 15 projects are in progress. In 2026, the Conservancy will increase the resilience of the Delta and capacity of the Delta community by investing Climate Bond funding (Proposition 4) into local entities and agencies. Climate Bond funding will prioritize multi-benefit projects that support native biodiversity; control and manage invasive species and salinity; and increase the Delta's resiliency to climate change by mitigating flood and drought impacts. Climate Bond funds are uniquely available to use for capacity building, feasibility projects, and planning projects, which allows the Conservancy to support and work collaboratively with the community to identify, prioritize, design, and implement 'shovel-ready' projects. The Conservancy will facilitate the tracking of ongoing ecosystem and climate projects and will make project data publicly available.

Goals for 2026 are:

- Develop long-term goals for ERCA through the strategic planning process and explore alternative funding sources to provide financial stability and a financial mechanism to implement the newly developed long-term goals
- Foster partnerships with nonprofits, state agencies, and local entities to develop projects and identify funding opportunities that advance ecosystem restoration and climate adaptation in the Delta and Suisun Marsh

- Roll out the Climate Bond grant program in fall 2026 to fund ecosystem restoration and climate adaptation projects, aligned with statewide strategies for environmental justice and increased climate adaptation (e.g., Just Transitions, Delta Adaptations, Cutting the Green Tape, 30x30, etc.)
- Continue to monitor active and completed ERCA projects

Strategy 1.2: A Collaborative State Partner

Working with partners to solve critical conservation challenges and advance collective work in the Delta is a core function of the Conservancy.

Delta Interagency Invasive Species Coordination (DIISC) Team

To support the Conservancy's guiding principles to work collaboratively and use the best available science, the Conservancy facilitates and co-leads a team of invasive species professionals working across sectors, including local, state, and federal government staff, NGO staff, academic researchers, and extension specialists. In 2025, the DIISC Team built collaboration by holding quarterly meetings, convening a working group on the management of invasive aquatic vegetation in tidal wetland restoration sites that produced the [Quick-Start Guide to Managing Invasive Aquatic Vegetation \(IAV\) in Tidal Wetland Habitats of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh](#), and facilitating the planning of the sixth biennial Delta Invasive Species Symposium. The symposium brought together over 200 managers, academics, and community members to educate and discuss the future of invasive species in the Delta.

In 2026, the Conservancy will continue to facilitate and co-lead the DIISC Team with staff from the Delta Stewardship Council, California Department of Water Resources, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. DIISC Team leaders plan to build on past initiatives in 2026 which includes advancing the draft early detection and rapid response framework; updating research and management needs to compliment the update to the Delta Science Plan; and advocating for the needs of the Delta and Suisun Marsh within regional and statewide invasive species groups.

Goals for 2026 are:

- Facilitate regular meetings to advance the objectives of the DIISC Team
- Focus on the draft early detection and rapid response (EDRR) framework highlighting research collaboration and next steps to make an impact
- Coordinate with and participate in the Golden Mussel Task Force
- Highlight the needs of the Delta to the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee and the Invasive Species Council of California

Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC) Restoration Sub-Committee (RSC)

The Conservancy and the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) facilitate the DPIIC RSC to advance restoration activities at the pace and scale necessary to fulfill the objectives of the Delta Plan and support the objectives of the Water Resilience Portfolio, Cutting the Green Tape Initiative, and the Governor’s California Biodiversity Initiative. In 2025, the DPIIC RSC held the third Delta Restoration Forum, published an information sheet on [Restoring the Delta’s Ecosystems: Progress and Next Steps](#), raised awareness of regulatory streamlining tools for restoration projects, and highlighted opportunities for whole Delta island management as a mosaic of wetted agriculture and restored managed wetlands.

In 2026, the Conservancy will continue to facilitate the subcommittee to advance its [workplan](#) and provide forums for meaningful community participation in Delta restoration efforts, increase interagency collaboration to streamline restoration, and increase transparency and coordination in needed restoration funding.

