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**SUMMARY: MAY 26, 2022
DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MEETING**

For review and adoption by the Council at the June 23, 2022, meeting.

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MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome and Introductions

Vice-Chair Virginia Madueño called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM, May 26, 2022.

2. ROLL CALL – ESTABLISH A QUORUM (WATER CODE §85210.5)

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established. The following councilmembers were present: Julie Lee, Virginia Madueño, Don Nottoli, and Christy Smith.

Councilmember Frank Damrell joined during item 4.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: (approve the consent calendar including Resolution #2022-04) Offered by Smith, second by Nottoli.

Vote: 4/0 - The motion was adopted (Lee: Aye, Madueño: Aye, Nottoli: Aye, Smith: Aye).

The motion and vote are viewable on the linked agenda at <https://cal-span.org/unipage/?site=cal-span&owner=DSC&date=2022-05-26> minute 2:17

4. CHAIR ELECTION (ACTION ITEM)

After a short discussion, the Vice-Chair and Council decided to take the item up later in the meeting for more councilmembers to arrive.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT (INFORMATION ITEM)

Vice-Chair Virginia Madueño shared her experience on the recent Bay-Delta tour organized by the Water Education Foundation on May 18-20, 2022. The Council was

well represented on the tour, with 12 staff/fellows and two members (Madueño and Lee) attending.

Public Participation Manager, Brandon Chapin, gave an overview of the Council tour of the Delta (Agenda Item 8). The Council and staff were scheduled to tour the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to see on-the-ground examples that inform the Council's work. As part of the tour, the Council expected to hear from Council staff, the Delta Watermaster, and representatives of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Restore the Delta, and Little Manila Rising.

4. (ITEM 4 RESUMED) CHAIR ELECTION (ACTION ITEM)

The Council resumed discussion of Agenda Item 4 after Councilmember Damrell arrived.

Councilmember Nottoli and councilmember Smith proposed tabling the vote until the full Council could be present. Councilmember Lee suggested that given the importance of the role of the chair, the vote shouldn't be delayed any further. Councilmember Damrell agreed with the points made by councilmember Nottoli and councilmember Smith.

Motion: (table the Chair election) Offered by Smith, second by Nottoli.

Vote: 4/1 - The motion was adopted (Damrell: Aye, Lee: No, Madueño: Aye, Nottoli: Aye, Smith: Aye).

The motion and vote are viewable on the linked agenda at <https://cal-span.org/unipage/?site=cal-span&owner=DSC&date=2022-05-26> minute 21:29

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7. PREPARATION FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2022, in the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) Headquarters Building at 715 P St, Sacramento, CA, 95814. The meeting will also be available to access remotely via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 am to proceed to the first stop on the Council tour.

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8. COUNCIL TOUR OF THE DELTA (INFORMATION ITEM)

Councilmembers and staff divided into two vans, departed from the CNRA Headquarters Building, and drove to Brannan Island State Recreation Area (169 W Brannan Island Rd, Isleton, CA, 95641), where the meeting reconvened at 10:30 am. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established. The following councilmembers were present: Frank Damrell, Julie Lee, Virginia Madueño, Don Nottoli, and Christy Smith.

The Council received an update from Assistant Planning Director Harriet Ross on the development of an adaptation strategy for Delta Adapts: Creating a Climate Resilient Future and heard how it ties into the boat tour. For more information, please visit the [Delta Adapts web page](https://bit.ly/37Sow3j) (bit.ly/37Sow3j).

United States Geological Survey (USGS) Supervisory Hydrologist, Jon Burau, gave an overview of the salinity concerns in the Delta and the actions needed to address them.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am, and councilmembers were divided onto two boats, without a quorum of members on either boat. Each boat also included Council staff and members of the public, and was guided by either the Delta Watermaster or Burau. Due to unfavorable weather conditions, the boat tour was shortened to one outing. The abridged tour consisted of cruising down to the False River Salinity Barrier and around the exterior of Franks Tract.

Councilmembers returned to the Brannan Island State Recreation Area to eat lunch. At 12:40 pm, roll call was taken, and the quorum was re-established. The following councilmembers were present: Frank Damrell, Julie Lee, Virginia Madueño, Don Nottoli, and Christy Smith. The Delta Watermaster and Jon Burau gave a debrief on the boat tour.

The Council adjourned at 1:32 pm and departed Brannan Island State Recreation Area for Bella Vista Rooftop and Events in Stockton (221 N Center Street, Stockton, CA, 95202). No vehicle had a quorum of members during transport. At 3:00 pm, the Council arrived in Stockton. Roll call was taken and a quorum was re-established. The following councilmembers were present: Frank Damrell, Julie Lee, Virginia Madueño, Don Nottoli, and Christy Smith.

The Council received an update on the development of the Environmental Justice (EJ) Issue Paper from Special Assistant for Planning and Science Amanda Bohl and Senior Environmental Planner Morgan Chow introduced the representatives from the EJ Expert Group, Restore the Delta and Little Manila Rising. The representatives provided an overview of EJ concerns in Stockton and the greater Delta, including harmful algal blooms, salinity concerns, and representational issues. For more information on the EJ Issue Paper, please visit the [Council's environmental justice web page](https://www.cityofstockton.org/DocumentCenter/View/11111) (bit.ly/3w1nzxo).

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm.