

Draft Outline of Interim Plan

Summary: Per the Council's direction from the April 1, 2010, Delta Stewardship Council meeting, staff has prepared the following Interim Plan draft outline. This outline will be changed significantly as real work on the Interim Plan begins.

Background

One of the early actions required of the Council is to develop and implement an Interim Plan that includes recommendations for early actions, projects, and programs proposed by federal, state, and local public agencies as well as non-governmental organizations (NGO). The draft Interim Plan is based on the statutory requirements for the Delta Plan as they apply during the period before the Delta Plan is adopted. Statute sections are noted where applicable.

Interim Plan Outline

- I. Legally acknowledge the co-equal goals (85054)
- II. Recognize and enhance the unique cultural, recreational, and agricultural values of the California Delta as an evolving place
 - a. Consider Delta Protection Commission's Resource Management Plan
 - b. Support for agriculture
 - c. Support completion of federal legislation on national heritage area
 - d. Other items as appropriate
- III. Restore the Delta ecosystem (restoration 85066) (flows 85086)
 - a. Dutch Slough tidal marsh restoration (85085 (d))
 - b. Meins Landing tidal marsh restoration evaluation (85085 (d))
 - c. Other near-term actions as identified in the Delta Vision Strategic Plan (85085 (c))
 - d. DFG and DWR proposal solicitation projects
 - e. New operating criteria for Biological Opinions?
 - f. Other projects
- IV. Promote statewide water conservation, efficiency, and sustainable water use (expanded diversion data collection and reporting 85086)
 - a. State Water Resource Control Board develops plan for Delta watershed diversion data collection and public reporting by December, Council reviews
 - b. Appoint Delta Watermaster (85230)
 - c. Complete board and DFG instream flow criteria evaluation
 - d. Development of a drought contingency plan
 - e. Other items
- V. Build facilities to improve the existing water conveyance system and expand statewide storage and operate both to achieve the co-equal goals
 - a. Continue working on the rapid science study for the Two-Gates Fish Protection Demonstration Project

- b. Construct and implement the Two-Gates Fish Protection Demonstration Project (85085 (a))
 - c. Complete EIR/S for Three Mile Slough if appropriate begin construction (85085 (b))
 - d. Evaluate constructing demonstration fish protection screen at Clifton Court Forebay
 - e. Complete BDCP including near-term and long-term flow management proposals and associated Environmental Impact Report and Statements
 - f. Other items
- VI. Reduce risks to people, property, and state interests in the Delta by effective emergency preparedness, appropriate land uses, and strategic levee investments
- a. Continue to invest in rock and emergency response materials
 - b. Conduct a public review of the emergency plan for the Delta and conduct an exercise
 - c. Develop emergency plan for statewide implementation in the event of catastrophic failure and conduct an exercise
 - d. Continue levee subvention program
 - e. Other items
- VII. Develop and implement a project review process for use moving forward
- VIII. Establish a new governance structure with the authority, responsibility, accountability (85082 federal participation), science support (85280) and secure funding to achieve these goals
- a. Develop and implement consistency rules and regulations
 - b. Appoint science board and new lead scientist
 - c. Develop science proposal solicitation process for key science objectives
 - d. Develop Delta Plan including finance plan
 - e. Develop and implement a review process for Delta projects to be used until the Delta Plan is implemented
 - f. Continue tracking appropriate CALFED projects and participate in reviews of ongoing work
 - g. Other items

Fiscal Information

Not applicable

List of Attachments

None

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