



Delta Carbon Program Update Staff Report

PROGRAM UPDATE

As of March 2026, there are three active projects and one closed project.

For updates on a specific project, please visit: [Delta Conservancy Project Table Updates page](#).

For an interactive map of program projects, please visit: [Delta Conservancy Project Maps page](#).

The Delta Carbon Team, facilitated by the Conservancy and co-led by The Nature Conservancy, meets quarterly to discuss Delta carbon issues with a vision to reverse subsidence and reduce associated greenhouse gas emissions while maintaining economic viability and improving climate resilience in the Delta. Meeting information is available on the [Delta Carbon Program webpage](#).

SIGNIFICANT PROJECT MILESTONES

NBS01: Wetland Mosaic Landscape on Webb Tract Project

The Wetland Mosaic Landscape on Webb Tract Project consists of planning and implementing two projects that will result in the rewetting of the majority of Webb Tract, a deeply subsided 5,500-acre island in Contra Costa County. The rice conversion project, which is expected to start land conversion this spring, will convert between 1,000 and 1,500 acres of existing agriculture fields to rice. The wetland restoration project has completed environmental and regulatory compliance, is finalizing design, and is anticipated to start construction this year for up to 2,400 acres of wetland. Additional information is available on the January 2026 [fact sheet](#).

NBS02: Delta Rice Incentive Program

The Delta Rice Incentive Program offers a financial incentive to farmers to convert existing agricultural fields to rice. The Program is completing its third year of enrollment, resulting in enrollment of 11 farmers and 4,869 acres. The Program is monitoring two of the converted fields for carbon emissions. A continuation of the Rice Incentive Program is planned (see Agenda Item 9).

NBS04: Staten Island Wetland Restoration

The Staten Island Wetland Restoration Project will restore 423 acres on Staten Island, a deeply subsided island in San Joaquin County. The island is used as a sustainable, wildlife-friendly farm, and the wetlands will ensure long-term viability by complementing the farming operations through recirculated water and reversing subsidence. The Project has completed final design and permitting. A construction contractor has been secured. Construction is expected to start this spring.

BACKGROUND

The Delta Carbon Program refers to a collection of activities and projects that halt or reverse subsidence and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from highly organic soils in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Projects in this program are currently supported through the Nature Based Solutions: Wetland Restoration

(NBS: WR) General Fund allocation. Chaptered on September 5, 2022, the Amended Budget Act of 2022 (Assembly Bill 179, Item 3875- 101-0001 of Section 111) provided the Conservancy with \$36 million for projects that support NBS: WR.

The Grant Program requires both a concept proposal and a full proposal. Full proposals are subject to a rigorous review and evaluation process by staff and external professional reviewers (when applicable) and are recommended for funding based upon review, evaluation, and funding availability.

The table below highlights the allocations for NBS: WR (general funds), which has funds allocated for both administration and grants. The amounts remaining to be allocated are funds available for new grants.

Delta Carbon Program Funding Source

Funding Source	Total Allocation	Minimum Amount Available for Grants	Total Amount Allocated for Grants	Amount Remaining to be Allocated	Allocation Date	Encumbrance Date	Program(s) Supported by Funding Source
NBS: WR	\$36.0	\$34.2	\$34.2	\$0	9/6/2022	6/30/2025	Carbon

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