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NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE

DELTA REGIONAL CONSERVATION INVESTMENT STRATEGY (RCIS)

LED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), in coordination with a steering committee comprised of representatives from Sacramento County, Solano County (represented by Suisun Resource Conservation District), California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Caltrans, Delta Stewardship Council, Department of Water Resources, local reclamation districts, and interested communities, is preparing a Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS) for the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta region.

This Notice of Intent (NOI) is provided in accordance with California Fish and Game Code Section 1854 and will be filed with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and the county clerks for Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Solano Counties.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED RCIS

DWR, as the RCIS proponent, is preparing the Delta Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (Delta RCIS); a voluntary, non-regulatory, landscape-scale conservation planning tool under California's RCIS Program (Fish & Game Code §1850 et seq.).

An RCIS identifies regional conservation priorities to guide voluntary conservation actions and investments, such as habitat restoration, enhancement, and protection. An RCIS is nonbinding and does not establish land use regulations or limit the authority of local agencies.

RCIS STUDY AREA

The proposed RCIS area generally aligns with the statutory boundary of the Sacramento–San Joaquin River Delta (Legal Delta) and Suisun Marsh, with the exclusion of the portions of the Legal Delta that are covered by the East Bay RCIS in Contra Costa County, Yolo RCIS in Yolo County, and the San Joaquin Valley RCIS in San Joaquin County. Additionally, the RCIS area includes the Montezuma Hills area of Solano County. The RCIS boundary is shown in Figure 1-1.

The proposed RCIS area covers approximately 584,179 acres spanning portions of eastern Solano County (including Suisun Marsh), southwestern Sacramento County, and northwestern San Joaquin County. It includes the cities of Isleton, Walnut Grove, Locke, Courtland, Hood, Clarksburg, Rio Vista, and Stockton. This area covers portions of the Central Valley Ecoregion and the Bay Delta Ecoregion and includes the central portion of the Delta Plan (Figure 1-1).

The study area includes levee-protected islands, tidal waterways, floodplains, riparian forest, grasslands, and seasonal wetlands.

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Project updates and materials will be posted at:

<https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Integrated-Regional-Water-Management/Regional-Conservation-Investment-Strategy>

For more information about California Department of Fish and Wildlife's RCIS Program, see: [Regional Conservation Investment Strategies \(RCIS\) Program](#)

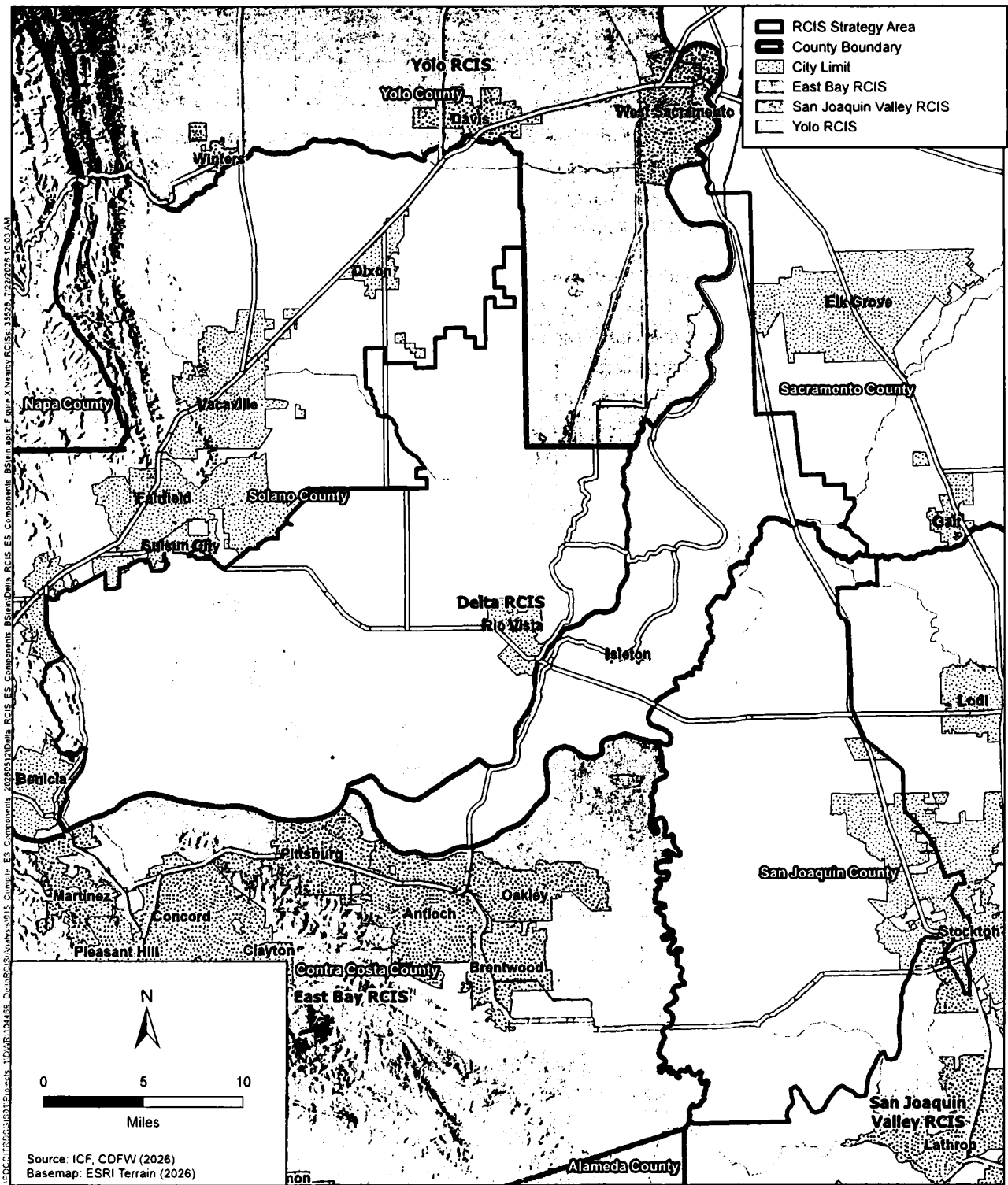


Figure 1-1
Delta RCIS Strategy Area