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From: Jessica R. Pearson, Executive Officer
Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting on September 25, 2014

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The upcoming one-day Council meeting will be held at the Park Tower Plaza, 980 Ninth Street, 2nd Floor, in Sacramento. The agenda and supporting materials are attached, and some additional handouts may be provided at the meeting.

Among the things we'll discuss are two of our 2014 priorities – implementing the Science Plan and developing the Delta Levee Investment Strategy. First we'll go over the Draft Interim Science Action Agenda (ISAA) that was released for public comment on Sept. 9, 2014. Organized around 17 priority science areas for sustained or new investment, this agenda is a compilation of science actions and shared priorities that agencies believe are essential to deal with Delta issues over the next two years. This document is a key early step for implementing the vision of the Delta Science Plan – *One Delta, One Science*. Written public comments on both the ISAA and its associated Matrix of science actions are being sought through Oct. 7, 2014.

The second priority we'll discuss is the Delta Levee Investment Strategy draft issue paper that provides background on the state's past and current approaches to investing in Delta levees and tees up some foundational policy questions for the Council to consider.

Staff also is recommending that you approve the addition of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to the core membership of the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC). We believe the addition of USGS will strengthen connections with our federal partners and allow the DPIIC to better integrate the implementation of the California Water Action Plan and the federal activities in the Delta with the ongoing implementation of the Delta Plan and the Delta Science Plan.

I also want to highlight that we will preview the 8th Biennial Bay-Delta Science Conference to be held on Oct. 28-30, 2014 in Sacramento. Our October meeting will be held at the Conference and I hope you will come early to attend the sessions. Elaine will be contacting you about that. The Council's Science Program hosts the Conference in partnership with USGS, with the goal of presenting new scientific information, analysis and syntheses to the broad community involved in Bay-Delta issues.

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