Our meeting this month will be conducted remotely per Governor’s Executive Orders N-25-20 issued March 12, 2020, and N-29-20 issued March 17, 2020. The Council continues to prioritize opportunities for remote participation by the public while also undertaking measures to reduce community transmission of COVID-19. Please see the meeting notice for details.

This month the Council will hear updates relevant to its workplan and be asked to take action on two contracts.

Delta Science Program staff will provide a report on progress updating the 2022 – 2026 Science Action Agenda. State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) staff will present on the recent Water Board and Department of Water Resources actions to implement landmark water conservation laws from 2018. Finally, representatives from the Department of Water Resources and Delta Conveyance and Construction Authority will return to provide the Council with an update on the Delta Conveyance Project.

The two contracts before the Council at the August meeting embody and deepen the collaborative nature of the work we do at the Council, and are key implementation actions for our workplan. The Council will be asked to take action on a contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to accept and administer funding in support of the 2020 Delta Science Research Proposal Solicitation; this would build on the success of the 2018 solicitation. The Council will also be asked to take action on a contract with the Association of Bay Area Governments to support the Council’s ongoing collaboration with the San Francisco Estuary Partnership, which supports our science review and science communication efforts.

If I can answer any questions or provide any other information in advance of the meeting, please contact me at (916) 445-4500 or jessica.pearson@deltacouncil.ca.gov.

“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