



SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

I. GENERAL PURPOSE

The purpose of this **Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA)** Sustainability Policy is to establish high-level sustainability goals and to identify supporting processes and procedures required to drive the successful implementation of sustainability practices throughout the Program. This policy supports the Program Mission articulated in the Program Management Plan (PMP), i.e., *“To plan, permit, design and build a modernized state-of-the-art, sustainable, resilient, environmentally responsive and cost-effective Delta Conveyance Project that resolves the long-standing need to assure affordable State Water Project reliability serving future generations of Californians in a way that respects the uniqueness of the Delta as a place and its communities.”*

II. SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

The DCA commits to embedding **sustainability** goals from the organizational level through project implementation. In combination with this policy, the **Programmatic Sustainability Plan (PSP)** and **Project Sustainability Management Plans (PSMP)**, will guide and drive sustainability activities with increasing levels of detail for the overall program as well as specific design and construction projects. In balance with other Program goals, the DCA will consider a range of factors to maximize opportunities to deliver the Delta Conveyance Project in a sustainable manner.

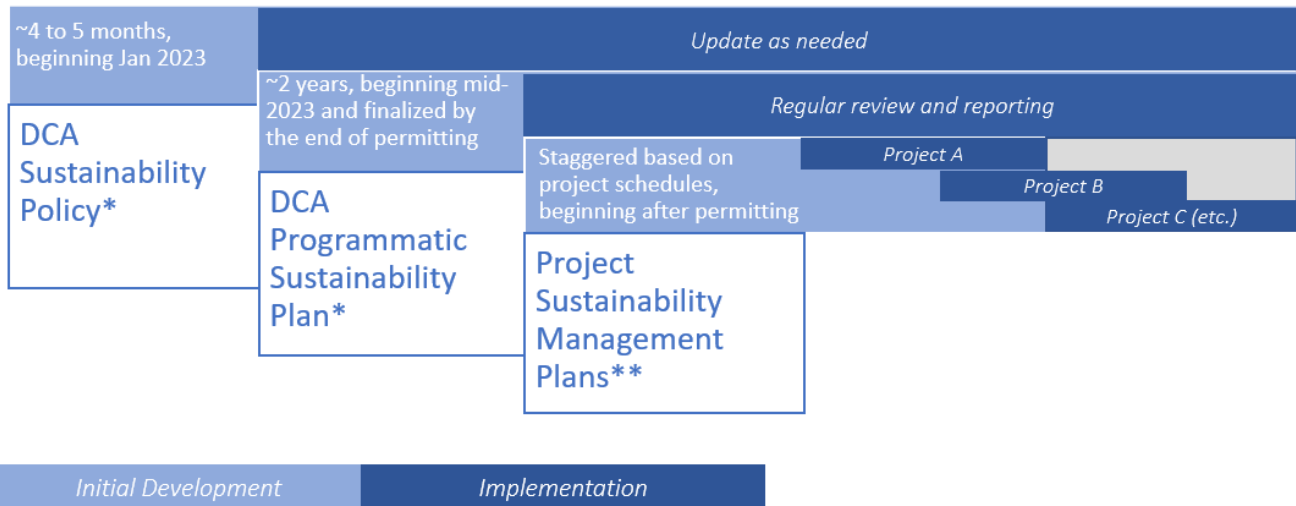
III. GOALS

The DCA has established the following sustainability goals, which will evolve over time as the overall Program requirements become more well-defined:

- Develop programmatic and project sustainability management plans to define objectives, strategies, and performance metrics for Program operation as well as the design and construction aspects of the Program.
- Conduct programmatic and project-specific sustainability activities in coordination with all regulatory environmental commitments.
- Consider strategies to reduce energy and water consumption, conserve natural resources, and minimize waste generation.
- Understand the environmental impacts of the supply chain and project implementation choices.
- Prioritize health and safety for everyone, including the public, DCA staff, and subcontractors.
- Consider community and social context and support the local economy.
- Review and report on sustainability activities on a regular basis.

IV. SUSTAINABILITY PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES

Implementation of the goals of this policy will be achieved through a three-part, cascading-process, beginning with the development of this over-arching policy. This policy is followed by development and implementation of a Programmatic Sustainability Plan which will then guide individual Project Sustainability Plans as illustrated and outlined below.



* Developed and managed by DCA

** Plans developed and managed by project delivery consultant teams, per project.

Programmatic Sustainability Plan

The purpose of the PSP will be to ensure that sustainability goals established in this policy are integrated into DCA operations and program implementation. It will guide the development and implementation of all PSMPs throughout the duration of the Program and will be coordinated with the PMP and relevant Program Plans. It will include but may not be limited to:

- High level design and construction goals and objectives
- Alignment with final environmental review and permitting documents
- Third-Party Certification guidelines/targets
- Staff and subcontractor training requirements
- Monitoring and progress reporting processes
- Project Sustainability Management Plan outline

Project Sustainability Management Plans

The purpose of the PSMPs will be to translate sustainability commitments, goals, and objectives from the programmatic level to the project level for all projects that occur during the duration of the Program. In addition, these plans will establish quantitative and/or qualitative metrics and targets and provide sufficient strategies, processes and procedures throughout design and construction to track progress toward meeting commitments, goals, and objectives for each project and to facilitate effective reporting. It will include but may not be limited to:

- Project-specific design and construction objectives
- Tactical strategies, performance metrics, and targets (including third-party certification action plans, as applicable)
- Assigned roles and responsibilities
- Project-specific training requirements
- Monitoring and progress reporting processes

V. POLICY APPLICABILITY AND DCA PARTNERSHIPS

This policy applies to all DCA staff, contractors, and subcontractors. During the development and/or updating of the PSP and PSMPs, DCA will coordinate with contractor's and subcontractor's parent companies to ensure DCA sustainability practices are consistent with parent company requirements to avoid potential conflicts and enable successful implementation at the program and project levels.

Adopted: 06/15/2023, DCA Board Meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DELTA CONVEYANCE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 23-06

Introduced by Director: Robert Chang

Seconded by Director: Martin Milobar

ADOPTING A SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

WHEREAS, the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) wishes a policy to establish high-level sustainability goals and to identify supporting processes and procedures required to drive the successful implementation of sustainability practices throughout the Program; and

WHEREAS, the DCA wishes to embed sustainability principles from the organizational level through project implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors wishes to adopt a sustainability policy as set forth in this Resolution; and

Now, therefore, the Board of Directors hereby resolves as follows:

1. RECITALS

The above recitals are incorporated into this Resolution by reference.

2. ADOPTION OF POLICY

The Board of Directors hereby adopts the attached Sustainability Policy.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

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This Resolution was passed and adopted this 15th day of June 2023, by the following vote:

Ayes: 7

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

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Sarah Palmer, Board President

Attest:  6/21/2023
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Gary Martin, Secretary