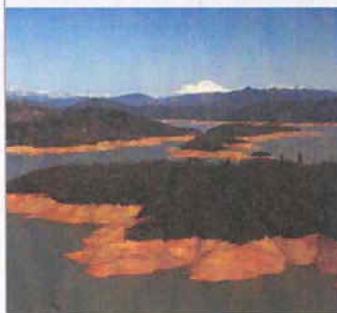




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Action 3 - Achieve the Co-Equal Goals for The Delta

The 2009 Delta Reform Act solidified the state's commitment to reliable Delta water supply and to restored Delta ecosystems, formally acknowledging that the two objectives are inextricably linked. These co-equal goals also recognize the importance of Delta communities and local economies. The Delta Stewardship Council (DSC), CDFW, DWR, and the State Water Board all have a role to play in advancing the co-equal goals and will conduct various activities to address this action in the Action Plan. DSC will continue to implement the *Delta Plan* and will evaluate and update it in the next few years. In 2015, DWR and its federal partners will recirculate the *Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)* (revised to address public comments), finalize the Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and publish the Record of Decision/Notice of Decision. When approved, the BDCP will be incorporated into the updated *Delta Plan* by DSC.

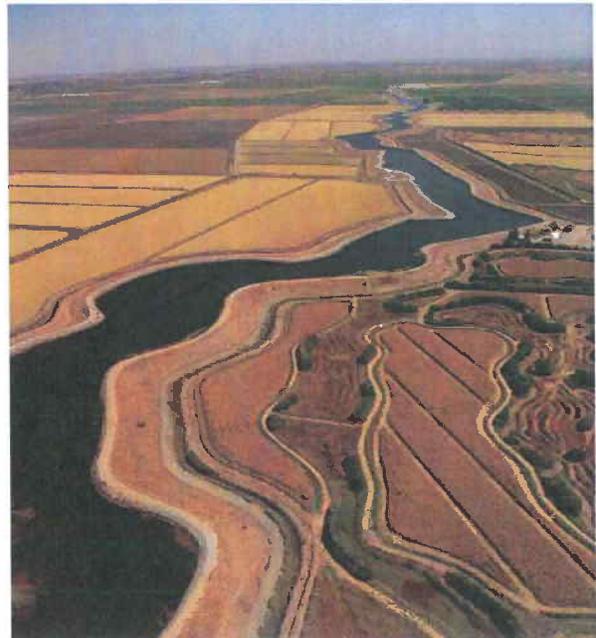
Other planned activities include enhancing the DSC's programs to support inter-agency Delta science investigations, bolstering Delta science programs to better implement federally-mandated biological opinions, and developing coordinated Delta restoration grant programs by CDFW, DWR, and the Delta Conservancy using Proposition 1 funding. Throughout FY 2015-16 and beyond, the Administration also will pursue strategies to improve water quality for the Delta's fisheries, agricultural economy, and drinking water resources. The State Water Board will update its Water Quality Control Plan for the Delta, which will establish new regulatory requirements that balance the competing uses of water.

Aerial view of waterways & sloughs meandering through the Delta in California.

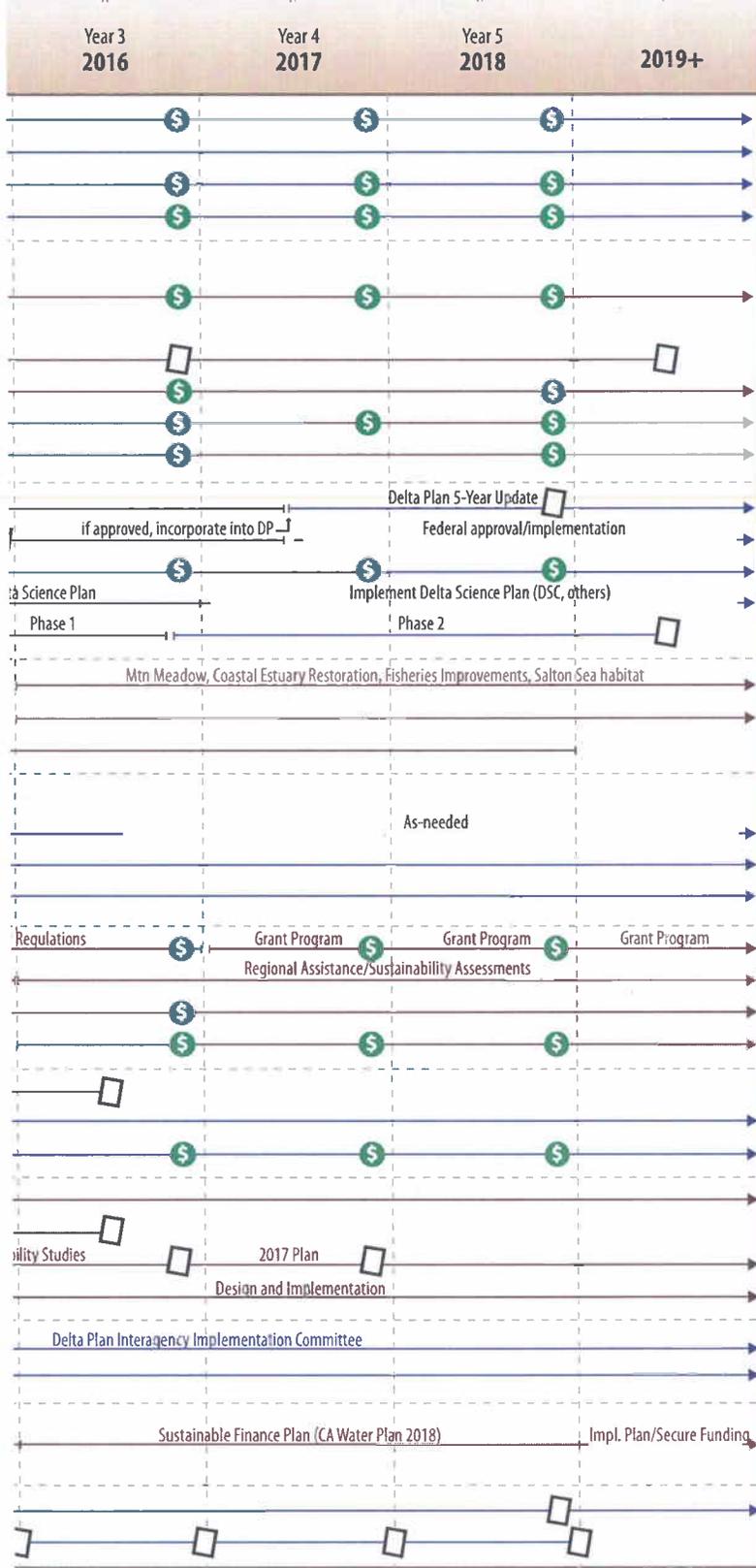
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Action 4 - Protect and Restore Important Ecosystems

