



September 19, 2016

-- MEETING NOTICE --

MEETING OF THE DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
Thursday, September 29, 2016 and Friday, September 30, 2016
Park Tower Plaza – 2nd Floor Conference Center
980 9th Street, Sacramento, California 95814

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Thursday, September 29, 2016

- 9:00 a.m.** **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**
10:30 a.m.
- 5. Adoption of August 25, 2016 Meeting Summary (Action Item)**
- 6. Chair’s Report (Information Item)**
- 7. Executive Officer’s Report (Information Item)**
 a. Legal Update
 b. Legislative Update
- 8. Lead Scientist’s Report (Information Item)**
 Dr. Cliff Dahm will report on recent Delta science activities.
- 9. Implementation of the Delta Smelt Resiliency Strategy (Information Item)**
 Representatives from the Department of Water Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Natural Resources Agency will brief the Council on the recently released Delta Smelt Resiliency Strategy.

“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.”

- 1:30 p.m. 10. **Public Hearing: Single-Year Water Transfers (Water Code §85057.5; Government Code §11346.8) (Action Item)**
The Council will consider the following:
(a) *Determination of CEQA Exemption;*
(b) *Adoption of CEQA Addendum to the Delta Plan Programmatic Environmental Impact Report;*
(c) *Adoption of Amendments to: (1) Delta Plan implementing regulations (23 CCR § 5001(dd)(3)) to exclude one-year water transfers as covered actions, and (2) Delta Plan Water Reliability Recommendation 15, Improve Water Transfer Procedures.*

11. **Acceptance of Discussion Draft of Delta Plan Revisions regarding Priorities for State Delta Levees Investment (Water Code §85306) (Action Item)**

Staff will request that the Council agree that a discussion draft of new or amended Delta Plan provisions regarding prioritization of State investments in Delta levees and other potential Delta Plan provisions is acceptable for use in stakeholder outreach sessions.

12. **Public Comment**

ADJOURN FOR THE DAY

Friday, September 30, 2016

9:00 a.m. 13. **Call to Order**

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

15. **Laying the Foundation for a Proposed Ecosystem Restoration Amendment to the Delta Plan (Information Item)**

Representatives from the San Francisco Estuary Institute and the Department of Fish and Wildlife will present overviews and updates on efforts by their respective organizations that lay the foundation for development of a proposed ecosystem restoration amendment to the Delta Plan. Council staff will describe how these two efforts, along with lessons learned from the first three years of Delta Plan implementation, will inform the Delta Plan amendment.

16. **Update on Delta Plan Amendment for Conveyance, Storage, and Operations (Information Item)**

Staff will brief the Council on progress in development of the Delta Plan amendment for conveyance, storage and the operation of both to further the coequal goals. In November 2015 the Council adopted “19 Principles for Water Conveyance in the Delta, Storage Systems and for the Operation of Both to Achieve the Coequal Goals”. In March 2016 the Council asked staff to consider what projects may be affected by an amendment and what existing regulations/authorities promote the 19 Principles as a next step in translating the principles into near and long term goals. Council staff will discuss results of this analysis.

17. **Public Comment**

18. **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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 - If you have any questions, please contact Pat Rogers at (916) 445-5511.
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