Happy new year! The beginning of a new year presents an opportunity for reflection. This month, in your packets, is the Council's 2021 Annual Report highlighting the progress made on our 2021 priorities. I am proud of all that the Council and staff have accomplished this year and look forward to what should be a busy and productive 2022.

During this month's meeting, as requested by the Council, Special Assistant for Planning and Science Amanda Bohl will provide an update on the development of the Environmental Justice Issue Paper. The issue paper seeks to inform the Council's potential future actions to address environmental justice and better serve disadvantaged communities in pursuit of the coequal goals.

The Council will also be asked to approve a letter to the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) regarding Bay Adapt, BCDC's sea level rise adaptation initiative for the Bay Area. The letter expresses support and highlights the current and future coordination between Bay Adapt and Delta Adapts, our climate adaptation strategy for the Delta.

We will also receive an update from the Delta Watermaster, Michael Patrick George, on his office's activities. Lastly, staff from the California Department of Water Resources and Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority will provide an update on the Delta Conveyance Project's progress.

If I can answer any questions or provide any other information in advance of the January 27 meeting, please contact me at (916) 445-4500 or jessica.pearson@deltacouncil.ca.gov.

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1 This month's meeting will be conducted remotely per Assembly Bill 361 (Government Code §11133). 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.