Goals for 2026 are:

- Host regular subcommittee meetings to highlight critical issues in the Delta and Suisun Marsh focused on engaging members of the public
- Hold the fourth Delta Restoration Forum to build capacity to advance restoration in the Delta and Suisun Marsh, discuss restoration needs, identify funding, and continue collaboration
- Develop outreach materials, events and technical assistance to engage Delta growers, landowners, community members, tribes, and environmental justice organizations in Delta restoration planning and implementation
- Research issues and potential solutions to restoration implementation challenges and communicate findings. Research topics could include restoration sites, funding, incentive programs, and public-private collaborations

Goal 2: Economically and Ecologically Sustainable Working Lands

Objectives

- Increase implementation of sustainable and ecologically beneficial farming and agricultural practices
- Reduce and reverse land subsidence and associated carbon emissions
- Incentivize sustainable land use practices by promoting and supporting economic viability

Strategy 2.1: Delta Drought Response Pilot Program (DDRPP)

The Delta Drought Response Pilot Program is an experimental program that tests field management practices' effects on consumptive water use in the Delta. A University of California Davis (UC Davis) research team is informing remote sensing technologies and improving future responses to drought by using micrometeorological stations to collect data on six fields. In 2025, the Conservancy coordinated with UC Davis as they gathered data for a second full water year and shared preliminary results from the first two years of the experiment with interested parties at academic conferences and within state working groups.

In 2026, the Conservancy will support the UC Davis research team as they collect the final year of data and collaborate with all DDRPP partner organizations to share recommendations to inform science and policy during future drought.

Goals for 2026 are:

- Assist the UC Davis research team in gathering data and creating a final water budget for all three years
- Facilitate meetings with UC Davis and stakeholders to coordinate and inform policy
- Complete the six remaining grant agreements supporting farmers
- Seek opportunities to continue the work

Strategy 2.2: Sustainable Agricultural Practices, Delta Carbon, and Subsidence Management

Statewide strategies, including Delta Adapts and the Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy, recognize the significance of Delta subsidence and the associated greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to California climate mitigation goals. In accordance, they set targets including re-wetting 50,000 acres of deeply subsided, highly organic soils in the Delta by 2045.

Conservancy staff, in partnership with other state and federal agencies, non-profits, tribes, and local districts, are addressing these targets by working to implement rice cultivation and wetland restoration in deeply subsided areas of the Delta.

In 2025, the Conservancy advanced implementation of sustainable agriculture by partnering with the California Department of Food and Agriculture and California Air Resources Board to incorporate rice cultivation into their Healthy Soils Program. The Conservancy also advanced subsidence reversal implementation by establishing a collaborative Delta Carbon Team and providing technical assistance on Conservancy-funded landscape-scale projects including the Rice Conversion Program and wetland/rice mosaics on Webb Tract and Staten Island. The Conservancy supported the California Air Resources Board and Natural Resources Agency efforts to efficiently track Natural and Working Lands targets as required by Assembly Bill 1757 (Garcia 2022). The Conservancy also participated in the ongoing acquisition and development of sustainable agriculture and subsidence reversal projects on Jersey Island, Bethel Island, and across the Delta.

In 2026, the Conservancy will advance Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) and sustainable land use in the Delta by exploring alternative revenue streams such as carbon credits and selling wetland biomass for biofuels. The Conservancy will also partner with The Nature Conservancy and other entities to develop a governance and alternative land-use framework that will eliminate barriers to implementing NBS projects, including incentivizing additional funding sources and streamlining planning processes. This framework will establish the Conservancy as the central agency for NBS projects in the Delta.

Goals for 2026 are:

- Develop a project implementation framework to remove barriers to NBS projects in the Delta
- Continue working with grantees to ensure success of previously funded subsidence reversal projects
- Identify and apply for alternative funding sources to support subsidence and GHG reduction projects
- Partner with other agencies and organizations to improve data accessibility and tracking of carbon projects

Goal 3: Community and Economic Enhancement

Objectives

- Foster robust and sustainable economies in the Delta and Suisun Marsh
- Preserve, enhance, and increase awareness of the unique history, culture, and values of the Delta and Suisun Marsh
- Increase public access to Delta and Suisun Marsh landscapes, communities, and cultural resources

Strategy 3.1: Community Enhancement Program (CEP)

The Conservancy's Community Enhancement Program is dedicated to improving the quality of life for Delta residents by fostering economic vitality, recreational opportunities, and cultural preservation in the region. In 2025, the Conservancy funded two new community projects with Proposition 68 funds to construct the gateway monuments project in Freeport and to acquire the Darrahville land in Stockton that will be the future home of the Delta Aquatic Center – a facility that will provide access to the Delta regardless of physical ability or ability to pay. As of December 31, 2025, there are four completed projects, 12 active projects, and two approved to start.