Historic impacts to California's native fisheries and watersheds have been profound. These impacts continue to manifest today, exemplified by ongoing and in some cases growing conflicts between water management goals and ecosystem vitality. To address these challenges, starting in FY 2015-16, a suite of actions will be taken by CDFW, State Water Board, DWR, and the Wildlife Conservation Board to: enhance instream flows within five priority watersheds (using General and Special Funds); implement a statewide habitat restoration grant program (Proposition 1); develop a new \$200 million instream flow restoration program (Proposition 1); continue to restore San Joaquin River flows and habitat (Proposition 84); and improve habitat in the Salton Sea (Proposition 1). Additionally, coordination with federal agencies will help address Central Valley wetland and wildlife refuge water supply needs. State conservancies from San Diego to Lake Tahoe to the coast will develop new Proposition 1 grant programs to assist with the restoration of watersheds critical to California's water supply systems.



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Implementation Notes/Water Action Plan Subactions Addressed

- 1** These urban and agricultural conservation and water use efficiency activities contribute to all Action Plan subactions for Action 1 and further support Actions 2 and 5.
- 2** These activities to build and maintain regional capacity and self-reliance contribute to all Action Plan subactions for Action 2 and further support Actions 1, 5 and 6.
- 3** These habitat restoration, planning, and regulatory activities contribute to various, but not all, subactions of Action 3. Additional complementary work will be identified in the future to fully address the Action, including expanded near- and long-term restoration efforts.
- 4** The activities listed here constitute a partial list of activities that are underway or planned by several primary agencies to address the 12 subactions for Action 4. Additional work is focused on the Tahoe and Klamath Basins, waterfowl/wetlands and integration of regulatory/voluntary efforts.
- 5** These drought preparedness, response and water transfer activities, which continue the work began in 2014 as directed by the Governor and Legislature, fully address the Action Plan subaction for Action 5 and further support Actions 1, 2, 6, 7 and 9.
- 6** These activities are designed to expand surface and groundwater storage in the state, clean up contaminated groundwater and implement the 2014 Groundwater Legislation to achieve sustainable regional water balances. Collectively, the activities contribute to all Action Plan subactions for Action 6 and further support Actions 1, 2, 5 and 7.
- 7** These ongoing and planned activities of the State Water Board contribute to all the subactions of Action 7 and further support Actions 2 and 5.
- 8** These activities, including ongoing work on several essential plans (CVFPP 2017 and Delta Levee Investment Strategy), contribute to many, but not all, of the subactions of Action 8. Additional details will be identified in the future to fully address the Action, following necessary agency coordination, for example, related to streamlined regulatory permitting and Delta Levee Assessment District.
- 9** These activities address the two subactions for Action 9, calling for improved coordination and technologies to achieve enhanced State/federal water management system operations.
- 10** Passage of Prop 1 was a good first step toward providing funding for implementation of various actions in the Action Plan, however, reliance on general obligation bonds is not sustainable. Building on financing strategy recommendations completed in 2013, state agencies will use the CA Water Plan Update 2018 process as the framework for identifying sustainable long term financing for water management in California.

Note: This is an estimated schedule for informational purposes with selected major/representative ongoing and planned activities shown. It is subject to change based on 2015 Budget Act, Prop 1 appropriations and other Legislative directives.