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To: Delta Stewardship Council Members

From: Jessica Pearson, Executive Officer

Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting May 24, 2018

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Our upcoming Council meeting will be held at the West Sacramento City Hall Galleria, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento. The agenda and supporting materials for the meeting are attached, and some additional handouts will be provided at the meeting.

This month's meeting will serve as the kick-off for the Data to Decision-making Summer Series, a series that comes in response to heightened interest in how science informs (or doesn't inform) decisions in Delta management. The series will begin with a brief overview on the Open and Transparent Water Data Act's (AB 1755) process of implementation followed by a panel discussion. AB 1755 was established to improve water management decision-making through increased transparency of data and the conversion of data into knowledge.

Also included on the agenda:

- **The Council will receive an update on the Delta Plan Five-Year Review.** During this presentation Council staff will give a summary of their initial assessment of the Delta Plan and next steps.
- **A look at the 2018 Water Year Outlook and Watermaster Quarterly Update.** Water managers and experts from various State and local agencies will present current water supply conditions and discuss initial water delivery allocations. Watermaster Michael George will focus on the first rigorous scientific effort to compare and improve seven emerging methods for estimating crop water use in the Delta. Emerging methods such as these help provide a better understanding of the amount of water taken and consumptively use by local in-Delta diverters.
- **The Executive Officer's request to enter into one new contract and execute one contract amendment.** 1) The new contract for *Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment Adaptation Strategy* will identify future impacts of climate change and sea

"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

level rise in restoration planning. The project will accomplish this by developing a robust process to incorporate stakeholder input, and improve understanding of projected climate change risks and potential adaptation strategies. 2) The contract amendment is for the *Delta Plan Amendments* contract with Stantec. This amendment includes increased funds for continued support related to recent amendments to the Delta Plan and the five-year review of the Delta Plan.

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.