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To: Delta Stewardship Council Members
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Subject: Council Meeting on July 25, 2013

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The July 25, 2013 Council meeting will be held at the Sheraton Grand Hotel, 1230 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. The agenda and supporting materials for the meeting are attached.

Our first item of business will be to go into a Closed Session to discuss pending litigation regarding the Delta Plan. This will be an important discussion, and I expect it will take about the first 90 minutes of the meeting.

When we reconvene in open session, the meeting will begin with a continuation of the discussion we began in June about the current dry year conditions and the impacts they have on the Delta and the reliability of California's water supply. A panel of state and local officials will brief the Council on what current drought conditions mean, what emergency measures are in place or could be triggered, planning for drought outreach in general, and how the cutbacks will likely affect water agencies south and north of the Delta.

The open session's second major item is first an oversight session about implementation of the Delta Plan, focusing on the plan's provisions about habitat restoration. The Council will receive the Delta Independent Science Board's report about the scientific research, monitoring, and assessment programs that support adaptive management of habitat restoration in the Delta. In addition, staff has requested reports from several agencies about their activities to restore habitat, especially tidal marshes, as called for in the Delta Plan. This will be an opportunity for the Council to ask questions about the progress being made in implementing the Delta Plan's recommendations or to provide direction to staff about additional steps it should take to help the Council in its oversight role.

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

"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