



March 16, 2016

-- AGENDA --
MEETING OF THE DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
Thursday, March 24, 2016
West Sacramento City Hall Galleria
1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California 95691

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1. Welcome and Introductions

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

Approx. Time: **3. Closed Executive Session: Litigation (Not Open to the Public) (Action Item)**
9:05 a.m.
The Council may discuss litigation matters pursuant to Government Code §11126 (e)(2)(a), (e)(2)(B)(i), and/or (e)(2)(C)(i), including: (a) Delta Stewardship Council Cases, Coordinated Proceeding JCCP No. 4758, and (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 February 25, 2016 Meeting Summary (Action Item)

6. Chair's Report (Information Item)

7. Executive Officer's Report

a. Legal Update

b. Legislative Update

c. Approval of *San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Science* Contract
(Action Item)

The Executive Officer is requesting the Council enter into a new two-year contract to provide \$664,871 of Science Program General Fund funds to continue publication of the San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Science online journal in FYs 2016/17 and 2017/18 and to make additional amendments as necessary.

Attachment 1: SFEWS Associate Editors, 2015-2016

Attachment 2: San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Science Quarterly Access, 2003-2015

Attachment 3: San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Science Online Journal – Budget Summary

"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."

8. Lead Scientist's Report (Information Item)

Dr. Cliff Dahm will report on recent Delta science activities.

Attachment 1: By the Numbers Summary (to be provided at the Council meeting)

9. Report from the Delta Watermaster about the Voluntary Diversion Reduction Program among in-Delta Riparian Water Right Claimants (Information Item)

Delta Watermaster Michael George will discuss the origin and implementation of a voluntary program to significantly reduce in-Delta agricultural water diversions during the 2015 summer growing season.

Attachment 1: Voluntary Diversion Reduction Program among in-Delta Riparian Water Right Claimants

10. Proposed Delta Plan Amendment to Address Water Conveyance, Storage Systems, and the Operation of Both to Achieve the Coequal Goals (Action Item)

Staff will present options and recommendations and receive guidance regarding the scope and process for a proposed Delta Plan amendment to address water conveyance, storage, and the operation of both to achieve the coequal goals. Staff will recommend that the Council direct staff to develop a proposed Delta Plan amendment that may include new recommendations and/or regulatory policies and performance measures based on the 19 Principles for Water Conveyance in the Delta, Storage Systems, and for the Operation of Both to Achieve the Coequal Goals adopted by the Council in November 2015.

Attachment 1: 19 Principles for Water Conveyance in the Delta, Storage Systems and for the Operation of Both to Achieve the Coequal Goals

Attachment 2: Delta Plan Summary and New Scientific Finding for Delta Plan Update in Storage, Conveyance and Operation

Attachment 3: Regulatory Context for Water Conveyance, Storage and Operations in California

11. Delta Levees Investment Strategy Update and Contract Amendment (Action Item)

Staff will request that the Council authorize the Executive Officer to increase the contract amount between the Delta Stewardship Council and Arcadis for work related to developing updated priorities for State investments in Delta levees by \$1,845,902.

12. Public Comment

13. 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.

ADJOURN

NOTE: Times listed on the agenda are approximate only. Item could be heard earlier or later as business is completed.

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