The Council was created by the Delta Reform Act in 2009 and is made up of seven members. Of the seven members, four are appointed by the Governor, one each by the Senate and Assembly, and the seventh member is the chair of the Delta Protection Commission. The Council’s mission is to advance the State’s coequal goals for the Delta - a more reliable statewide water supply and a healthy and protected ecosystem, both achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique characteristics of the Delta as an evolving place.

Perhaps the Council’s most important and challenging role is the facilitation, coordination, and integration of a range of actions and policies in support of the coequal goals. Implementing the Delta Plan occurs through the Council’s leadership of the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee, ongoing staff-to-staff agency coordination, development of science to support the long-term sustainable management plan for the Delta, the Delta Plan, and related activities, and use of the Council’s regulatory authority over “covered actions” - plans, programs and/or projects that must be consistent with the Delta Plan.

Potential Projects
An intern at the Council can work on a variety of projects that further the co-equal goals such as Delta Adapts and the Council’s Environmental Justice effort. They will have a hands-on opportunity to learn about state government and policy implementation. The interns will gain skills in land use planning, local government outreach, interagency coordination and policy research and writing as part of a team working on a large project.
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Desired Qualities, Skills and Abilities
Ideal candidates have strong analytical and organizational skills, are independently motivated, highly professional and responsible, have strong verbal and written communication, and demonstrate a strong interest in subject matters that the Council covers.

- Ability to use data or technology to address stakeholder interests in public venues
- Experience or interest to understand and translate science for a diverse audience
- Ability to analyze data using various levels of data science skills to identify insights or build decision-support tools
- Interest or experience in learning more about interest-based stakeholder processes
- Interest or experience to build knowledge of watershed management principles
- Ability to think critically and develop innovative ideas and manage multiple projects
- Desire and ability to work effectively in a team and independently