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DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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To: Delta Stewardship Council Members

From: Jessica R. Pearson, Executive Officer

Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting on September 24, 2015

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Our upcoming Council meeting will be held at the Park Tower Plaza, 2nd Floor Conference Center, 980 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. The agenda and supporting materials for the meeting are attached, and some additional handouts may be provided at the meeting.

Please note this is a one-day meeting. Our principal discussions are on two topics:

- **Single-year water transfers.** Several panels of water transfer practitioners and stakeholders will brief the Council on the status of Delta Plan recommendation WR R15 (Improve Water Transfer Procedures) and provide information that may be useful to the Council as it considers whether to modify its 2013 determination that single-year transfers do not have a significant impact on the coequal goals. That determination includes a Dec. 31, 2016 expiration date.
- **Delta levees investment strategy.** This includes a discussion of several case studies that will showcase levee improvements in both rural and urban regions in the Delta, represented by work in the northern Delta and for the City of West Sacramento, respectively. These case studies are intended to inform the Council about specific improvements and show how the presenters believe it is possible for levees to reach a "maintenance mode" where they would no longer require significant funding for improvements.

We'll also receive the first Lead Scientist's Report from our new Lead Scientist, Dr. Cliff Dahm.

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 jpearson@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