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Date: January 15, 2014
To: Delta Stewardship Council Members
From: Christopher Knopp, Executive Officer
Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting on January 23, 2014

The upcoming Council meeting will be held on the second floor of the Park Tower Plaza, 980 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. The agenda and supporting materials are attached. Some additional handouts may be provided at the meeting.

Our one-day January meeting has a busy agenda and includes three items that deal with ecosystem restoration, one of the priority focus areas we discussed at last month's meeting. We'll start with a discussion on the relative importance of restoring tidal marshes in the Delta to increase the food web for fish species. Dr. Bruce Herbold, a retired biologist with the US EPA, will present conclusions from a June, 2013 symposium at UC, Davis that examined the topic. The Council will also be reviewing the second in a series of issue papers, this one dealing with "Restoring Habitat with Science and Society in Mind". Third, we'll discuss the science program's role in assisting the State Lands Commission with a study analyzing the effectiveness of on-shore ballast water treatment as a way to reduce the potential for invasive species in the Delta.

There will also be a panel discussion on how the current drought conditions in California may affect management of the state's water supplies and environmental water flows. Bill Croyle, a supervising engineer from the Department of Water Resources, Delta Watermaster Craig Wilson, and Deputy Operations Manager Paul Fujitani with the Bureau of Reclamation will inform the Council on the decisions being made to salvage reservoir supplies and the consequences those decisions may have on furthering the achievement of the coequal goals.

Finally, as you may know, Phil Isenberg will conclude his four-year term as Chair of the DSC with the January meeting. He has been serving as Chair since the Council's inception in April, 2010 and has led the organization through the development and adoption of both the Interim Plan in August, 2010 and the Delta Plan in May, 2013. Although stepping down from his position, Chair Isenberg will continue serving as a Council member. His gubernatorial appointment lasts another two years.

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