



Delta Stewardship Council

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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 17, 2022

To: Delta Stewardship Councilmembers

From: Jessica R. Pearson, Executive Officer

Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting – March 24, 2022¹

I want to start with a thank you to our recent chair, Susan Tatayon. Susan has retired from the State, and I want to thank her for her service on the Council for the past eight years, and her leadership as vice-chair and the last three years as chair. Susan was steadfast in her focus on nature-based solutions, a tenet which continues to underpin the work of the Council and Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee.

I want to warmly welcome our newest Councilmember, Julie Lee. Julie was appointed by Governor Newsom on March 3, 2022, and joins us having served as Undersecretary of the California Government Operations Agency since 2018. I look forward to getting to know Julie and working with her on the Council. Governor Newsom has also reappointed councilmember Damrell, and we welcome his continued experience and leadership on our board.

This month's meeting focuses on the public hearing regarding the two appeals received for the revised certification of consistency number C202110 submitted by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the Lookout Slough Tidal Habitat Restoration and Flood Improvement Project. After our Closed Session, the hearing has a noticed start time of approximately 10:00 AM. The revised certification of consistency addresses the Council's findings on Appeal in its Determination dated July 16, 2021, for Certification Number C20215. The hearing will include presentations from the Delta Protection Commission, the Appellants, and DWR. Public comment will be taken after the presentations. The Council will

¹ *This month's meeting will be conducted remotely per Assembly Bill 361 (Government Code §11133) and the Governor's Executive Order N-1-22. 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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then consider the issues on appeal and may take action to dismiss issues on appeal and/or direct staff to prepare findings on non-dismissed issues for the Council's consideration within 60 days of the hearing.

In addition to the hearing, the Council will consider and may take action to delegate authority to amend agreements for ministerial issues and increase the current delegation of authority for approving and amending agreements.

Lastly, Delta Lead Scientist Dr. Laurel Larsen will recommend the appointment of three new members to the Delta Independent Science Board, and the Council may appoint new members. These appointments play a crucial role in supporting best available science in the advancement of the Delta Plan.

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.