Delta Stewardship Council Meeting Notice

This meeting will be remote, per Assembly Bill 361 (Government Code §11133).

Meeting Date:
November 18, 2021

Meeting Time:
9:00 AM

Direct Link to Meeting:
Join the meeting as an attendee online via Zoom (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89213303697).

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(669) 900-6833

Webinar ID: 892 1330 3697

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The meeting will be broadcast and archived on Cal-Span.

The agenda items listed below may be considered in a different order pursuant to the Chair’s determination. Any times listed on the agenda are approximate only. At the discretion of the Council, all items appearing on this agenda, whether expressly listed for action, may be deliberated upon and may be subject to action.

Public Comment: Information for providing comments is at the end of this notice. Public comment may be limited to three minutes per person.

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Roll Call – Establish a Quorum (Water Code §85210.5)
3. Consent Calendar (Action Item)

Items for the consent calendar are expected to be routine and non-controversial. The Council will be asked to approve all items on the consent calendar without discussion. If any Council member, staff member, or interested person requests that an item be removed from the consent
calendar, it will be removed. Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent agenda or placed later in the agenda at the Chair’s discretion.

a) Adoption of October 28, 2021, Meeting Summary

b) Consideration and Possible Approval of a Time Only Amendment to a Contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.

The Council will consider approval of an amendment to a contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for support of the completion of the Ecosystem Amendment to the Delta Plan and rulemaking to amend Delta Plan Policy RR P1. Per the staff report, the amendment would extend the contract period by six months, from December 31, 2021, to June 30, 2022, and maintain consultant rates constant at 2020-2021 rates.

4. Chair’s Report (Information Item)

5. Public Comment

The public may comment on any topic not listed on the agenda.

6. Executive Officer’s Report

The Executive Officer will provide an update on the Council’s activities and provide the Council with outgoing correspondence, the Outreach Highlights Report, the Active Projects List, and other relevant documents.

a) Legal Update (Information Item)

b) Legislative Update (Action Item)

The Council may discuss current legislation that could affect the Council and/or implementation of the Delta Plan and may take action to express support, opposition, or seek to amend any of the bills listed in the monthly legislative report.

7. Lead Scientist’s Report (Information Item)

Delta Lead Scientist Dr. Laurel Larsen will update the Council on Delta Science Program activities. The Lead Scientist Report provides the Council with unbiased advice on matters of scientific importance in the Delta. In addition, the monthly report offers an opportunity for discussion of relevant advances in science impacting the Delta and highlights Delta Science Program activities.
8. [10:00 AM] Workshop on the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Amendment of Chapter 4 of the Delta Plan, Protect, Restore, and Enhance the Delta Ecosystem (Ecosystem Amendment) (Workshop)

The Council will receive an overview from staff of the proposed amendment to Chapter 4 of the Delta Plan, Protect, Restore, and Enhance the Delta Ecosystem (Ecosystem Amendment), and the California Environmental Quality Act Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the Ecosystem Amendment (Draft PEIR). The Council will then conduct a workshop to solicit oral comments on the Draft PEIR. The deadline for written comments on the Draft PEIR is November 30, 2021.

9. Carbon Capture and Storage in the Delta (Information Item)

Representatives from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and a Delta landowner will provide background for the Council on the emergence of Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) technology, the possibility of the Delta as a site for CCS, and perspectives of local landowners who might participate in such projects. Several future CCS projects may be covered actions under the Delta Plan.

10. Preparation for Next Council Meeting

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Members of the public shall be provided an opportunity to address the Council on any agenda item (except closed session items) and any item not listed on the agenda (Agenda Item 6). Comments during the public comment period shall be limited to matters within the Council's jurisdiction. Reasonable time limits may be established for public comments (Government Code Section 11125.7). Your comments are important to each member of the Council and staff.

Members of the public interested in providing comments should join the meeting via Zoom and contact the Council Clerk at engage@deltacouncil.ca.gov, or call (916) 798-9817, provide their name and remain on the line. When called on by the Council Chair, Zoom attendees and telephone callers will be unmuted and able to provide oral comments.

All written comments will be distributed to the members and posted to the Council's website alongside the meeting materials on the Council meeting web page. Written comments received by mail or email by noon the day before a
Council meeting will be distributed to members in advance of the meeting and posted online before the meeting. Written comments received after noon the day before a Council meeting will be distributed to the members and posted online with the meeting materials as soon as possible.

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