DELTA RMP: Developing a Delta Regional Monitoring Program for Contaminants

Vision
The Delta RMP will improve coordination of monitoring and assessment in and around the Delta. It will make monitoring more useful and cost-effective to all participants by creating efficiencies and addressing important management questions concerning water supply and the ecosystem, such as status and trends in contaminant concentrations.

Goal
To implement an integrated monitoring framework that will address the need for comprehensive regional monitoring, while meeting the following objectives:

- Use the pilot phase (Phase II) as a proof of concept that sets the stage for a long-term program
- Compile, synthesize, and report data regularly
- Answer important questions that require a comprehensive, regional view

Regional Monitoring Framework

Key Functions

- Program Information Papers: Each program or project has its own goals, providing a platform for sharing data, assessment, success, and failures.

- Monitoring Strategy

  - Monitoring Objectives
  - Data Integration
  - Data Use

- Monitoring Objectives

  - Essential Elements

  - Stakeholders

- Water Quality Monitoring in the Delta

Stakeholders

- Delta RMP Planning Team
- State Water Board
- Federal Agencies
- State Agencies
- Local Agencies
- Districts
- Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Environmental Organizations
- Regulatory Agencies

Milestones

- Timeline of Delta Monitoring Sites

- Delta RMP Development Steps

- Water Quality Monitoring in the Delta

- Stakeholders

The Scoop

- Delta RMP will be a regional approach to monitoring for contaminants in the Delta.
- It will be coordinated by the Planning Team and insure that monitoring is feasible and cost-effective.

- Delta RMP will provide a regional view of water quality across the Delta, including monitoring sites and information.

- Delta RMP will facilitate improved coordination of data, and information available to all stakeholders.

- Delta RMP will ensure that data collection efforts address the identified objectives framework.

- Delta RMP will provide a more comprehensive view of the Delta, such as the Pelagic Organism Decline (POD).