

Delta Levees Special Projects Program



Program Goals

Flood Control
Water Quality
Habitat/Ecosystem Sustainability
Drought Relief
Planning
Infrastructure Safety
Administration/Budgeting

Program Description

The Delta Levee Special Flood Control Projects Program (Program) provides funding to Local Agencies in the legal Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for levee maintenance and improvement, and for habitat mitigation and enhancement. The Program was established in 1988 by Senate Bill 34, and continues to operate under subsequent legislation that extended and provided funding for the Program. Originally, the Program was authorized to address flooding on the eight Western Delta Islands and in the towns of Thornton and Walnut Grove. In 1996, Assembly Bill 360 expanded the Program to include the entire Delta and portions of the Suisun Marsh (approximately 12 miles of levees on islands bordering the Northern Suisun Bay from Van Sickle Island westerly to Montezuma Slough), as outlined in Section 12311 of the California Water Code. The intent of Legislature, as stated in the Water Code, is to preserve the Delta as much as it exists at the present time. With the Governors declaration of a drought emergency in California, the Program has provided funding for drought relief efforts related to Delta levees.

Consistency

California Water Action Plan

The Program supports ongoing efforts and investments to meet the California Water Action Plan and contributes significantly to the following Plan Actions: increase regional self-reliance, achieve the co-equal goals for the Delta by providing flood protection and ecosystem enhancement, protect and restore important ecosystems, manage and prepare for dry periods, provide safe water, increase flood protection, increase operational efficiency, and identify sustainable and integrated financing opportunities.

The Delta Plan

The Program advances the co-equal goals for the Delta as described in the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Plan by implementing projects that provide a more reliable water supply for California, and protecting, restoring, and/or enhancing the Delta ecosystem while preserving the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place.

Framework for DWR Investments in Delta Integrated Flood Management

The Program incorporates DWR's Integrated Water Management goals by meeting the following objectives: flood protection, flood water management, conveyance of water, protection of water quality, protection and/or improvements to water resources and dependent ecosystems of statewide significance, meets the objectives of the co-equal goals as outlined in the Delta Reform Act of 2009, and implements multi-benefit projects.

Program Responsibilities:

- Grant Funding
- Contract Funding and Management
- Technical Support/Review
- Planning
- Communication
- Budget/Administration

Stakeholders:

- Levee Maintaining Agencies in the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta
- California Reclamation Districts
- California Water Agencies

Water Code Requirements:

Sections 12300, 12310-12318, of the California Water Code

For more information contact:

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