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To: Delta Stewardship Council Members
From: Christopher Knopp, Executive Officer
Subject: Council Meeting on April 25, 2013

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The April 25, 2013 Council meeting will be held at the Double Tree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA 95815. The agenda and supporting materials for the meeting are attached. Some additional handouts may be provided at the meeting.

Discussion of Delta Plan Executive Summary (Agenda Item 6)

Author John Hart is preparing a revised Delta Plan Executive Summary for Council review. The revised version is intended to also serve as a “stand alone” outreach document for the Delta Plan that will appeal to a lay audience. The revised version will provide background on the Delta, capture Delta Plan goals and objectives, and summarize the Plan’s policies and recommendations.

Delta Plan Implementation Strategy (Agenda Item 7)

Delta Stewardship Council staff will discuss with the Council the strategy for the Delta Plan’s implementation. To stimulate Council discussion of priorities for implementation, staff would like to introduce two panels – one of water policy experts, another of leaders in agencies with responsibilities for implementing the Delta Plan. The panels will share their ideas about important considerations in implementing the plan. The discussion will include: 1) a summarization of the major tasks that the Council has committed to undertake in the Delta Plan; 2) a description of the Delta Plan Implementation Committee, including its responsibilities and membership; and 3) reviews of the Delta Reform Act’s provisions relevant to the Delta Plan’s implementation.

Lead Scientist’s Report (Agenda Item 8)

DSC Lead Scientist Dr. Peter Goodwin will brief the Council on four items including: 1) highlights from the latest issue of the *San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Journal*; 2) an overview of California Water and Environmental Modeling Forum (CWEMF) Annual Meeting and the Interagency Ecological Program (IEP) Annual Workshop; 3) a summary of current numbers relevant to Delta water and environmental management; and 4) the recommendations provided to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on the Bay-Delta Plan Phase 2 Update.

“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

Delta Science Plan (Agenda Item 9)

DSC Lead Scientist Dr. Peter Goodwin will provide the Council with a report on the progress towards development of a Delta Science Plan. This plan is a recommendation in the Final Draft Delta Plan (Recommendation G R1). The Draft Delta Plan recommends that the Delta Science Program develop a Delta Science Plan that addresses among other items, a collaborative institutional and organizational structure for conducting science in the Delta. The update includes an updated annotated outline for the Delta Science Plan and a schedule for its brief overview of the outline of the Science Plan and is a schedule for its accelerated completion.

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 chris.knopp@deltacouncil.ca.gov