In 2026, the Conservancy will continue to engage nonprofits, agencies, and local entities to create projects that bring high value to the Delta community in preparation for a Climate Bond

solicitation. The Conservancy will provide technical assistance, streamline the grant application process, and offer small grants to make funding more accessible to applicants from small organizations and organizations that represent disadvantaged communities. The Conservancy will seek additional funding to support projects.

Goals for 2026 are:

- Exploration of alternate funding sources, potentially including a “Delta as Place” specialty license plate with the purpose of generating funds for a new capacity building grant program to strengthen the Delta community
- Create a “Community Action Plan” pilot program to identify funding needs for Delta Legacy Communities, including identifying locations for listening sessions in 2027
- Roll out the Climate Bond grant program in fall 2026 to fund community-based public access projects
- Continue to monitor existing and completed Community Enhancement projects

Strategy 3.2: Delta Cleanups and Outreach Events

As part of the Conservancy’s outreach strategy, staff organize and participate in cleanup events to promote the importance of protecting and improving water quality in the Delta for both humans and wildlife. The Conservancy also facilitates and takes part in various events in the Delta to build connections, better understand Delta issues, and promote the Conservancy’s mission.

In 2025, the Conservancy and the Rio Vista Windsports Association (RVWA) partnered to hold two waterway cleanups on Sherman Island. At the cleanups, staff and volunteers collected enough trash along a 1.5-mile stretch of the Sacramento River to fill two 40-yard dumpsters. Partnering with RVWA and promoting the cleanups via social media helped increase the number of volunteers at both cleanups, with more than 60 volunteers participating in the two events. The Conservancy also supported a new partnership with Sacramento County to remove agricultural plastics from the waste stream and help farmers comply with regulations. At the Sacramento County plastic recycling event at KLM Ranch, Sequoia Environmental Compliance Counsel recycled more than 16,000 pounds of plastic containers from the 62 farmers and ranchers who participated.

As part of broader outreach efforts in 2025, the Conservancy participated in and created collateral for an array of in-person events, including the State of the Estuary Conference in Oakland, Native American Day at the Capitol, educational tours of the Delta, and co-organized public-facing gatherings such as the Delta Invasive Species Symposium and the Delta Restoration Forum. These events were attended by a wide variety of people, from academics to growers to students.

In 2026, the Conservancy will continue to organize and support cleanups in the Delta, identifying high-priority areas and looking for opportunities to expand partnerships and measure impact. Staff will build upon past outreach efforts by further developing outreach strategies, increasing presence at events, and fostering new and existing relationships with local communities, agencies, NGOs, and private entities.

Goals for 2026 are:

- Hold at least two cleanups to spread awareness of and improve water quality in the Delta
- Increase the number of volunteers at cleanups; track and quantify impact of cleanup events
- Work with partners at sister agencies to identify high-priority cleanup sites and potential partners to support cleanups
- Support collaboration and raise awareness of Delta needs by regularly participating in, organizing, and facilitating events, such as interagency forums, workshops, and tours of the Delta
- Develop an assessment to track, identify, and improve collaboration opportunities with communities and partner entities through joint projects and resource sharing

Goal 4: Education and Enrichment

Objectives

- Broaden opportunities for education about the Delta and Suisun Marsh ecosystems, and cultural and historical values among individuals, groups, organizations, and decision-makers
- Strengthen the Conservancy's role as a state and community partner

Strategy 4.1: Communications

Environmental, cultural, and historical education and enrichment are important components of the Conservancy's programs. To achieve those goals, a robust communication strategy is essential to effectively engage interested parties, promote the Conservancy's mission, and advocate for the Delta's ecological and economic wellbeing. In 2025, the Conservancy created and refined a communications and outreach plan to establish strategies that resulted in increased engagement and growth across all its active social media platforms. Growth on Instagram was particularly noteworthy (over 200 new follows) as the Conservancy sought opportunities for collaborative posts with agencies such as California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) and California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways.

