The Restoration Story Part One:
Setting the Stage – Federal and State
Large Scale Ecosystem Restoration:
Implementation, Political Challenges
and Lessons Learned

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Complex, chaotic or simply cantankerous?
Delta Stewardship Council created to:

- Develop an enforceable plan to achieve the coequal goals
- Play a synthesizing and coordinating role among the various agencies
- Ensure best available science informs all processes and projects
The Delta as the Hub of California’s Water Storage and Conveyance System
The Delta...
Before

The Delta...
After

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
RESTORING THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA ECOSYSTEM

California EcoRestore (EcoRestore) will accelerate and implement a comprehensive suite of habitat restoration actions to support the long-term health of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta’s (Delta) native fish and wildlife species.

- **3,500 ACRES**
  - Managed wetlands created for subsidence reversal and carbon management

- **17,500+ ACRES**
  - Floodplain restoration
  - 500+ acres restored; planning, permitting and financing secured for an additional 17,000 acres

- **30,000 ACRES**
  - More than 30,000 acres of Delta habitat restoration & protection

- **9,000 ACRES**
  - Tidal & sub-tidal habitat restoration

- **1,000+ ACRES**
  - Proposition 1 & 1E funded restoration projects
  - Aquatic, riparian and upland habitat projects; multi-benefit flood management projects

- Implement multiple fish passage improvement projects in the Yolo Bypass and other key locations
- Coordinate with existing local Habitat Conservation Plans and Natural Community Conservation Plans (HCP/NCCP)
- Through the Delta Stewardship Council’s Delta Science Plan, leverage collaborative Delta science efforts such as the Interagency Ecological Program and Interim Science Action Agenda, and undertake investigations that support adaptive management and long-term understanding of Delta systems.
The Great Lakes compared to:

- Chesapeake Bay
- Albemarle-Pamlico Sound
- Puget Sound
- Everglades Restoration Area

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Silver Carp

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"We have time for just one long-winded, self-indulgent question that relates to nothing we've been talking about."