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The agenda and supporting material for our seventeenth meeting is attached. Some additional handouts may be provided at the meeting.

Unlike the majority of our Council meetings, July's session will be limited to one day only, Friday, July 29, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday's agenda is full of issues and the pace will be intense. It will include a discussion on the East Bay MUD Aqueduct Levees Project, contract changes to complete the Delta Plan (something we first reviewed in 2010), and the Lead Scientist's Report (which will include an update on Delta Smelt). There will also be an update on the Council meeting schedule for the rest of the year. Although we have a somewhat lighter schedule in July and August, it is likely that September, October and November will be two-day sessions (perhaps twice a month). Most of Friday will be consumed by an in-depth discussion on the development of the Delta Plan, in particular Chapter 9 of the fourth staff draft – the Finance Chapter.

Council Meeting Schedule Update for the Rest of 2011 (Agenda Item 4e)

As we fine tune the fifth staff draft of the Delta Plan, and the accompanying draft Environmental Impact Report, we find that there must be an adjustment to the Council's meeting schedule. The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) remains in review by our attorneys and consultants. That means we anticipate a public hearing in August about the EIR, and September, October and November will be for final reviews and adjustments to the Delta Plan. As always it is necessary to ensure the development process remains transparent and that all stakeholders are fully aware of the updated comment periods.

East Bay Municipal Utilities District Aqueduct Levee Projects (Agenda Item 7)

As the successor to the California Bay-Delta Authority, the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) will take action on this proposal, which the DSC received in May 2010. The money comes from existing Proposition 1E funds (the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Act of 2006), which was enacted before the DSC came into existence. In 2010 the Council approved

"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

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payment of the design and environmental evaluations for ten (10) projects. Five (5) of those projects are returning and ask for approval to fund construction. The projects propose to improve levees that protect islands upon which the East Bay Municipal Utility District's Mokelumne Aqueduct traverses.

Delta Plan Development (Agenda Items 9)

The fourth staff draft of the Delta Plan was posted on the DSC website on June 14, 2011. At its July 29 meeting, the Council will focus on Chapter 9, the Finance section. A panel of experts will be available to discuss Delta Plan financing issues with the Council. Traditional and innovative financing approaches will be discussed.

The July meeting is once again being held within the legal boundaries of the Delta. It will be in the first floor Galleria of the West Sacramento City Hall. The address is 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento. If I can answer any questions or provide any information, please contact me at (916) 445-4500 or jgrindstaff@deltacouncil.ca.gov