In 2026, the Conservancy will build off progress made in 2025 by setting a communications plan that increases collaboration with partners and produces materials that underscore the Delta's importance and funding needs. The Conservancy will continue to share funding opportunities and educational content via the website and social media accounts, and track metrics for those platforms.

Goals for 2026 are:

- Maintain an informative, interactive, user-friendly website
- Create and disseminate engaging and informative social media content utilizing a content calendar to strategically publish content weekly
- Build on last year's communication plan to create metrics and performance indicators as well as collaborate with other entities
- Compile key performance indicators for communications collateral and share best practices and success stories
- Engage students with presentations and written material

Strategy 4.2 Clean Vessel Act Program (CVAP)

In 2025, the Conservancy launched the Clean Vessel Act Program to provide clean, safe, and enjoyable aquatic recreation through boater education and monitoring of boat sewage facilities. The Conservancy engaged recreational boaters across northern California by attending the Sacramento and Sausalito Boat Shows and distributing deck adapters and Y-valve kits. Staff also completed biannual monitoring at 64 marinas across the Delta, Bay Area, and Monterey counties. Lastly, the Conservancy shared regular clean-boating messages on our website and across social media platforms.

In 2026, the Conservancy will build on last year's success by growing education and outreach programs including a greater presence at northern California boat shows, biannual monitoring of marinas, and increased outreach activities.

Goals for 2026 are:

- Attend the Sacramento, Redwood City, and Sausalito boat shows
- Conduct biannual monitoring of pumpout and dump stations across 13 northern California counties
- Post on social media about clean boating practices
- Attend the 2026 States Organization for Boating Access (SOBA) conference in Boise, Idaho

Goal 5: Effective, Sustainable, Adaptable and Inclusive Organization

Objectives

- Provide a safe, creative, inspiring, equitable, and inclusive working environment at all levels
- Establish and maintain adequate resources for efficient operations and structure

Strategy 5.1: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

To further the Conservancy's commitment to serve the Delta community and the state of California, it is critical to address equity issues and remove barriers to accessing state resources, employment, and Conservancy programs. In 2025, the Conservancy assessed barriers in grant and hiring processes that inhibit equal access to state resources; provided technical assistance to applicants and grantees from small organizations and underrepresented communities; and increased knowledge and tools by participating in trainings and workgroups. The Conservancy designed a grant process that is transparent, centers around equity, promotes tribal engagement in bond-funded programs, and simplifies the application process for grantees. The program includes a new small grant program that will support the capacity of small entities in the Delta.

In 2026, the Conservancy will implement actions to address issues that were identified in 2025 and provide technical assistance to grantees. In addition, the Conservancy will implement a system to assess the effectiveness of the grant process in providing equitable access to grant funds. Finally, the small grant program will allow small entities in the Delta to receive funding and technical support to build the capacity of their organizations.

Goals for 2026 are:

- Continue to build partnerships that promote equity in Conservancy programs
- Implement the newly created assessment criteria that encourage equity and tribal engagement
- Create an assessment of the effectiveness of the equity goals in Climate Bond funding
- Continue to participate in committees, community gatherings, and learning opportunities
- Work with the Delta Stewardship Council to implement joint actions from their equity plan

Strategy 5.2: Tribal Engagement

The Conservancy recognizes that tribes were the original inhabitants of the land and should be part of ongoing Delta land management. To this end, the Conservancy will continue to work with tribes and tribal entities. In 2025, the Conservancy expanded outreach to tribes, took training to increase cultural awareness skills, encouraged grantees to increase tribal

engagement on Conservancy-funded projects, and assessed ways to support tribal participation in land management in the Delta. The Conservancy also established metrics in the Climate Bond assessment criteria to prioritize projects that are tribally led or have meaningful tribal engagement.

