



Delta Stewardship Council

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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 18, 2021
To: Delta Stewardship Councilmembers
From: Jessica R. Pearson, Executive Officer
Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting – February 25, 2021*

Please join me in welcoming Christy Smith to the Council. A former Assemblymember from Santa Clarita, Christy was appointed to the Council by Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon. She replaces Mike Gatto, whom I want to thank for the fresh perspective and expertise he brought to the Council from many years serving in the California Assembly. I wish him all the best moving forward.

This month's meeting provides an opportunity to look forward to the work to come in 2021. Council staff and I will provide an overview of the upcoming year and highlight the Council's 2021 priorities. This meeting will also be an opportunity to receive updates on Delta-related activities and kick-off one of those Council priorities.

First, the Council will hear from Delta Watermaster Michael George. He will provide an update on his office's 2021 workplan and water management efforts in the Delta. I always learn something from his presentation and look forward to hearing what's in store for 2021.

The Council will also hear from representatives of the San Francisco Estuary Institute on the Council-funded Delta Landscapes Scenario Planning Tool (DLSPT). The DLSPT is an online, map-based tool that supports science-based adaptive management by projecting the impacts of user-designed land-use scenarios in the Delta, a critical need for Delta stakeholders involved in land planning and project management. The impacts evaluated by the DLSPT allow users to compare the relative costs and benefits of alternative land-use scenarios or consider which alternative best achieves desired outcomes.

** This month's meeting 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.*

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Council staff will then provide an update on the public review draft Vulnerability Assessment for Delta Adapts. The agenda item also offers the public an opportunity to provide comments directly to the Council for consideration before finalizing the Vulnerability Assessment.

Lastly, this meeting will serve as a kick-off to develop a key action outlined in the 2019 Delta Plan Five-Year Review, an environmental justice issue paper. The issue paper will inform potential future actions to address environmental justice and better serve disadvantaged communities. Staff will outline the next steps for the issue paper and seeks your feedback on the goals and process.

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.