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Media Advisory

Second Staff Draft of Delta Plan to be Reviewed

Discussion of draft is among many important topics at this week's Council meeting

The second staff draft of the Delta Plan will be the focus of the Delta Stewardship Council meeting March 24-25. It was made public on March 18 and puts draft regulations and recommendations – the heart of the Delta Plan – on the table for the Council, stakeholders and the public to discuss and make recommendations for successive drafts. It includes new chapters on science and adaptive management, water quality, governance and financing.

Meanwhile on March 25, the Delta Independent Science Board will offer a report to the Council on its review of the findings listed in the first staff draft of the Delta Plan. You can review both staff drafts of the Delta Plan here: http://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/draft_delta_plans.html

Lead Scientist Dr. Cliff Dahm will also offer a presentation on a proposed review panel focused on the multiple stages of the life cycle of salmon. The species is considered a bellwether on the health of the Delta. Therefore, an intimate understanding of the salmon's life cycle and health becomes paramount.

The Council will also hear presentations from the Delta Watermaster and by the California Water Commission. Both will explain their anticipated roles in helping implement the Delta Plan. And the Council will take action on the funding of the Delta Science Program's Proposal Solicitation Package. Last month the Science Program recommended 13 science projects to the Council. Each is designed to advance the understanding of the complex environments/systems within the Council's jurisdiction.

WHAT: Delta Stewardship Council Meeting
For a full agenda, please visit:
http://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta_council_meetings/march_2011/meeting_materials_march_2011.html

WHEN: Thursday, March 24 - 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Friday, March 25 - 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Galleria, West Sacramento City Hall
1110 West Capitol Avenue
West Sacramento, CA

WHO: Delta Stewardship Council, staff, presenters and members of the public

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"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