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From: Dan Ray, Chief Deputy Executive Officer
Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting on November 20, 2014

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Our upcoming one-day Council meeting will be held at the Park Tower Plaza, 980 Ninth Street, 2nd Floor, in Sacramento. The agenda and supporting materials are attached, and some additional handouts may be provided at the meeting.

The meeting features a review of the just-completed water year, and a look ahead at the winter storm season. We'll start with a briefing on the current state of knowledge related to climate change impacts on water, wildlife, health and agriculture in California by a noted researcher from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. A panel of experts will then provide updates on the 2013/14 Water Year -- third year of the drought. Panelists will discuss how the continuing drought has impacted this year's water operations, the Delta ecosystem, and the economy. Panel members will also describe how the drought and the Governor's executive order has affected the state's water use and conservation efforts; how this year's lack of adequate surface water supplies affected the state's groundwater resources; and how the Sacramento region adapted to the drought conditions and stretched its water supplies. Staff and panel members will also provide you with a preview of long-range weather forecasts for the year ahead and a status assessment of the Delta's readiness for the winter storm season.

The Lead Scientist and staff from the Council's Science Program will offer an update and ask for your acceptance of the final Interim Science Action Agenda – an important action item. As you know, the Interim Science Action Agenda is a key component of implementing the Delta Science Plan.

Our monthly report on the progress of the Delta Levee Investment Strategy includes a review of comments received on Delta levee investment issue paper and recommends an approach and schedule for addressing the questions that the issue paper raised.

Finally, we'll discuss a next step in implementing the Delta Plan – submitting it for approval as part of California's federally approved coastal zone management program, as called for in the Delta Reform Act.

As always, time for public comment on these agenda items, as well as any item of relevance to the Council, will be available. If I can answer any questions or provide any information, please contact me at (916) 445-4500 or 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