In 2026, the Conservancy will continue to prioritize tribal engagement and seek opportunities to support tribal work and engagement in the Delta. The Conservancy will expand its work with tribes by encouraging tribal engagement in Conservancy-funded projects and working directly with tribes. Specifically, outreach will continue to build relationships and around the Climate Bond and tribal resource management.

Goals for 2026 are:

- Create metrics to assess the outcomes of the Climate Bond process
- Increase tribal engagement by seeking opportunities to support tribal objectives in the Delta
- Work with CNRA and the Legislature to change the Conservancy code to allow grants to tribes
- Build on previous work to build relationships with tribes and tribal entities
- Continue to participate in committees, community gatherings, and learning opportunities
- Continue outreach on tribal resource management in the Delta

Strategy 5.3: Administration

The Conservancy will continue to complete required administrative and operational work in collaboration with all staff. In 2025, the Conservancy met all required goals, reports, and tasks and adopted core values through a collaborative process.

In 2026, the Conservancy will continue submitting administrative and operational reports and plans, with a focus on completing a Records Retention Plan and Schedule, Workforce Violence Prevention Plan, Injury and Illness Prevention Plan, and an Upward Mobility Plan. The Conservancy will also finalize updates to the Conservancy policies, promote professional development, and coordinate department-wide trainings. Additionally, the Conservancy will create a centralized SharePoint page offering wellness resources and other helpful information for staff.

Goals for 2026 are:

- Develop a SharePoint page to provide staff with centralized access to wellness information and available resources
- Implement a Records Retention Plan, Workforce Violence Prevention Plan, an Injury and Illness Prevention Plan, and an Upward Mobility Plan

- Maintain a sound organization by updating policies, procedures, and processes, and creating division manuals
- Keep staff up to date by encouraging professional development and providing cross-training opportunities
- Comply with State requirements by submitting administrative and operational reports, plans, and proposals
- Stay up to date on requirements and policy changes by participating in meetings and trainings with other state agencies

Strategy 5.4: New Funding Sources

The Conservancy relies on state bond funding to support its work. Given the uncertainty of funding and that the funding in the Climate Bond is small compared to the Delta's needs, staff will pursue additional funding for Delta work. In 2025, the Conservancy continued to apply for grants, conduct outreach to other state agencies that may contract with the Conservancy, build efficiencies into the agency, and assess billing systems to maximize organizational resources.

In 2026, the Conservancy will establish a comprehensive funding plan that provides more stable funding sources that allows the Conservancy to provide benefit to the Delta and thrive in between bond funding.

Goals for 2026 are:

- Create a comprehensive funding plan that seeks potential funding sources
- Submit applications for federal, state, and private funding as it becomes available
- Amplify the impact of Conservancy funds by partnering with other organizations on funding opportunities

Funding at a Glance

The Conservancy utilizes multiple funding sources to support its mission. These include annual general and special fund appropriations, one-time general fund appropriations, bond funding, and reimbursement agreements.

Funding Source	Amount Allocated	FY 25/26 Allocation	Project Funding Remaining	Programs Supported
General Fund	\$1,512,000	\$1,512,000	N/A	All programs
Climate, Access, and Resource Funding	\$11,400,000	\$267,000	\$17,000	Community Enhancement Program and Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation (ERCA) Program
Nature Based Solutions: Wetland Restoration Funding	\$36,000,000	\$1,039,000	\$9,000	Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation (ERCA) Program
Environmental License Plate Fund	\$130,000	\$130,000	N/A	All programs
Reimbursements Agreements	\$671,000	\$351,000	\$320,000	Community Enhancement Program
Delta Drought Response Pilot Program	\$19,000,000	\$103,000	\$0	Community Enhancement Program
Proposition 1	\$50,000,000	\$485,000	\$600,000	Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation (ERCA) Program
Proposition 4	\$29,000,000	\$4,300,000	\$22,700,000	Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation (ERCA) Program
Proposition 68	\$12,000,000	\$277,000	\$0	Community Enhancement Program

Next Step

The Conservancy will prepare an update on the 2026 Implementation Plan for presentation at the July 2026 Board meeting.