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-- MEETING NOTICE --
MEETING OF THE DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
Thursday, March 27, 2014 and Friday, March 28, 2014
West Sacramento City Hall Galleria
1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California 95691

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AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL, ALL ITEMS APPEARING ON THIS AGENDA, WHETHER OR NOT EXPRESSLY LISTED FOR ACTION, MAY BE DELIBERATED UPON AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO ACTION.

Thursday, March 27, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

2. **Roll Call – Establish a Quorum (Water Code §85210.5)**

Approx Time: 9:05

3. **Closed Executive Session – (Not Open to the Public) (Action Item)**
   Litigation: Delta Stewardship Council Cases, Coordinated Proceeding JCCP No. 4758 (Government Code §11126 (e)(2)(a),(e)(2)(B)(i))

   Closed Executive Session – (Not Open to the Public) (Action Item)
   Personnel Matter: (Government Code §11126 (a)(1))

Approx Time: 10:05

4. **Reconvene Open Session**

5. **Chair's Report**

6. **Executive Officer's Report (Information Item)**
   a. **Legislative Update**
   b. **Update on the Development of Implementation Committee**
   c. **Quarterly Contract Update**

7. **Lead Scientist's Report (Water Code §85280) (Information Item)**

8. **Adoption of February 27, 2014 Meeting Summary (Action Item)**

9. **Department of Water Resources' Delta Flood Emergency Facilities Improvement Project (Action Item)**
   The Council will consider approval of the Department of Water Resources' Delta Flood Emergency Facilities Improvement Project. Per Water Code §83002(a)(1) the Council is required to approve projects or programs funded through the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 1E). The purpose of the Council's approval is to confirm this project's consistency with the criteria established in Water Code §83002(a)(1). The Council will receive an update on this project from DWR and will hear from Sacramento and San Joaquin County representatives on the importance of this project for emergency response in the Delta. Council staff has reviewed the project's Environmental Impact Report and findings on the project's compliance with CEQA are included in this report.

10. **Near-Term Project Impediments: Coalition for Delta Projects Report (Information Item)**
    The Council will receive an update on the Coalition's activities in 2012-14. Project proponents will highlight several important projects and the common barriers to progress.

11. **Sustainable Communities Strategies and their Consistency with the Delta Plan (Information Item)**
    A Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) describes how jobs and housing will be integrated with transportation in a way that reduces driving and its associated greenhouse gas emissions. The Council is required to review SCSs for consistency with the Delta Plan. Council staff will provide an update on the three SCSs that contain land in the Delta and staff of the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) will brief the Council on its draft Regional Transportation Plan and SCS, which was recently released for public comment.

12. **Public Comment**

3:30 p.m. **ADJOURN FOR THE DAY**

DAY 2: Friday, March 28, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. 13. **Call to Order**

14. **Roll Call – Establish Quorum (Water Code §85210.5)**

15. **Progress Report on the Collaborative Science and Adaptive Management Process (Information Item)**
    Following the recent submittal of a Joint Status Report by the parties involved in the Collaborative Science and Adaptive Management Process, the U.S. District Court issued another one-year extension to the Biological Opinion remand order. This will enable the Collaborative Adaptive Management Team (CAMT) to move forward with scoping, conducting, and reviewing agreed upon science investigations, following in large part the recommendations contained in the Delta Science Plan and the Adaptive Management steps of the Delta Plan. The two co-chairs of the CAMT, Dr. Valerie Connor (SFCWA) and Mr. Leo Winternitz (formerly with TNC), will provide a brief presentation of how the Delta Science Program is envisioned to assist with a relevant, credible, and transparent joint fact-finding process that could ultimately inform revisions to the Biological Opinions.

16. **Lessons from Coordination Efforts in the Delta (Information Item)**
Much of the work to implement the Delta Plan requires a collaborative effort between state, federal and local agencies and stakeholders. The Council will hear presentations and discuss some large collaborative projects such as the Cosumnes River Preserve, the Lower Yolo Bypass Working Group and the Water Quality Monitoring Council.

17. **Public Comment**

18. **Preparation for Next Council Meeting – Discuss (a) expected agenda items; (b) new work assignments for staff; (c) requests of other agencies; (d) other requests from Council members; and (e) confirm next meeting date.**

12:00 p.m. ADJOURN

NOTE: Times listed on the agenda are approximate only. Item could be heard earlier or later as business is completed.

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