

DELTA CONSERVATION FRAMEWORK



The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is inviting agencies and stakeholders to help develop a high level 25-year Delta Conservation Framework for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, Yolo Bypass, and Suisun Marsh by 2017. The Delta Conservation Framework will serve as the continuation of California EcoRestore.

THE FRAMEWORK WILL:

- Guide regional-scale planning, permitting, and grant making in support of implementing conservation programs and projects in the Delta, Suisun, and Yolo Bypass
- Lay out a path for integrating stakeholder concerns into regional conservation strategies
- Inform the amendment of ecosystem elements of the Delta Plan



JOIN US AND PARTICIPATE!

Please engage in a series of consecutive community workshops in the coming months that will provide the opportunity for interested stakeholders to vet concepts and work products as they are developed to inform the Delta Conservation Framework document. www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Watersheds/DCF

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The implementation of strategies and related actions for the protection, enhancement, restoration, and adaptive management of Delta ecosystems and their ecological functions, processes, and human uses.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Implementation goals and objectives of the Delta Conservation Framework are focused on ecosystem function and particular desired conservation outcomes, including:

Biophysical

More natural functional flows, improved water quality, subsidence reversal, carbon sequestration.

Ecological

Communities dominated by native species, special status species recovery, expanding total available habitat and patch size for targeted species and communities, improving connectivity, reestablishing mosaics of complementary habitat types.



Human Wellbeing

Agricultural sustainability, recreation, flood protection

Multi-Benefit Projects:

Projects that promote strategies that combine biophysical, ecological, and human well-being outcomes, such as wildlife-friendly farming



More specifically, the Framework will:

- Identify priorities for grant programs administered by the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy and potentially other agencies;
- Evaluate tradeoffs between efforts to conserve aquatic and terrestrial species;
- Address barriers to conservation project implementation;
- Solicit and integrate feedback from local stakeholders regarding guidance for regional conservation strategies, which are to be developed through current and future initiatives of the Delta Conservancy and other partners;
- Solicit and integrate feedback from local, state and federal agencies to align mitigation and requirements of habitat conservation plans and natural community conservation plans.