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DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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To: Delta Stewardship Council Members

From: Jessica R. Pearson, Executive Officer

Subject: Upcoming 2-Day Council Meeting on February 23-24, 2017

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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 will be provided at the meeting.

Please note that this will be a two-day meeting.

Included on the agenda for Thursday:

- **Delta Independent Science Board Recent Accomplishments and Upcoming Activities.** Dr. Jay Lund, Chair of the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB), will review the 2016 accomplishments of the Delta ISB, including the development of products related to adaptive management, performance measures, water quality, and others. Dr. Lund will also provide highlights of 2017 plans.
- **2017 Priorities.** Last month we reviewed our 2016 accomplishments. This month we'll discuss with you our proposed 2017 priorities, which broadly include updating and implementing both the Delta Plan and the Delta Science Plan, and leading efforts of the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee.
- **WaterFix Preferred Alternative.** In 2015, the Administration pivoted away from the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, focusing instead on WaterFix as an alternative conveyance strategy. Council staff will provide an update on WaterFix, past Council comments, and anticipated timelines for the proposed project.
- **Consideration of a Draft Delta Plan Amendment Regarding Conveyance, Storage, and Operations.** Staff will brief the Council on a discussion draft of a proposed Delta Plan amendment regarding Delta water conveyance, system storage, and the operation of both. Staff will also provide an overview of the stakeholder outreach plan and next steps.

"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

On Friday:

- **Consideration of Draft Delta Plan Amendment Regarding Priorities for Investment in Delta Levees.** Staff will present and discuss its recommendation for an amendment to the Delta Plan to implement the Delta Levees Investment Strategy. Staff will also summarize input received during public outreach workshops and comments submitted by stakeholders.

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.