

Delta Protection Commission Meeting
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AGENDA ITEM 13: Receive report on Delta National Heritage Area 2022 activities

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Requested Action: **Receive report on Delta National Heritage Area 2022 activities**

Type of Action: Information

Background: The Delta Reform Act of 2009 and Delta Plan Recommendation DP R1 called on the Delta Protection Commission (Commission) to pursue federal designation of the Delta as a National Heritage Area (Water Code Section 85301(b)(1)). Legislation establishing the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area (NHA) and designating the Commission as the local coordinating entity was signed into law on March 12, 2019. The Commission's first primary task is to prepare and receive approval from the Secretary of Interior for a management plan to guide the NHA's activities for the next ten to fifteen years.

Commission staff have worked with our management plan consultants, California State Parks and Point Heritage Development Consulting, to chart necessary NHA management plan actions during 2022. The proposed schedule anticipates that the Commission will submit an approved management plan for review by the Secretary of Interior by the end of the year. The attached presentation breaks down activities by quarter and describes where the Commission and Commission subcommittee on the Delta National Heritage Area will have an opportunity to discuss and provide comment on plan components and the full plan.

Management plan activities during the first quarter of 2022 will focus on identifying the plan's mission, vision, and goals and strategies through discussion with the NHA Advisory Committee and four NHA Advisory Task Groups. The NHA Management Plan Advisory Committee will meet on February 3 and March 3.

Relationship to Vision 2030 (Commission strategic plan):

Delta Heritage (Strategic Theme)

H.2 Protect and promote the tribal, cultural, and historical resources of the Delta.

H.2.1 Implement the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area.