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## DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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**Chair**  
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Date: November 12, 2015

To: Delta Stewardship Council Members

From: Jessica R. Pearson, Executive Officer

Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting on November 19, 2015

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Our upcoming Council meeting will be held at the Park Tower Plaza, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 980 Ninth Street in Sacramento. You'll notice that we've changed this to a one-day meeting so that members, staff and the public may attend a memorial on Friday morning for Laura King Moon, the former chief deputy director for the Department of Water Resources.

Laura focused on the Delta throughout her career and embodied many of its competing perspectives. She started with the Natural Resources Defense Council and later worked for the East Bay Municipal Utility District, the federal Bureau of Reclamation, the State Water Contractors and lastly DWR. Laura's unique perspective, her always bright countenance, and her wise counsel will be greatly missed.

For our meeting on Thursday, the agenda and supporting materials for the meeting are attached, and some additional handouts may be provided. There are two key items for us to work through in addition to a presentation on the Flows and Fishes review by the Delta Independent Science Board:

- **Options to Promote New and Improved Conveyance, Storage and Operation of Both to Achieve the Coequal Goals.** In October, we discussed a revised set of draft principles reflecting input on best available science from the Council's Delta Science Program, comments from panel members, from other state agencies and the public. Staff revised the principles based on that discussion and recommends that you adopt the newly revised principles to guide the update of the Delta Plan to promote options for new and improved water infrastructure.
- **Single-Year Water Transfers and the Delta Plan.** Staff recommends that you amend both the Delta Plan regulations and Delta Plan water reliability recommendation 15 (WR R15) to reflect that the under existing regulatory oversight, single-year water transfers conveyed through the Delta do not have a significant impact on the coequal goals. The Delta Plan adopted in May 2013 provided single-year transfers only a temporary exemption from the "covered actions" process.

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](mailto:jpearson@deltacouncil.ca.gov).

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*"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