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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 18, 2025

To: Delta Stewardship Councilmembers

From: Jessica R. Pearson, Executive Officer

Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting – Friday, September 26, 2025

Part of the mission of the Council's Delta Science Program is to synthesize and communicate the current scientific understanding of key issues facing the Bay-Delta. A flagship initiative coordinated by the Delta Science Program to fulfil this role is the State of Bay-Delta Science (SBDS), a series of peer-reviewed publications that distill the extensive body of scientific literature and technical reports to summarize knowledge, identify key knowledge gaps, and share possible next steps to fill those gaps and address management needs. At this month's meeting, the Council will hear from the Council's Delta Science Program staff on the newest edition of SBDS, which focuses on extreme climate and weather events and their effects on the Bay-Delta's ecosystems and people. Articles in the 2025 edition summarize progress made to date on key research questions related to extreme events (droughts, heatwaves, atmospheric rivers and wildfires) and identify important knowledge gaps deserving future scientific study.

Also at this month's meeting, the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) will present on its Delta Smelt and Native Species Preservation Project aimed at improving Delta Smelt survival in the Delta. The presentation will highlight three studies completed on MWD-owned Bouldin Island. Understanding how to recover and protect Delta

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smelt, which are endangered, is important for the health of the Delta ecosystem and for maintaining water operations and water supply reliability.

If I can answer any questions or provide any other information in advance of the meeting, please contact me at (916) 445-5511 or jessica.pearson@deltacouncil.ca.gov.