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# DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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Date: February 16, 2016  
To: Delta Stewardship Council Members  
From: Jessica R. Pearson, Executive Officer  
Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting on February 25, 2016

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Our upcoming Council meeting will be held at the Park Tower Plaza, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

We will be discussing several items that will require sufficient time for presentation, discussion, and public comment. Our principal discussions include:

- **Refinements to Delta Plan Performance Measures.** The refinement of the initial performance measures through a multi-year, stakeholder-inclusive effort – with special emphasis on “outcome” and “output” measures – is now complete. The effort was based on best available science and informed through input from stakeholders and the Delta ISB’s review of staff’s approach. The package of proposed refinements is recommended by staff for your adoption as a formal amendment to the Delta Plan.
- **Improving Adaptive Management in the Delta – A Review by the Delta Independent Science Board.** The review explores how adaptive management is perceived and used in the Delta and subsequently how it might be applied more efficiently and effectively. The report further identifies impediments to adaptive management and makes recommendations for incorporating adaptive approaches to improve management of the Delta and its resources.
- **2016 Priorities.** Lead Scientist Cliff Dahm, our deputy executive officers, and I will brief you on eight initiatives to implement the Delta Plan and the Delta Science Plan that we propose as staff priorities for 2016.

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