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Date: January 20, 2015
To: Delta Stewardship Council Members
From: Dan Ray, Chief Deputy Executive Officer
Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting on January 29, 2015

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Our upcoming one-day Council meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza, 300 J Street, in Sacramento. The agenda and supporting materials are attached, and some additional handouts may be provided at the meeting.

A portion of this first meeting of the new year is devoted to reviewing the past year including: 1) discussion of the Council's 2014 priorities and annual report; 2) the Delta Independent Science Board's 2014 accomplishments; and 3) a briefing on the Department of Fish and Wildlife's Delta Ecosystem Restoration Program 2014 Annual Report.

We will also receive updates on three important programs:

- The Delta Levees Investment Strategy – We'll begin the first in a series of discussions on the initial key policy questions relating to State priorities for levee maintenance and rehabilitation. The discussions will help guide and inform the update of the Delta Plan's provisions regarding Delta levees.
- Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) – Early in 2015 the Department of Water Resources (DWR), et al., will publish a partially Recirculated Draft BDCP, Environmental Impact Report / Environmental Impact Statement and Implementing Agreement. The documents will include those portions that have been changed in response to last year's public review. A DWR representative will brief the Council on the procedure and the documents involved.
- Interagency Ecological Program (IEP) Management, Analysis, and Synthesis Team (MAST) Report – Dr. Ted Sommer (DWR) and Dr. Larry Brown (USGS) will discuss the latest synthesis report, which provides an updated conceptual model of Delta Smelt biology and the evolving understanding of estuarine fish. Recommended model applications will also be provided.

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