

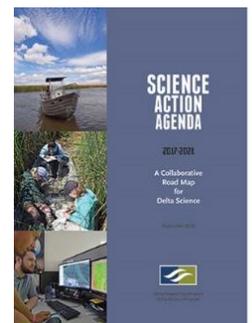


2022-2026 Science Action Agenda

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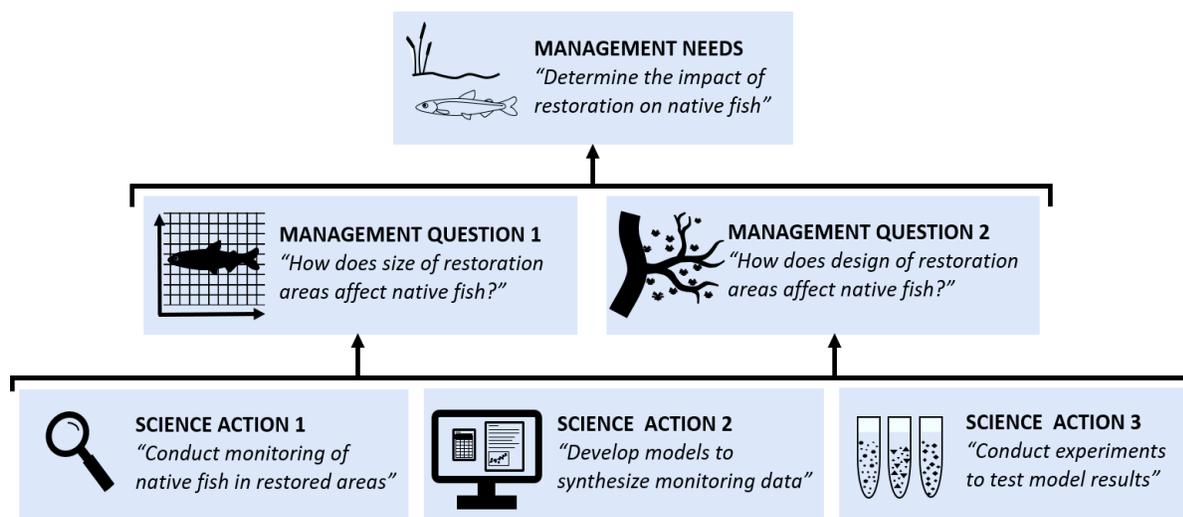
What is the Science Action Agenda?

The [Science Action Agenda](#) (SAA) is a regularly updated science guide—created by and for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) community—that prioritizes and aligns science actions to inform management decisions throughout California. It seeks to identify and fill knowledge gaps, promote collaborative science, and fulfill [Delta Science Plan](#) objectives. Iterations are updated every four years and the planning process for the 2022-2026 update, coordinated by the Delta Stewardship Council’s Delta Science Program, has begun.



What is the format of the SAA update?

Like the 2017-2021 iteration, the 2022-2026 SAA will be organized by **management needs** and the highest priority **science actions** that are responsive to those needs. Unlike the creation of its preceding iteration, generation of the 2022-2026 SAA will stem from a broad list of **management questions**—as called for by the [2019 Delta Science Funding and Governance Initiative](#)—to ensure science actions inform policy and management, in addition to improving coordination across the Delta science enterprise.



Management needs are broad and defined as information necessary to: (1) achieve policy or regulatory objectives, (2) assess the effects of a past or future management action, and or (3) inform a decision between multiple scenarios. Management questions target uncertainty around a given management action or topic, tend to be specific to a single agency or a set of agencies or organizations (but do, generally, have enterprise-wide application), and, when answered, provide information that will inform management needs. Science actions identify priority efforts to generate information or create tools that advance policy and address the physical, natural, and socio-economic challenges of the Delta—including research, monitoring, modeling, data management, synthesis, communication, adaptive management, new methods, and more.

What is the process for updating the SAA?

With the goal of publishing an updated, robust, and publicly reviewed 2022-2026 SAA by winter 2022, the Delta Science Program plans to coordinate activities according to the following timeline and approach.

Time	Activity	Specifics
Spring 2020	Initial outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compile initial list of management questions• Public review and refinement of criteria¹ for screening and selecting management questions
Summer 2020	Scoping of management questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Merge management questions list and apply screening criteria• Organize management questions by topic• Hold public workshop to refine top management questions and publish list
Fall 2020-2021	SAA content creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply selection criteria to identify most relevant management questions• Organize management questions into management needs and publish for public review• Hold public workshop to identify science actions• Release draft 2022-2026 SAA for public review(s); review public comments and incorporate feedback as appropriate
Winter 2022	SAA publication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Publish final 2022-2026 SAA

How will the 2022-2026 SAA be coordinated with other initiatives?

The identification of management questions as part of 2022-2026 SAA's creation will leverage planned events and initiatives through 2021, including Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee meetings, the Interagency Ecological Program Annual Workshop, the [Science Needs Assessment Workshop](#), and the Bay-Delta Science Conference.

Where can you learn more?

For more information on the 2017-2021 or 2022-2026 Science Action Agendas, please visit scienceactionagenda.deltacouncil.ca.gov or email rachael.klopfenstein@deltacouncil.ca.gov.

¹ SAA 2022-2026 Update Criteria, Delta Science Program 2020