



November 13, 2015

-- AGENDA --
MEETING OF THE DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
Thursday, November 19, 2015
Park Tower Plaza – 2nd Floor Conference Center
980 9th Street, Sacramento, California 95814

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- 9:00 a.m. 1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Roll Call – Establish a Quorum (Water Code §85210.5)**
- Approx. Time: 3. **Closed Executive Session (Not Open to the Public) (Action Item)**
9:05 a.m. Litigation (Government Code §11126 (e)(2)(a), (e)(2)(B)(i)):
 a. Delta Stewardship Council Cases, Coordinated Proceeding
 JCCP No. 4758
 b. Bracewell Engineering Inc., et al., v. Delta Stewardship Council, et al.,
 Sacramento County Superior Ct. No. 34-2015-80002178
- Approx. Time: 4. **Reconvene Open Session**
9:35 a.m.
5. **Adoption of Oct. 22-23, 2015 Meeting Summary (Action Item)**
6. **Chair’s Report (Information Item)**
 a. Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee Outcomes (Water
 Code §85204)
7. **Executive Officer’s Report (Information Item)**
 a. Legal Update
8. **Approval of Department of Water Resources Interagency Agreement
for Science Support Needs (Water Code §85210 (b)) (Action Item)**
*This reimbursable agreement for \$785,000 provides funding for three limited-term staff
positions to support implementation of the Delta Science Plan.*
Attachment 1: Budget Detail
9. **Lead Scientist’s Report (Water Code §85280) (Information Item)**
Dr. Cliff Dahm will report on recent Delta science activities.
Attachment 1: Addendum to Delta Science Plan: Directed Actions, Requests
for Proposals, Proposal Solicitation Package
Attachment 2: Addendum to Delta Science Plan: Conflict of Interest Policy
Attachment 3: By the Numbers Summary (*report to be provided at the 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. Delta Levees Investment Strategy Update (Water Code §85305)
(Information Item)**

Staff will provide an update on the development of the Delta Levees Investment Strategy, including discussion of possible non-structural measures for risk reduction.

Attachment 1: Risk Reduction Alternatives

Attachment 2: CRS Comparison

Attachment 3: Project Schedule

11. Delta Independent Science Board Report: Flows and Fishes in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, Research Needs in Support of Adaptive Management (Water Code §85280) (Information Item)

Delta ISB Chair Jay Lund will present the latest review report by the Delta ISB and a panel of agency and stakeholder managers will discuss the report's recommendations.

Attachment 1: [Flows and Fishes in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, Research Needs in Support of Adaptive Management](#)

**12. Options to Promote New and Improved Conveyance, Storage, and Operation of Both to Achieve the Coequal Goals (Water Code §85304)
(Action Item)**

Staff recommends the Council approve 18 principles to guide the Council's consideration of new recommendations and/or regulatory policies to promote options for new and improved infrastructure relating to the water conveyance in the Delta, storage systems, and for the operation of both to achieve the coequal goals.

Attachment 1: 18 Principles for Water Conveyance in the Delta, Storage Systems and for the Operation of Both to Achieve the Coequal Goals – Redline Version

Attachment 2: 18 Principles for Water Conveyance in the Delta, Storage Systems and for the Operation of Both to Achieve the Coequal Goals

**13. Single-Year Water Transfers and the Delta Plan (Water Code §85057.5)
(Action Item)**

Staff recommends the Council direct the Executive Officer to prepare, for the Council's consideration in December, 2015, findings that support (a) a proposed amendment of the Delta Plan's implementing regulations to exclude one-year water transfers as covered actions and (b) a proposed amendment of the Delta Plan's recommendation about water transfers.

14. Public Comment

15. 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.

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