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DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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Date: March 17, 2016
To: Delta Stewardship Council Members
From: Jessica R. Pearson, Executive Officer
Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting on March 24, 2016

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Our upcoming Council meeting will be held at the West Sacramento City Hall Galleria, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. The agenda and supporting materials for the meeting are attached, and some additional handouts may be provided at the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: Directly following the meeting, we invite you to stay for a small reception honoring and thanking Vice Chair Phil Isenberg for his guidance, leadership, and time with the Council. Light refreshments will be served.

Among the items we'll discuss during the meeting:

- Last November you adopted principles to guide development of potential amendments to the Delta Plan that would address **water conveyance, storage, and the operation of both** to achieve the coequal goals. Today we'll discuss a **draft scope and process**.
- You also will hear a report from the **Delta Watermaster** about the 2015 voluntary diversion reduction program for in-Delta riparian water rights holders. Last spring several farmers in the south and central Delta agreed to voluntarily reduce their water diversions as a way to avoid any potential curtailment of their senior water rights by the State Water Resources Control Board.

Staff also is seeking approval of a couple of **contract amendments**:

- One to augment and extend a contract with Arcadis for work related to developing the **Delta Levees Investment Strategy**, and
- One to augment and extend a contract with UC Davis to continue our partnership in the **online journal San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Science**.

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