

Glossary of frequently used terms regarding the Delta

- **Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)** – A long-term, multi-species conservation strategy that aims to promote the recovery of endangered, threatened, and sensitive fish and wildlife species and their habitats in the Delta in a manner that also will protect and restore water supplies. The BDCP is being developed in compliance with the Federal Endangered Species Act and the California Natural Communities Conservation Planning Act (NCCPA). The completed BDCP is intended to support the issuance of take authorizations under the NCCPA that satisfy the California Endangered Species Act. It is also meant to be a Habitat Conservation Plan under Section 10 of the Federal Endangered Species Act. The BDCP may also support issuance of Federal Endangered Species Act authorizations for the Central Valley Project through a companion section 7 ("federal agency to federal agency") consultation. A joint Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement is being prepared on the BDCP by the following lead agencies: California Department of Water Resources, the Bureau of Reclamation, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Marine Fisheries Service.
- **“Board”** – In the Delta Protection Commission legislation it refers to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Board – (PRC § 32330); In the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 it refers to the State Water Resources Control Board – (Water Code § 85000 et seq.)
- **Co-equal goals** – (as defined in WC §85084) “The two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place.”
- **“Commission”** – please see Delta Protection Commission
- **“Conservancy”** – please see Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy
- **“Council”** – please see Delta Stewardship Council
- **Delta Protection Commission (DPC)**- (PRC §29735) Comprised of 15 local government representatives from the Delta including a county supervisor from each of the five Delta counties; a representative of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, the San Joaquin Council of Governments, and the Association of Bay Area Governments; landowners from reclamation districts; the Secretaries of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, the Natural Resources Agency, and the Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency; and the executive officer of the State Lands Commission. The DPC has land use authority within the primary zone of the Delta and is responsible for approving certain general plan amendments that affect lands within the primary zone in order to improve flood protection and the overall quality of the Delta environment. The DPC is also responsible for preparing and

adopting a resource management plan and an economic sustainability plan for the Delta.

- **Delta Plan** - (WC §85300) A legally enforceable long-term plan, to be adopted by the Delta Stewardship Council, that will guide state and local actions in the Delta to further the restoration of the Delta ecosystem and a reliable water supply. The Delta Stewardship Council is required to consider incorporating a proposal to protect, enhance, and sustain the cultural, historical, recreational, agricultural, and economic values of the Delta as an evolving place, as developed by the Delta Protection Commission, into the Delta Plan. The Delta Plan must include performance measures to enable the Delta Stewardship Council to track progress on the plan. The Delta Plan must be reviewed and revised, as appropriate, at least every five years.
- **Delta Independent Science Board** – (WC §85280) Consists of no more than 10 prominent scientists, to be appointed by the Delta Stewardship Council, with expertise on scientific programs that support adaptive management of the Delta. The Independent Science Board is to provide oversight of the scientific research, monitoring, and assessment programs in the Delta and submit its results to the Delta Stewardship Council. The Independent Science Board is responsible for appointing a lead scientist for the Delta Science Program. This board is the successor to the CALFED Independent Science Board.
- **Delta Investment Fund** - (PRC §29778.5) Any funds in the Delta Investment Fund are available to Delta Protection Council, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to implement its regional economic sustainability plan. The fund may receive moneys from federal, state, local, and private sources.
- **Delta Science Program** – (WC §85280) The mission of this program is to provide scientific information to inform water and environmental decision making in the Delta. The Science Program will assist with the development and periodic updates of the Delta Plan’s adaptive management program. The Delta Science program is the successor to the CALFED Science Program.
- **Delta Stewardship Council** – (WC §85200) Comprised of 7 voting members - four to be appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate, one member to be appointed by the Senate, one member appointed by the Assembly, and the chair of the Delta Protection Commission. Responsible for developing the Delta Plan and an interim plan that includes recommendations for early actions, such as Delta flow criteria and quantifiable biological objects for aquatic and terrestrial species of concern. The council is also responsible for reviewing local and regional planning documents and actions for consistency with the Delta Plan. The council will also determine consistency of the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan with the Delta Plan. The council is the successor for all the administrative rights and duties of the California Bay-Delta Authority.

- **Delta Watermaster** – (WC§85230) To be appointed by the State Water Resources Control Board to exercise the board’s authority to provide timely monitoring and enforcement of board orders and license and permit terms and conditions.
- **Economic Sustainability Plan** - (PRC §29759) A plan to be adopted by the Delta Protection Commission. At a minimum, this plan is to include recommendations for flood protection and management; economic goals and objectives in local general plans including recommendations on continued socioeconomic sustainability of the Delta; and identification of ways to encourage recreational investment along key river corridors. The plan must be reviewed every five years.
- **Resources Management Plan** - (PRC §29760) Plan adopted by the Delta Protection Commission on February 25, 2010. The management plan directs the protection of the cultural and historic resources of the Delta, Delta dependent fisheries, riparian and wetlands habitat, water quality, agriculture, and recreation.
- **Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy** - (PRC §32320) The conservancy is the primary state agency to implement ecosystem restoration in the Delta. The conservancy is responsible for supporting efforts that, “advance environmental protection and the economic well-being of Delta residents.” The conservancy is governed by an 11-member board consisting of the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, the Director of Finance, supervisors from each of the five Delta counties, two public members appointed by the Governor, and a public member appointed by each house of the Legislature. The conservancy is required to establish a strategic plan that must be consistent with the Delta Plan, the Delta Protection Commission’s resource management plan, the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, the Suisun Marsh Preservation Act of 1977, and the Habitat Management, Preservation and Restoration Plan for the Suisun Marsh.
- **Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Fund** - (PRC §32360) Created to fund ecosystem restoration and enhancement consistent with the Delta Conservancy’s strategic plan, economic sustainability projects that are consistent with the economic sustainability plan. Funds may available through grants or loans to local public agencies, state agencies, and nonprofit organizations.
- **Strategic Plan** – The strategic plan refers to both the Delta Vision Strategic Plan issued by the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force on October 17, 2008 and the Delta Vision Implementation Report adopted by the Delta Vision Committee. The Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force was charged with developing a long-term vision for the Delta and a plan to implement that vision. The Delta Vision Committee was responsible for reviewing this Delta Vision Strategic Plan and issued its own recommendations in the Delta Vision Implementation Report.