



August 19, 2015

-- AGENDA --
MEETING OF THE DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
Thursday, August 27 and Friday, August 28, 2015
Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza
300 J Street, Sacramento, California 95814

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Day 1: Thursday, August 27, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Roll Call – Establish a Quorum (Water Code §85210.5)

Approx. Time:
9:05 a.m.

- 3. Closed Executive Session (Not Open to the Public) (Action Item)**
- a. **Litigation: Delta Stewardship Council Cases, Coordinated Proceeding JCCP No. 4758 (Government Code §11126 (e)(2)(a), (e)(2)(B)(i))**
 - b. **Personnel Matter: Update on Search for New Lead Scientist (Government Code §11126 (a)(1))**

Approx. Time:
10:20 a.m.

4. Reconvene Open Session

5. Adoption of July 23-24, 2015 Meeting Summary (Action Item)

6. Chair's Report

7. Executive Officer's Report (Information Item)

- a. **Report on Follow-up Items from Prior Council Meetings**
- b. **Legal Update**
- c. **Legislative Update**

8. Approval of Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Contract (Action Item) (Water Code §85210 (b))

This agreement provides specialized support for Delta Science Program core functions over the next three fiscal years including science communication products, science conferences, and independent science experts. Total budget \$851,000.

Attachment 1: Budget

9. Lead Scientist's Report (Water Code §85280) (Information Item)

Dr. Peter Goodwin will report on recent Delta Science activities.

Attachment 1: By the Numbers Summary *(to be provided at Council meeting)*

"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."

10. Appointment of New Lead Scientist (Water Code §85280 (b)) (Action Item)

The Delta Independent Science Board recommends that the Council appoint Dr. Clifford N. Dahm as Lead Scientist for the Delta Science Program.

Attachment 1: Letter of Recommendation from the Delta ISB

Attachment 2: Dr. Cliff Dahm's Curriculum Vitae

**11. Delta Plan Performance Measures (Water Code §85211, 85308)
(Information Item)**

The Delta Reform Act requires the Council to include performance measures in the Delta Plan to gauge its success. Staff will report on its work to complete an assessment of all 160 performance measures in the Delta Plan and report on the trends identified through this work. Staff will also provide the Council with recommendations for refinements to existing measures as well as new output and outcome measures to address gaps identified during the assessment.

Attachment 1: Output/Outcome Performance Measures Reporting Highlights

Attachment 2: Proposed Refinements and Additional Performance Measures to be Considered

Attachment 3: Delta Plan Performance Measures Catalog

**12. Delta Flood Management Investment Strategy (Water Code §85305 (a))
(Action Item)**

Staff recommends that the Council approve an additional Delta Flood Management Investment Strategy principle addressing the burden of proof borne by reclamation districts that seek State investments in non-project levees. In addition, staff will provide a summary of the Independent Science Review Panel report and update the Council on ongoing activities.

a. Delta Flood Management Investment Strategy Principles

b. Independent Science Review Panel Report and Response

c. Delta Levees Investment Strategy Update

Attachment 1: Revised Draft *Delta Flood Management Investment Strategy Principles*

Attachment 2: Independent Review Report on the Delta Levee Investment Strategy Methodology

Attachment 3: Delta Levees Investment Strategy - Project Schedule

13. Encouragement of Appropriate Land Uses to Reduce Flood Risk in San Joaquin County (Information Item) (Water Code §85020 (g), 85212)

This report highlights staff efforts to reduce flood risk by encouraging appropriate land uses, as required by the Delta Reform Act.

14. Public Comment

Adjourn for the Day

Day 2: Friday, August 28, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

15. Call to Order

16. Roll – Call – Establish Quorum (Water Code §85210.5)

17. Bay Delta Conservation Plan Draft EIR Review Check-in (Water Code §85320 (c)) (Information Item)

Staff will brief the Council on efforts to review the partially recirculated environmental impact report/supplemental environmental impact statement. The briefing will include staff's schedule to develop comments and to incorporate the ISB's comments, and help the Council anticipate the kind of comments that will be brought for their consideration at a future Council meeting.

18. Conveyance, Storage, and Operations Principles (Water Code §85304, 85308 (f)) (Information Item)

Staff will present a revised problem statement to the Council that frames the discussion on conveyance, storage and water operations, and will also introduce a draft set of guiding principles. A panel of experts will provide their feedback on the draft principles and offer suggestions to improve them.

Attachment 1: Draft Principles for Water Conveyance in the Delta, Storage Systems and for the Operation of Both

19. Public Comment

20. 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.

ADJOURN

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