



April 21, 2016

-- AGENDA --
MEETING OF THE DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
Thursday, April 28, 2016
Park Tower Plaza – 2nd Floor Conference Center
980 9th Street, Sacramento, California 95814

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- 9:00 a.m.
1. **Welcome and Introductions**
 2. **Roll Call – Establish a Quorum (Water Code §85210.5)**
 3. **Adoption of March 24, 2016 Meeting Summary (Action Item)**
 4. **Chair’s Report (Information Item)**
 5. **Executive Officer’s Report**
 - a. Legal Update
 - b. Legislative Update
 - c. Quarterly Contract Update
 6. **Lead Scientist’s Report (Information Item)**

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

Attachment 1: Summary Table of 2013 Delta Science Fellows Research Results

Attachment 2: By the Numbers Summary (*To be provided at the Council Meeting*)
 7. **Science Program Research Contracts Consistent with the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee’s High-Impact Science Actions (Action Item)**
 - a. **Consideration of Contract with U.C. San Diego for 2017 Class of Delta Science Fellows**

The Executive Officer is requesting the Council enter into a new three-year contract to provide \$1,525,927 of Science Program General Fund funds to support the 2017 Class of Science Fellows to conduct research on high-impact research topics.

Attachment 1: 2013 Class of Science Fellows

Attachment 2: 2015 Class of Science Fellows

Attachment 3: Budget

“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.”

- b. Consideration of Grants for Three Research Projects
The Executive Officer is requesting Council approval of grants to three highly ranked research projects consistent with high-impact actions.

Attachment 1: Science Investigations Conducted through Competitive Project Solicitations and the Delta Science Fellows Program

8. 2016 Water Year – “El Niño and Beyond” (Information Item)

A panel of water resource managers will inform the Council about this water year’s hydrology and the effects of the El Niño Southern Oscillation. A representative from the Department of Water Resources will provide an overview of current water supply conditions and operations. Representatives from the Northern California Water Association and the San Luis-Delta Mendota Water Authority will describe how their respective organizations plan to manage water supplies based upon projected allocations.

9. Report on Long-Term Operations Biological Opinions Annual Reviews (Information Item)

Agency representatives will brief the Council about the impact of independent science reviews on the implementation of biological opinion regulatory requirements.

10. Discussion Regarding Delta Assets of Significant State Interest and Update on Delta Levees Investment Strategy (Water Code §85305) (Information Item)

Staff will present information describing the State interests in the Delta affected by the region’s levees and discuss how accounting for these interests can inform the development of the Delta Levees Investment Strategy (DLIS). The DLIS will inform prioritization of State investments in levee operation, maintenance, and improvements in the Delta in accordance with Water Code section 85306.

Attachment 1: State Interests for the Delta Levees Investment Strategy

Attachment 2-9: Maps of State Interests Protected by the Delta’s Levees

Attachment 10: Delta Levees Subventions Program Expenditures (1987-2013)

11. Approval of Department of Water Resources Proposed Proposition 12 Expenditures: Delta Aqueduct Protection Project – Upper Jones Tract (RD 2039) (Action Item)

Staff is requesting that the Council make specified CEQA findings and then approve funding by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for Reclamation District (RD) 2039’s Delta Aqueduct Protection Project - Upper Jones Tract pursuant to Water Code section 83002(a)(1). \$1,659,100 of State funds will be allocated pursuant to the proposed Council action. A local cost share of an additional \$292,782 will provide 15 percent of the project’s total cost.

Attachment 1: Project Vicinity Map

Attachment 2: Project Location

Attachment 3: Upper Jones Tract Project – Area of Work

Attachment 4: Upper Jones Tract Project – Typical Levee Cross Section

Attachment 5: CEQA Notice of Exemption Filed by the Reclamation District 2039

Attachment 6: DWR Staff Letter Regarding CEQA Categorical Exemption

Attachment 7: RD 2039 UJ 10-1.0 Scope of Work

Attachment 8: CDFW Staff Letter Regarding Scope of Work Approval

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.**

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