



Delta Stewardship Council

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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 17, 2022
To: Delta Stewardship Councilmembers
From: Jessica R. Pearson, Executive Officer
Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting – May 26, 2022

This month's meeting includes a long-awaited tour of the Delta! I look forward to spending the day with you as we have the experience to see the landscape and hear from state and local experts to inform the Council's work. I want to extend my deep appreciation to Delta Watermaster Michael George and U.S. Geological Survey Supervisory Hydrologist Jon Burau for their assistance in planning this tour and for serving as our tour guides for the day.

Before we leave for our tour, we will first take care of some business items in the California Natural Resources Building, Room 221. This will include consideration of two contract amendments, with AECOM and Stantec Consulting Services, inc., respectively, and one new contract with the University of California, Davis. We will also hold an election for a new Council chair.

After the initial business portion of the meeting, the meeting will adjourn, and we will make our way to reconvene the meeting at Brannan Island State Recreation Area (17645 CA-160, Rio Vista, CA 94571). It should be noted that there will not be a quorum of members during any transport between locations throughout the day. At Brannan Island, before boarding the boats, we will reconvene the meeting and hear a Delta Adapts update from Council staff, and Michael George will update us on his office's activities. These updates will inform what we will see on the boat portion of our tour. Please refer to the meeting notice for public accessibility information, including the link to a map from Sacramento to Brannan Island State Recreation Area.

After these updates, at approximately 10:00 am, the meeting will adjourn to commence a tour of the Delta on two separate boats. A quorum of members will not be present on either of the boats. The boat tour will be in two parts. Approximately halfway through the boat tour, the meeting will reconvene after the first part of the boat tour at approximately

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12:00 PM for lunch at Sugar Barge Resort & Marina (1440 Sugar Barge Road, Bethel Island, CA 94511), and to have an open discussion with Michael and Jon about what was seen on the boat tour. Throughout both portions of the tour, each boat will visit Jersey Point, the setback levees along the San Joaquin River, the confluence of the Mokelumne and San Joaquin Rivers, Old River, Franks Tract, the False River Salinity Barrier, Decker Island, the Sacramento River, and the Interagency Ecological Program Science Center. Following the second half of the boat tour, it is expected that the boats will arrive back at the launch point at Brannan Island at approximately 2:00 pm.

Please note that seats for members of the public on the boats are extremely limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Seats are not guaranteed on the boats. If a member of the public is interested in attending the boat portion, please email engage@deltacouncil.ca.gov by 5:00 pm on May 25.

Following the boat portion of the tour, we will travel to Weber Point in Stockton (221 N Center Street, Stockton, CA 95202), where the meeting will reconvene, to meet with members of the Environmental Justice Expert Group, Barbara Barrigan-Parilla from Restore the Delta, and Matt Holmes from Little Manila Rising. The Council meeting will reconvene at approximately 3:00 pm and, following a staff update on the Environmental Justice Issue Paper, Barbara and Matt will each share their perspectives on environmental justice concerns in the Delta and discuss with the Council how to address these concerns. Please refer to the meeting notice for public accessibility information, including the link to a map from Brannan Island State Recreation Area to Weber Point in Stockton.

After the discussion in Stockton, we will adjourn.

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