

Meet the Delta's State Agencies

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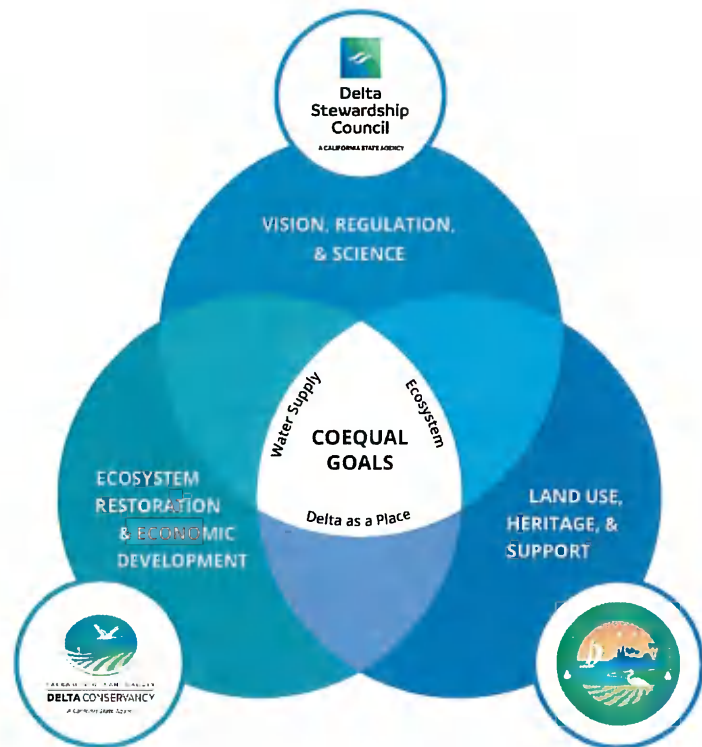
Three state agencies regulate, conserve, and protect the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

- Delta Stewardship Council
- Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy
- Delta Protection Commission

California relies on the Delta.

Located inland from the San Francisco Bay and spanning 738,000 acres across five counties (Contra Costa, Solano, Yolo, Sacramento, San Joaquin), the Delta is home to more than half of a million residents, hundreds of wildlife species – many of which are threatened or endangered – and a rich, well-preserved history and culture. The Delta is also a hub for California's water supply, providing a portion of the water used by two-thirds of all Californians, and biodiversity.

For these reasons and many more, in 2019, the Delta became California's first National Heritage Area, a designation granted by Congress where natural, cultural, historic, and recreational resources combine to form a distinctive landscape and tell a nationally important story about the country and its experiences.



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Each of these agencies works toward the “coequal goals.”

In 2009, the Delta Reform Act established coequal goals – water supply reliability and ecosystem resiliency – that should be pursued in a manner that protects and enhances the Delta as an evolving place. The Act also created the Delta Stewardship Council and the Delta Conservancy and established a state policy to reduce reliance on the Delta in meeting California’s future water supply needs.



About the Delta Stewardship Council

VISION | REGULATION | SCIENCE

The Council, the largest of the three agencies, stands independent as the creator and primary enforcement body of the region’s long-term and science-based management plan, the Delta Plan. This includes facilitating, coordinating, and integrating the activities of hundreds of local, state, and federal agencies that have responsibilities directly related to water, ecosystems, and the Delta as a place. The Council is comprised of seven Council members who are advised by a Delta Independent Science Board and supported by a dedicated staff, including its Delta Science Program, which focuses on research funding and fellowships, independent scientific peer review, science synthesis and communication, and adaptive management. **Learn more at deltacouncil.ca.gov.**





About the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy

ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Conservancy leads efforts to preserve, protect, and restore the natural resources, economy, and agriculture of the Delta and Suisun Marsh through both internal programs and grant-funded projects. It collaborates with local communities, interested groups, science experts, Tribes, and state and federal agencies to accomplish this goal, with oversight from 11 voting board members who include appointed public members; county supervisors; and representatives from local non-profits, special districts, and state and federal agencies. **Learn more at deltaconservancy.ca.gov.**



About the Delta Protection Commission

LAND USE | HERITAGE | SUPPORT

Created by the Delta Protection Act of 1992, the Commission's primary authority is over land use in the Delta's unincorporated areas. The Commission coordinates the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area and leads the development of the Great California Delta Trail System. It contributes research, coordination, and expertise to advance Delta-wide goals, including economic sustainability, improving broadband access, and community planning for legacy communities, and partners with the Delta Leadership Foundation to foster the next generation of leaders in the Delta. **Learn more at delta.ca.gov.**



Progress requires collaboration and coordination.

The Council, Conservancy, and Commission are just three of the many organizations at work in California's Delta. Progress toward the coequal goals requires partnership and collaboration between the Delta's three state agencies as well as with the other state, federal, and local agencies.

One way that Delta Plan implementing agencies coordinate at the state and federal levels is through the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee. This group of governmental leaders meets at least twice a year to explore opportunities to align actions and showcase achievements.



Another way is through presentations at each other's public meetings, which are the definitive place for the public to learn about and comment on agency activities.

Learn more online!

Visit the agencies' websites to learn more about their upcoming meetings and events, accomplishments and activities, and opportunities for public input.