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Proposed Council Meeting Procedure Regulations

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Purpose

The Delta Stewardship Council is considering adopting proposed regulations to **improve** the conduct of its meetings, **enhance** public transparency, and **increase** efficiency.



Why This Matters

Public participation is essential
to the Council's mission.



The Proposed Regulations

Section 5000.10–5000.17

These sections outline meeting procedures, roles of the chair and vice chair, public comment processes, and record-keeping requirements.

It's important to note that Council meetings are subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

Key Highlights

The proposed regulations would codify:

- The ability of the Council to **meet as a committee in the absence of a quorum and bring recommendations** to the full Council at a later date.
- The election, term limits, duties, and roles of the **chair and vice chair**.
- That a **majority vote can overrule** a decision of the chair.
- Current public comment procedures and opportunities. Notably, allowing the chair to set a **reasonable time limit for public comments**.
- The duties and role of the **chief counsel as parliamentarian**.
- The duties and role of the **clerk, as well as the record-keeping for closed sessions**.
- The meeting **minutes, transcripts, and resolutions** as original evidence of Council actions.

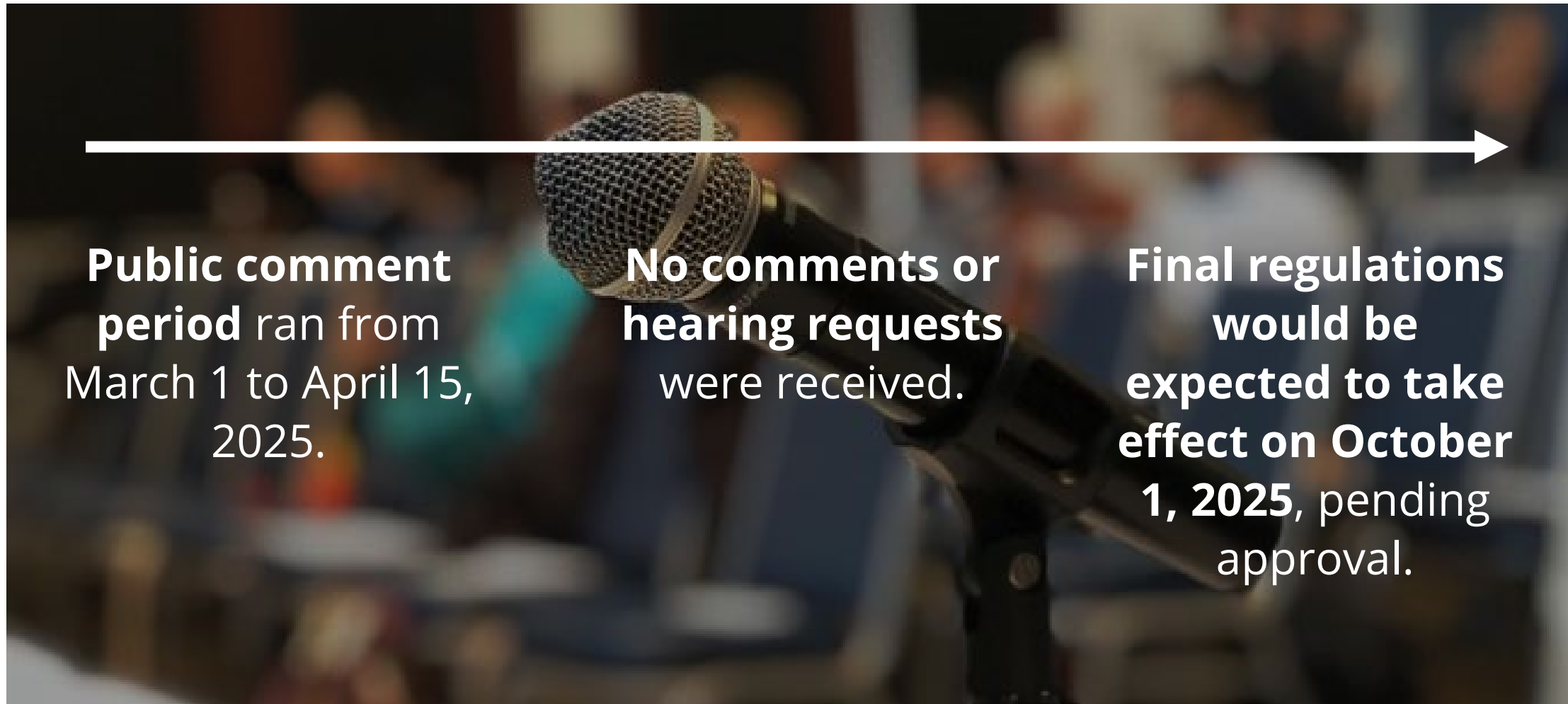
The Objectives & Benefits



Improve meeting efficiency and transparency.

Align practices with legal requirements.

The Rulemaking Process



Staff Recommendation

- Council staff recommends adopting Resolution 2025-06 to **approve the proposed regulations and submit them to OAL for final review.**

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