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Date: April 21, 2016
To: Delta Stewardship Council Members
From: Jessica R. Pearson, Executive Officer
Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting on April 28, 2016

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

Among the items we'll discuss during the meeting:

- **2016 Water Year.** After the wettest winter in five years, a drier winter and continuing drought conditions may be ahead. A panel of experts will brief you on current hydrologic and water supply conditions and explain how the State and local water agencies may handle water allocations for the remainder of the year.
- **Delta Levees Investment Strategy (DLIS).** Staff and consultants will present an overview of the islands and tracts where high-value interests of the State—specifically life, property, water supply, habitat, and consideration of the Delta's unique values—have been identified. We'll then discuss possible implications of using this information to assist in the development of a risk-reduction strategy.
- **Delta Science Grants.** Last month Lead Scientist Cliff Dahm talked about the Delta Science Fellows program and the 2015 fellows who have been selected with funding you authorized last July. Today I'm asking you for authorization to move forward with the next round of Fellows funding and to award three grants totaling just under \$5.8 million that will be used to fund critical science investigations consistent with the High-Impact Science Actions endorsed by the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee.

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