

***DRAFT 9/2/14 – SUBJECT TO CHANGE***  
***For Review and Adoption by the DSC at the November 20, 2014 Meeting***

**October 30, 2014**  
**DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL**  
**Sacramento Convention Center Complex**  
**1400 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

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***Thursday, October 30, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.***

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. on October 30, 2014 by Chair Randy Fiorini.

**2. Roll Call – Establish a Quorum (Water Code §85210.5)**

Roll call was taken and a quorum established at 9:05 a.m. The following members were present: Patrick Johnston, Frank Damrell, Randy Fiorini, Phil Isenberg, Susan Tatayon, Larry Ruhstaller, and Aja Brown.

**3. Closed Executive Session – (Not open to the public) (Action Item) Litigation: Delta Stewardship Council Cases, Coordinated Proceeding JCCP No. 4758 (Government Code §11126 (e)(2)(a), (e)(2)(B)(i))**

The Closed Session (Litigation) convened at 9:08 a.m. and adjourned at 9:54 a.m. with Chair Randy Fiorini presiding.

**4. Reconvene Open Session**

Upon adjournment of the Closed Executive Session the Delta Stewardship Council reconvened in Open Session at 10:03 a.m. Chair Fiorini indicated no action had been taken during the closed session.

**5. Chair's Report**

Chair Fiorini gave a brief overview of the day, highlighting the Delta Levee Investment Strategy, the Interim Science Action Agenda and the upcoming Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee Meeting scheduled for November 17, 2014.

Chair Fiorini reported that during a recent speech discussing water policy on October 20, 2014, held at Stanford University, Governor Brown provided a fifty year history view

of water policy and mentioned the Delta Stewardship Council as a key agency to work on water issues.

Finally, Chair Fiorini discussed his participation in the Science Conference and stated that this year's conference has a lot of useful information and encouraged the Council members to take advantage of the information available while after the Council meeting.

## **6. Executive Officer's Report**

The Executive Officer's Report was presented by Chief Deputy Dan Ray. Mr. Ray provided a brief overview of the expectations for the day. He stated that the heart of the meeting focuses on coordination efforts going on in the Delta. He also mentioned that the Delta Council staff would provide a briefing on the current updates of the Delta Levee Investment Strategy and the next steps.

Mr. Ray also mentioned that in a recent article published in the Huffington Post by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti recently issued an Executive Directive to reduce Los Angeles' water use by 20 percent by 2017 and the Department of Water and Power's purchase of imported water by 50 percent by 2024. A copy of the complete article is posted on the Mayor's website at: [http://www.lamayor.org/in\\_the\\_news](http://www.lamayor.org/in_the_news).

Finally, Mr. Ray mentioned two new hires to the Council. One is in our Science Program and one is in the Performance Management Area.

### **Legislative Update**

There was no legislative update provided at the meeting. The legislature is currently in recess.

### **Legal Update**

The Legal Update was presented by Legal Intern Cody Phillips. A copy of his presentation is posted on the Council website at: [http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2014/11/Item\\_6b.pdf](http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2014/11/Item_6b.pdf)

## **7. Lead Scientist's Report**

Dr. Goodwin presented the Lead Scientist's Report. He briefed the Council on highlights from the first two days of the 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Bay-Delta Science Conference and thanked the Council for their support. Dr. Goodwin also acknowledged the many members who put the event together.

The staff report for the Lead Scientist's Report is posted on the Council website at [http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2014/10/Item\\_7\\_Lead\\_Scientists\\_Report.pdf](http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2014/10/Item_7_Lead_Scientists_Report.pdf)

At the conclusion of the Lead Scientist's Report, Dr. Goodwin invited Sam Harader to the panel table to provide a summary of the current numbers relating to Delta water and environmental management. *By the Numbers* is posted on the Council website at

[http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2014/10/Item\\_7\\_Attach\\_1\\_By\\_The\\_Number\\_s.pdf](http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2014/10/Item_7_Attach_1_By_The_Number_s.pdf)

Throughout the discussion of the Lead Scientist's Report, Dr. Goodwin heard Council members' comments, answered questions and provided clarification.

## **8. Delta Independent Science Board Report**

The Delta Independent Science Board Report was presented by Dr. Tracy Collier. Dr. Collier briefed the Council on the recent activities of the Delta Independent Science Board's teleconference meeting held on October 1, 2014. Dr. Collier stated that the primary goal of the teleconference was to get out the comments on the Interim Science Action Agenda. He stated that they approved their comments conditional on four members making edits. The comments were provided to the Delta Science Program on October 8, 2014. He stated that the ISB had a recommendation of six overarching comments, some of which are administrative editorial comments. But there were four big issues that they believed needed to be considered. Number one was the issue of prioritization - how to prioritize all of the science needs across the board. He suggested some more risk analysis would be very useful for science planning in the Delta. Another issue was that the Interim Science Action Agenda calls for the organization working together and the ISB felt that there needed to be more thought as to what that actually means. Finally, another large issue is how you look at the whole system because as scientists they tend to break things apart.

The staff report for the Delta Independent Science Board Report is posted on the Council website at

[http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2014/10/Item\\_8\\_ISB\\_Staff\\_Report.pdf](http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2014/10/Item_8_ISB_Staff_Report.pdf)

and the attachment is posted at

[http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2014/10/Item\\_8\\_Attach\\_1\\_Review\\_of\\_Draft\\_Science\\_Action\\_Agenda.pdf](http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2014/10/Item_8_Attach_1_Review_of_Draft_Science_Action_Agenda.pdf)

Throughout the presentation of the Delta ISB's Report, Dr. Collier heard Council members' comments, answered questions and provided clarification.

