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DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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Date: May 19, 2016
To: Delta Stewardship Council Members
From: Jessica R. Pearson, Executive Officer
Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting on May 26, 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:

- **Approval for Executive Officer to Enter into a Contract for Services to Assist the Council in Amending the Delta Plan.** The Delta Reform Act requires the Delta Stewardship Council to "review the Delta Plan once every five years" and states that the Council "may revise it as the council deems appropriate." (Water Code section 85300(c)) The Delta Plan was originally adopted in 2013. The statutorily required five-year review will take place in 2018. In advance of its comprehensive five-year review, the Council is working to amend the Delta Plan on three high-priority topics. To assist with research and development of these amendments, staff recommends approval of a \$2.450 million 3-year contract with MWH.
- **Discussion Regarding Risks to Delta Assets of Significant State Interest and Update on Delta Levees Investment Strategy (DLIS).** Staff will present information describing risks to State interests in the Delta due to potential levee failures and discuss how accounting for these risks can inform the development of the 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.

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