

## **Direction on Next Steps in Completing Levee Investment Prioritization**

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**Summary:** The Delta Stewardship Council is directed to develop, and include in the Delta Plan, priorities for State investments in Delta levees per Water Code Sections 85305(a) and 85306. The draft Delta Plan and proposed rulemaking package include interim priorities for Delta levee investments. However further studies are needed to gather the information necessary to update the prioritization of levee investments (the criteria for which are in a recommendation in the Delta Plan). A draft motion has been prepared for the Council's consideration which directs staff to undertake the necessary studies to complete the investment prioritization.

**Requested Action:** Staff requests that the Council approve the draft motion.

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### **Background**

At the March 2013 Delta Stewardship Council meeting, the Council directed that certain modifications be made to the proposed regulation (§5012) regarding the prioritization of State investments in Delta levees, with the following directives:

- (1) Develop a new Delta Plan recommendation incorporating the descriptive material describing the process and timeline for updating state investment priorities for Delta levees that was removed from the previously proposed policy, and
- (2) Present to the Council a draft motion directing staff to undertake a series of actions to complete the study necessary to satisfy the prioritization of State investments in Delta levees per Water Code Sec. 85305 (a), 85306.

Step (1) has been completed with a draft revision of the Delta Plan, and step (2) is addressed with this proposed motion. The descriptive material removed from the proposed regulation §5012 has been crafted into a draft recommendation for inclusion into Chapter 7 of the Delta Plan.

The proposed motion outlines the critical elements to be addressed within the studies to be developed and managed by staff. To date, DSC staff has been working with their counterparts at the Department of Water Resources to confirm the scope of the effort, and develop the structure necessary to develop and manage the contracts that will facilitate the work.

**Agenda Item:** 7  
**Meeting Date:** May 16-17, 2013  
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**List of Attachments**

Attachment 1: Draft Motion for Levee Investment Prioritization

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