## **9. Adoption of September 25, 2014 Meeting Summary (Action Item)**

Chair Fiorini asked if there were any questions, suggestions or comments from the Council or public regarding the September 25, 2014 meeting summary. There were none.

**Motion:** (Offered by Isenberg; seconded by Damrell) to approve the September 25, 2014 Meeting Summary.

**Vote:** (6/0: Damrell, Ruhstaller, Fiorini, Isenberg, Tatayon, Brown) and the motion was adopted.

The video showing this vote can be found on the linked agenda at: <http://cal-span.org/cgi-bin/archive.php?player=silverlight&owner=DSC&date=2014-10-30> at 51.33.

## **10. Toward an Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Framework**

Agenda Item 11 was presented by Dr. Rainer Hoenicke and Jon Marshack from the California Water Quality Monitoring Council. Dr. Hoenicke opened the presentation and discussed the focus of the presentation and provided a brief introduction for Jon Marshack. Dr. Hoenicke described that monitoring and assessment are key elements in environmental decision making.

The staff report for the presentation and discussion of the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Framework is posted on the Council website at [http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2014/10/Item\\_10.pdf](http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2014/10/Item_10.pdf)

Dr. Hoenicke presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Council describing 1) why monitoring is a key section in the Delta Science Plan, 2) the two major kinds of monitoring activities, and 3) what data generated by individual project actions add up to. The PowerPoint Presentation is posted on the Council website at [http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2014/10/Item\\_10\\_Attach\\_1\\_Hoenicke\\_Presentation.pdf](http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2014/10/Item_10_Attach_1_Hoenicke_Presentation.pdf)

Following Dr. Hoenicke's presentation, Jon Marshack presented his presentation titled *Increasing Efficiency & Effectiveness Through Collaboration*. That PowerPoint presentation is posted on the Council website at: [http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2014/10/Item\\_10\\_Attach\\_2\\_Marshack\\_Presentation.pdf](http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2014/10/Item_10_Attach_2_Marshack_Presentation.pdf)

Throughout their presentations, Ms. Hoenicke and Mr. Marshack, heard Council members' comments, answered questions and provided clarification.

Chair Fiorini asked if there were any members of the public who wished to comment.

There were none.

## **11. Delta Levee Investment Strategy Update**

Agenda Item 11 was presented by Dustin Jones, joined by Cindy Messer. Mr. Jones opened the presentation and provided an update on the activities relating to the Delta Levee Investment Strategy. Mr. Jones reported on the overall project progress to date and the efforts relating to the methodology development. He also reported that the charge to the Independent Scientific Review panel that will review the levee investment strategy methodology had been completed and it was provided to the Council with their materials. Mr. Jones next explained the various outreach efforts to the stakeholder groups that have been completed so far. Finally Mr. Jones explained that the Delta Plan

staff would be continuing to meet with key Delta stakeholders and they plan for the first public workshop to be held in early December.

The staff report for the presentation of the Delta Levee Investment Strategy Update is posted on the Council website at [http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2014/10/Item\\_11\\_Delta\\_Levees\\_Investment\\_Strategy\\_Update\\_KC.pdf](http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2014/10/Item_11_Delta_Levees_Investment_Strategy_Update_KC.pdf)

The Delta Science Program Independent Science Panel Review: Methodology and Scientific Basis to Support a Delta Levee Investment Strategy: Scope and Charge to Reviewers is posted on the Council website at [http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2014/10/Item\\_11\\_Attach\\_1\\_FINAL\\_Levee\\_Peer\\_Review\\_Charge\\_10\\_7\\_2014.pdf](http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2014/10/Item_11_Attach_1_FINAL_Levee_Peer_Review_Charge_10_7_2014.pdf)

Throughout the discussion of the Delta Levee Investment Strategy Update and next steps, Mr. Jones and Ms. Messer heard Council members' comments, answered questions and provided clarification.

Chair Fiorini asked if there were any members of the public who wished to comment.

#### **Public Comment – Agenda Item 11:**

Erik Ringelberg, Local Agencies of the North Delta, stated he was representing 18 reclamation water districts that collectively were in charge of approximately 110,000 acres. Mr. Ringelberg stated that his comment today was supplemental to comments his agency has submitted. First, regarding communication, Mr. Ringelberg complimented the staff for pulling together the highly varied and diverse interests of the Delta and stakeholders. As the Council moves forward into the next phase, he suggested that they draw upon on the districts and district engineers because some of the data that is being provided to the Council is inconsistent and lacks correct information. Mr. Ringelberg commented on the outcomes that are related to risk strategy and that rather than focus on the risks, he stated the focus should be how to get to the solutions. This may involve looking at people who are getting levee protection without paying for it, etc. He also suggested the Council needs to consider how the Proposition 218 process affects the ability to improve levee conditions.

#### **12. Public Comment.**

Chair Fiorini asked if there were any other members of the public who wished to comment. There were none.

#### **13. Preparation for Next Council Meeting – Discuss (a) expected agenda items; (b) new work assignments for staff; (c) requests from Council members; and (d) confirm next meeting date – November 20, 201.**

**The meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.**