



January 22, 2015

-- AGENDA --
MEETING OF THE DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
Thursday, January 29, 2015
Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza
300 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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Thursday, January 29, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Roll Call – Establish a Quorum (Water Code §85210.5)**
3. **Adoption of December 18, 2014 Meeting Summary (Action Item)**
4. **Chair's Report (Information Item)**
 - a. **Report on California-Australia Dialogue on Drought Solutions**

Staff will provide an overview of this one-day conference organized by the Australian Government in partnership with the Governor's Office to support California's response to the current drought crisis by sharing Australian expertise developed during the Millennium Drought.
5. **Executive Officer's Report (Information Item)**
 - a. **Legal Update**
 - b. **Quarterly Contract Update**
 - c. **Legislative Update**
 - **January 2015 Bill Tracking Report**
 - **Elected Representatives from the Delta Region**
6. **Lead Scientist's Report (Water Code §85280) (Information Item)**

The Lead Scientist will report on Delta Science Program activities.

Attachment 1: By the Numbers Summary
7. **Year in Review (Information Item)**

Staff will provide the Council with a year in review of the accomplishments of the Delta Stewardship Council during the 2014 year.

Attachment 1: 2014 Priorities Update

Attachment 2: 2014 Annual Report

"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."

8. Delta Independent Science Board 2014 Accomplishments and 2015 Plans (Information Item)

The Chair of the Independent Science Board will provide the Council with a review of the 2014 accomplishments of the Board and also provide highlights of the 2015 plans.

Attachment 1: Delta ISB 2014 Work Products

Attachment 2: Status Report Presentation on Fish, Flows and Other Stressors Program Review

9. Delta Levee Investment Strategy Update (Information Item)

Staff will provide background information and a framework for discussion of initial key policy questions related to State priorities and liability. This will be the first in a series of discussions with Council on these policy issues. At a subsequent meeting, staff will seek Council guidance on these issues that will be integrated with the technical work for the levee investment strategy. Staff will also provide an overall update on this project, focusing on efforts related to public outreach, the independent peer review panel and technical tasks.

Attachment 1: Compilation of Information related to State Interests, Goals and Objectives and Liability related to Delta Levees and Flood Management

10. Update on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) (Information Item)

A representative from Department of Water Resources will brief the Council on the partially Recirculated Draft BDCP, Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS), and Implementing Agreement (IA) to be released in early 2015.

Attachment 1: BDCP Fact Sheet–Modified Pipeline Tunnel Option

11. Interagency Ecological Program Management, Analysis, and Synthesis Team (MAST) Report (Information Item)

A representative from Department of Water Resources and US Geological Survey will brief the Council on the recently released MAST report and how the report is currently being used to inform adaptive management decisions.

Attachment 1: PowerPoint Presentation on Application of the Delta Smelt MAST

12. Delta Ecosystem Restoration Program Annual Report (Information Item)

A representative from the Department of Fish and Wildlife will brief the Council on the Ecosystem Restoration Program activities in the Delta in 2014.

Attachment 1: Ecosystem Restoration Program 2014 Annual Summary

13. Public Comment

14. Preparation for Next Council Meeting – Discuss (a) expected agenda items; (b) new work assignments for staff; (c) requests of other agencies; (d) other requests from Council members; and (e) confirm next meeting date.

4:30 p.m. ADJOURN

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