

Memorandum

Date: November 19, 2015

To: Randy Fiorini, Chair
Delta Stewardship Council
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From: Department of Water Resources

Subject: Agenda Item 13 on the Delta Stewardship Council's November 19, 2015 Meeting

I want to thank the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) for allowing the Department of Water Resources (DWR) the opportunity to participate in the DSC's September 24, 2015 meeting related to one-year water transfers and to provide background materials. DWR and the staff from State Water Resources Control Board worked hard to provide the DSC with the requested background information, including an outline of the current processes for evaluation and approval of water transfers, and a description of the agencies' intensive efforts to promote responsible and transparent transfers in response to the DSC's WR R15 and the Governor's California Water Action Plan, Drought proclamations and executive orders.

DWR has reviewed the DSC's staff report for Agenda Item 13 on the November 19, 2015 meeting and the recommendations on a proposed amendment of the Delta Reform Act's implementing regulations to exempt one-year water transfers from regulation as covered actions. DWR supports the DSC's staff recommendations and the proposed amendment to the regulations.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Nancy Quan of DWR's State Water Project Analysis Office at (916) 653-0190 or Linda Ackley of DWR's Office of the Chief Counsel at (916) 653-7485.

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