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MEETING AGENDA
MEETING OF THE DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Meeting Date:

April 30 – May 1, 2020

Start Time:

9:00 AM both days

In accordance with the Governor’s Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020, and the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020, the Delta Stewardship Council will continue to provide opportunities for remote participation by Councilmembers, staff, and the public with prudent measures to reduce community transmission of COVID-19.

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Day 1 (April 30, 2020)

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (approximate)

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Roll Call – Establish a Quorum (Water Code §85210.5)**
3. **Closed Executive Session: Litigation (Not Open to the Public) (Action Item)**
The Council may discuss litigation matters pursuant to Government Code §11126 (e)(2)(A), (e)(2)(B)(i), and/or (e)(2)(C)(i), including: (a) Delta Stewardship Council Cases, Coordinated Proceeding JCCP No. 4758; (b) North Coast Rivers Alliance, et al. v. Delta Stewardship Council, Sacramento County Superior Ct. No. 34-2018-80002898; and (c) Takahashi v. Delta Stewardship Council, Sacramento County Superior Ct. No. 34-2018-00232084.

(This closed session is authorized under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e).)
4. **Reconvene Open Session**
5. **Roll Call – Re-establish a Quorum (Water Code §85210.5)**
6. **Chair’s Report (Information Item)**
 - a) **Introduction of New Councilmember Daniel Zingale**
7. **Executive Officer’s Report**
The Executive Officer will provide an update on the Council’s activities and provide the Council with the Outreach Highlights Report and Active Projects List.
 - a) **Legal Update (Information Item)**
 - b) **Legislative Update (Action Item)**
The Council will discuss current legislation that could affect the Council and/or implementation of the Delta Plan and may take action to express support, opposition, or seek to amend any of the bills listed in the monthly legislative report.
 - c) **Quarterly Contract and Budget Update (Information Item)**
The Council will receive the 4th quarter report on the FY 2019 budget and contracts.



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8. Consent Calendar (Action Item)

Items for consent calendar are expected to be routine and non-controversial. The Council will be asked to approve items on the consent calendar at one time without discussion. If any councilmember, staff, or interested person requests that an item be removed from the consent calendar, it will be removed. Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent agenda or placed later on the agenda at the discretion of the chair.

a) Adoption of March 26, 2020 Meeting Summary

b) Contract with the University of California, Davis to Fund San Francisco Estuary & Watershed Science (SFEWS)

Attachment 1: Estimated Budget Summary

c) Amendment of an Interagency Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources for Information Technology Services

d) Amendment of an Agreement with Aquatic Science Center for Integrated Modeling Support

9. Lead Scientist's Report (Information Item)

Dr. John Callaway will report on recent advances in Delta science and research. The Council will also receive a presentation on the Delta Social Science Task Force's final report.

Attachment 1: By the Numbers Summary (provided on meeting day)

Attachment 2: Visual abstract - Impacts of Human Activities on Estuary Juvenile Salmon

Attachment 3: FAQ for Science Review and Advice Services (provided on meeting day)

10. Delta Independent Science Board Update (Information Item)

Chair of the Delta Independent Science Board, Dr. Elizabeth Canuel, will provide an update on the activities of the Delta Independent Science Board.

Attachment 1: Summary of the Delta ISB's Review on the Interagency Ecological Program

Attachment 2: Summary of the Delta Monitoring Enterprise Review Component 1

Attachment 3: Delta ISB Memorandum – Preparing for Accelerating and Uncertain Environmental Change

Attachment 4: Delta ISB Letter to Department of Water Resources Regarding Notice of Preparation for the Delta Conveyance Project

11. Appointment of Delta Lead Scientist (Water Code §85280(b)) (Action Item)

Based on the recommendation from the Delta Independent Science Board, the Council will consider appointment of a new Lead Scientist for the Delta Science Program.

Attachment 1: Letter of Recommendation from the Delta ISB



12. Public Comment

Day 2 (May 1, 2020)

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (approximate)

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Roll Call – Establish a Quorum (Water Code §85210.5)
3. Consideration of Authorization to Commence California Environmental Quality Act Review of the Draft Ecosystem Amendment as the Proposed Project
(Action Item)

Council staff will present a revised draft amendment to Chapter 4 of the Delta Plan. The presentation will summarize the comments received and discuss how comments were addressed in the revised May 2020 draft. The Council will then consider authorization to initiate environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) using the revised May 2020 draft as the proposed project. proposed project.

Attachment 1: Summary of Comments Received and Staff Responses

Attachment 2: May 2020 Draft Chapter 4, Protect, Restore, and Enhance the Delta Ecosystem (which includes policies and recommendations)

Attachment 3: May 2020 Draft Regulatory Requirements to Demonstrate Consistency with Regulatory

Policies and New Definitions. Appendix 3A, Appendix 4A, and Definitions

Attachment 4: May 2020 Draft Appendix 8A. Priority Locations to Evaluate Physical Expansion of Channel Width

Attachment 5: May 2020 Draft Appendix Q1. Methods Used to Update Ecosystem Restoration Maps Using New Digital Elevation Model and Tidal Data

Attachment 6: May 2020 Draft Appendix Q2. Key Considerations and Best Available Science for Protecting, Restoring, and Enhancing the Delta Ecosystem

Attachment 7: May 2020 Draft Appendix Q3. Identifying, Mapping, and Quantifying Opportunities for Landscape-Scale Restoration in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta

Attachment 8: May 2020 Draft Appendix Q4. Conservation and Recovery Plan Target Species

Attachment 9: May 2020 Draft Appendix E. Performance Measures for the Delta Plan **Attachment 10:**

May 2020 Draft Performance Measure Datasheets

Attachment 11: May 2020 Draft Amendments to Chapter 4 Policies & Recommendations, Redlined Relative to Existing Chapter 4 Policies and Recommendations

4. Public Comment
5. Preparation for Next Council Meeting



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NOTE: *The times for subject discussion, action, or adjournment, are approximate only unless otherwise noted. Should the Council complete its business under any agenda item, it will move on to the next agenda item. Should the Council complete its full agenda for a meeting day before the scheduled adjournment time, and no member of the public wishes to provide further testimony, the Council meeting will adjourn early.*

- *Your comments are important to each member of the Council and staff.*
- *Correspondence received by regular mail or email before 12:00 p.m. the day before a Council meeting will be distributed to members in advance of the meeting. Correspondence received after 12:00 p.m. will be distributed to the members at the start of the meeting or when received.*
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