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To: Delta Stewardship Council Members

From: Jessica Pearson, Executive Officer

Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting on July 25, 2014

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The format for our July meeting will be slightly different: a one-day meeting on Friday instead of Thursday. This is to accommodate a couple of panelists who are coming from out of town and are only available that day. The meeting will be held at the Park Tower Plaza, 980 Ninth Street, 2nd Floor, in Sacramento, and the agenda and supporting materials are attached. Some additional handouts may be provided at the meeting.

This month we will focus in part on what science says regarding how Delta outflows and interior Delta flows should or could be adjusted to maintain the viability of the estuary as both a reliable source of water supply and as an ecological habitat. Earlier this year the Delta Science Program commissioned two independent workshop panels to identify the best available science that would assist the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) with its task in making flow decisions. Representatives from the panels and the Water Board will brief the Council. This work is a great example of the type of science support our organization provides, and also goes to support implementation of a specific Delta Plan recommendation to the Board on the update of their Water Quality Control Plan for the Delta.

In addition, California's persistent drought and low reservoir levels are raising the risk of increased salinity levels in the Delta. Managing salinity levels has routinely been done through the use of increased flows. A panel of experts will discuss with the Council the potential impacts facing the Delta and what challenges water flow managers face when water conditions are particularly dire.

We'll also have an update on implementing the performance measures in the Delta Plan and on the progress of getting the Delta Levee Investment Strategy underway.

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.

"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