# Early Actions and Delta Plan Status

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## Early Actions

- Per the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009, the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) shall adopt, and commence implementation of the Delta Plan on or before January 1, 2012
- Delta Reform Act included a section devoted to Early Actions (Water Code 85080, et seq)
- Following adoption of Interim Plan on August 27, 2010, the Council established a Committee to review Early Actions and to make recommendations on any action to be included in Interim Plan



## Early Actions

- Considered in public hearings in September, October, and November 2010
- Initial focus on actions to be completed by state and local agencies, as defined in Water Code Sections 85080-85087
- Other Early Actions were submitted through applications



## Early Actions

- Focused on actions that would be implemented prior to completion of the Delta Plan
- Potential Early Actions that were undergoing evaluation or design and would not be fully complete before adoption of the Delta Plan were not included in the Interim Plan
- Committee recommendations were submitted to the Council for action



## Results of Early Action Program

- 22 potential Early Actions identified in the Delta Reform Act were presented to the Council Committee
  - *4 have been completed and were adopted as Early Actions*
  - *18 were considered to be "under development" or "on going" and will be considered in the development of the Delta Plan*
- 18 potential Early Actions applications were submitted to the Council Committee
  - *6 were adopted as Early Actions*
  - *7 were considered to be "non urgent" and will be considered under the Delta Plan*
  - *5 applications were withdrawn by the proponent*



## Preparation of the Delta Plan and Opportunities for Agency and Public Input

- Delta Plan to be prepared for adoption prior to December 31, 2011
  - *December 2010 Council Meeting: Delta Plan Outline*
  - *February 2011 Council Meeting: First Draft Delta Plan*
  - *March – May 2011 Council Meetings: Subsequent Drafts Delta Plan*
  - *June 2011: Publication of Draft Delta Plan for Public Review with EIR*
- Delta Plan EIR to be prepared for adoption prior to December 31, 2011
  - *December 2010: Notice of Preparation*
  - *January 2011: Scoping Meetings*
  - *February 2011: Draft Existing Conditions and Alternatives chapters of Draft EIR*
  - *June 2011: Publication of Draft Delta Plan EIR for Public Review*