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To: Delta Stewardship Council Members  
From: Joe Grindstaff, Executive Officer  
Subject: Meeting, March 29-30, 2012

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The agenda and supporting materials for the second of our two March meetings are attached. Some additional handouts may be provided at the meeting.

**Lead Scientist Report** (Agenda Item 6a)

This will be the first report from the DSC's new Lead Scientist, Dr. Peter Goodwin. His report will include four items: 1) a review of the 2012 Delta Science Fellows Program 2) Phase 2 of the Delta Science Program's independent panel review of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan Effects Analysis; 3) the latest issue of the DSC-supported online journal, *San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Science*; and 4) upcoming Delta-related science events including the California Water & Ecosystem Monitoring Forum annual meeting and Interagency Ecological Program annual workshop.

**Report from Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy** (Agenda Item 7a)

The Delta Reform Act requires the Delta Conservancy to develop a strategic plan to meet its statutory goals of environmental protection and economic development in the Delta. The Conservancy is presenting its draft plan to the Delta Stewardship Council because the Delta Reform Act requires that its plan be consistent with the Delta Plan. The Conservancy's draft plan is directly relevant to the Delta Plan's chapters on ecosystem restoration and *Delta as a Place*.

I expect the Council will complete discussion of these reports Thursday morning.

**Delta Plan** (Agenda Item 9)

Staff is seeking direction from the Council in the development of the final staff draft of the Delta Plan in response to comments received from stakeholders and the EIR's analysis of plan alternatives' environmental effects. To facilitate this discussion, staff will present a report with relevant 5<sup>th</sup> staff draft Delta Plan text, related comments from representative stakeholders and revisions to the draft plan in response to these comments. When practical, several alternative revisions in response to key comments have been developed. The report also identifies key

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*"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

comments on other parts of the plan that the staff anticipates can be addressed in the final staff draft of the Delta Plan without significant controversy.

**Public Comment** Time for public comment on all agenda items will also be available on both days.

The March 29-30 meeting will be in the Community Room of the West Sacramento Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This is *across the street* from the West Sacramento City Hall. If I can answer any questions or provide any information, please contact me at (916) 445-4500 or [jgrindstaff@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:jgrindstaff@deltacouncil.ca.gov)

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