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The agenda and supporting materials for the first of our two February meetings is attached. Some additional handouts may be provided at the meeting. As a reminder, we will also meet on February 23-24.

This meeting will focus on two issues that are major parts of the Delta Plan: flood control and the economic sustainability of the Delta as an evolving place. I expect to spend Thursday morning on flood issues and the rest of the day and a good portion of Friday on the Delta. Time for public comment on all agenda items will also be available on both days.

Department of Water Resources Draft Central Valley Flood Protection Plan

(Agenda Item 6a)

Staff from DWR will discuss the recently released Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, which describes a vision for improving integrated flood management in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley for those areas currently protected by the State Plan of Flood Control (SPFC). It should be noted that the geographic scope of the coverage of the CVFPP only covers those portions of the Delta covered by the SPFC, meaning approximately 2/3rds of Delta levees are not addressed by the CVFPP. The effects of system wide improvements directed by the CVFPP and the potential of redirected impacts to areas within the Delta are of interest to the Delta Stewardship Council.

Department of Water Resources Levees Program (Agenda Item 6b)

As I told you at our January meeting, responding to the Council's request, DWR has sent us maps detailing current basic Delta levee conditions. Although DWR staff is unable to brief us at this meeting, I have included the Delta-wide maps to give you a better understanding of how Delta levee conditions compare with those described in the preceding item (6a) and as preface to our discussion of the Delta Protection Commission's proposal to sustain the Delta as an evolving place (Item 7a). The maps include two Delta-wide maps; one depicting those islands whose levees meet the HMP (Hazard Mitigation Plan) guidance criteria, and another depicting those islands whose levees meet the PL 84-99 (Public Law 84-99) standard. Each map also denotes the extent to which those islands meet or do not meet their respective levee criteria.

"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."

Review of Delta Protection Commission’s Proposal to Sustain the Delta as an Evolving Place (Agenda Item 7a)

The Delta Reform Act requires that the Delta Protection Commission (DPC) develop and submit to the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC), for incorporation into the Delta Plan, a proposal to protect, enhance, and sustain the unique cultural, historical, recreational, agricultural, and economic values of the Delta as an evolving place, in a manner consistent with the coequal goals. The DPC’s proposal includes, among other things, a plan for the designation of the Delta as a place of special significance as well as a plan for regional economic sustainability. The proposal is intended to inform the Council as it deliberates about how the Delta Plan can achieve the coequal goals in manner that protects the unique values of the Delta. The Delta Reform Act states that the DPC is the appropriate agency to identify and provide these recommendations to the DSC because it is an existing forum for Delta residents to engage in decisions regarding actions to recognize and enhance the resources of the Delta.

The February 9-10 meeting will be in the West Sacramento City Hall Galleria, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. If I can answer any questions or provide any information, please contact me at (916) 445-4500 or jgrindstaff@deltacouncil.ca.gov

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