Delta Stewardship Council Meeting Notice

This meeting will be fully remote without a physical location, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 (Government Code §11133) and the Governor's Executive Order N-1-22.

Meeting Date:
February 24, 2022

Meeting Time:
9:00 AM

Direct Link to Meeting:
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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 councilmember, 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 January 27, 2022, Meeting Summary

b) Consideration and Possible Approval of an Amendment to a Contract with the University of California, Davis

The Council will consider approval of an amendment to a contract with the University of California, Davis, for analysis and publication of acoustic telemetry data. The original contract was approved and awarded as part of the 2018/2019 Delta Science proposal solicitation. Per the staff report, the amendment would extend the contract period by one year, from April 30, 2022, to April 30, 2023, remove a subcontract with the University of Maryland, and adjust the authorized personnel and budget. The total amount of the contract remains the same.

c) Consideration and Possible Approval of an Amendment to a Contract with California Sea Grant

The Council will consider approval of an amendment to a contract with the University of California, San Diego, California Sea Grant, for post-doctoral scholars to support the Delta Independent Science Board. Per the staff report, the amendment would incorporate the names of recently hired “TBD” personnel into the agreement. The total amount of the contract and term remains the same.

4. Chair’s Report

a) Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee Restoration Subcommittee Update (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.

c) Proposed 2022 Delta Stewardship Council Priorities (Information Item)

The Executive Officer and staff will provide an overview of the work plan for the 2022 priorities.

d) Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy and Delta Protection Commission Updates (Information Item)

The Executive Office of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy and Executive Director of the Delta Protection Commission will provide the Council with an update on their agency’s activities and priorities for the upcoming year.

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. Department of Water Resources’ Setback Levee Monitoring Pilot Project (Information Item)

Staff from the California Department of Water Resources will provide a briefing on ongoing work with Cramer Fish Services exploring the effect of various waterside habitats on native fish species. The work could improve habitat restoration and restore fisheries in the Delta.
9. 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 5). 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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