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Date: October 20, 2014  
To: Delta Stewardship Council Members  
From: Dan Ray, Chief Deputy Executive Officer  
Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting on October 30, 2014

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The upcoming Council meeting will be shorter than usual because it is being held during the 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Bay-Delta Science Conference. It is my hope that you will be able to attend most or all of the conference, which runs Tuesday-Thursday at the Convention Center, 1400 J Street in Sacramento. The Science Conference agenda is at <http://scienceconf2014.deltacouncil.ca.gov/schedule>. Council members are registered to attend the Conference on the days you requested.

The Council meeting will be held in the Convention Center's Room 315 and signs will be posted directing you toward the meeting. The agenda and supporting materials are attached, and some additional handouts may be provided at the meeting.

The meeting will start with a closed session to discuss litigation and will reconvene at approximately 10:00 a.m. Because we're meeting during the Science Conference, Delta Independent Science Board (ISB) Chair Dr. Tracy Collier and the Council's Lead Scientist Dr. Peter Goodwin will discuss the various activities and events of the Conference with you.

At the heart of this meeting is a briefing on the coordination and integration of various scientific monitoring and assessment efforts in the Delta by federal, state, and local agencies. Monitoring and assessment are key elements in the environmental decision-making process and these briefings will discuss what efforts already exist, what gaps and barriers need to be overcome, and what the Delta Science Program is doing to align the efforts and thereby follow the concept of *One Delta, One Science*.

We'll also receive an update on the Delta Levee Investment Strategy (DLIS) including information on how the independent science panel review, being organized by the Delta Science Program, will review and analyze the methodologies and scientific basis for DLIS. That review is tentatively scheduled for April, 2015. We'll also update the Council on our data compilation efforts for the project, as well as our stakeholder outreach and engagement efforts.

If I can answer any questions or provide any information, please contact me at (916) 445-4500 or [dan.ray@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:dan.ray@deltacouncil.ca.gov).

*"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place."*

– CA Water Code §85054