

Election of New Chair and Vice Chair

Requested Action: The Delta Reform Act requires the Council to elect a full-time chair to serve up to a four-year term. Current Chair Phil Isenberg was elected by the Delta Stewardship Council at the inaugural meeting on April 1, 2010 to serve a four-year term. Randy Fiorini has been serving as Vice Chair since April 22, 2010. At the January meeting the Council will elect a new Chair from among its members and may consider selection of a new Vice Chair (Water Code §85200(e) and Water Code §85201(a)).

Recommendation

In setting the structure of the Delta Stewardship Council the Delta Reform Act included limits on how long an individual board member can serve in the position of Chair (§85200(e)). Furthermore, the Council adopted meeting procedures in April 2010 which limit the term of Vice Chair to four years.

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The new Chair and new Vice Chair can serve up to four years in their new capacity, or the limit of their appointed term, whichever is shorter. The Chair of the Council is a full-time position (§85201(a)).

Background

When the Legislature established the Delta Stewardship Council in 2009 it did so in recognition of the need for dedicated leadership and focus in managing the Delta as a valuable state resource. The coequal goals were created in law and the Council was given the responsibility of developing a legally-enforceable long term management plan to further achievement of the two goals. Notably, the Legislature decided to make the Chair of the Council a full-time position. This is unusual, although also the structure of the California Air Resources Board. The full-time status of the position differentiates the structure of the Council from most other state boards and commissions and underscores the importance of full-time policy leadership on these important issues.

The Delta Reform Act limits the length of the term of Chair to four years. Delta Stewardship Council adopted meeting procedures (April 22, 2010) further limiting the term of Vice Chair to four years.

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Attachment 1: Relevant Delta Reform Act Code Section §85200

Attachment 2: Delta Stewardship Council Meeting Procedures (Adopted April 22, 2010)

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