

**Bay-Delta Stewardship Council**  
**Draft Delta Plan**

**Municipal Water District of Orange County  
Board Workshop on MET Issues**

**March 2, 2011**



## Background

- In November 2009, the California Legislature enacted SBx7-1 (Delta Reform Act)
  - Establishes “coequal goals” of water supply and Delta ecosystem
  - Establishes the Delta Stewardship Council (Council), as independent agency
  - Requires development of a legally enforceable, comprehensive, long-term management plan for the Delta (Delta Plan) by January 1, 2012
  - Requires that state and local regulatory and planning agencies certify that their actions are consistent with the Delta Plan



## Delta Plan Development

- **First Draft Delta Plan released on February 14**
  - Initial focus on water resource management, restoring the Delta ecosystem, reducing risks in the Delta, and protecting the Delta as a place
- **Second Draft Delta Plan to be released on March 18**
  - Areas to be covered include water quality, adaptive management, governance, finance, implementation and integration
- **Subsequent drafts will be presented each month with seven drafts in total**



## Key Preliminary Findings

- “California’s total water supply is oversubscribed. California regularly uses more water annually than is provided by nature.”
- “California’s water supply is increasingly volatile.”
- “Even with substantial ecosystem restoration efforts, some native species may not survive.”
- “There is no comprehensive state or regional emergency response plan for the Delta.”
- “Surface and groundwater supplies will only be reliable on a long-term basis if groundwater overdraft is eliminated.”
- “[Water] conveyance must be changed and re-operated to improve water supply reliability.”



## Proposed Timeline

Proposed Agenda	Date
First Staff Draft Delta Plan	<b>February 2011</b>
Second Staff Draft Delta Plan	<b>March 2011</b>
Third Staff Draft Delta Plan	<b>April 2011</b>
Fourth Staff Draft Delta Plan & Draft Environmental Impact Report	<b>May 2011</b>
Fifth Staff Draft Delta Plan	<b>September 2011</b>
Sixth Staff Draft Delta Plan	<b>October 2011</b>
Seventh Staff Draft Delta Plan (for adoption by the Council)	<b>November 2011</b>

