DPIIC Restoration Subcommittee

Meeting Summary November 13, 2024



DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

The Delta Stewardship Council (Council) established the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC) after adopting the Delta Plan in 2013 and continues to oversee DPIIC activities as required by the Delta Reform Act. The Restoration Subcommittee (Subcommittee) was formed by the 2022 amendment to Chapter Four of the Delta Plan which recommended the formation of a restoration subcommittee to address barriers to restoration in the Delta. Staffed by the Council and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy (Delta Conservancy), Subcommittee members collaborate to support a vision of the Delta that is a mosaic of natural and human communities, is resilient to stressors, adaptable, and accessible for the public.

Meeting materials can be found on the Council's website at https://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/dpiic/meetings.

Attendees

The following Subcommittee members were in attendance:

Delta Stewardship Council Jeff Henderson

Delta Protection Commission Virginia Gardiner

Central Valley Flood Protection Board Jamie Silva

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Campbell Ingram

California Department of Parks and Recreation Edward Hard

State Water Resources Control Board Jay Ziegler

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Amanda Cranford

US Army Corps of Engineers Miranda Doutch

US Bureau of Reclamation Todd Plain

Roll Call and Establish a Quorum

Jeff Henderson called the meeting to order at 9:34 AM on November 13, 2024, welcomed Subcommittee members and attendees, and called for a roll call of Subcommittee members. Nine Subcommittee members were present, which did not constitute a quorum.

Election of Subcommittee Chair

Due to the lack of a quorum, the Subcommittee did not elect a Chair.

Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements

Campbell Ingram welcomed the attendees and gave opening remarks. He asked if the Subcommittee members had any announcements; there were none.

Restoration Opportunities in the South Delta

Morelli Park Tour

Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla and Spencer Fern of Restore the Delta led a tour of Morelli Park in Stockton for Subcommittee members and attendees, describing plans for ecosystem restoration and improvements to public access as part of the Mormon Slough Restoration Project. Subcommittee members and attendees discussed the project. There were no public comments. Campbell Ingram made a motion to recess to travel to the next tour site, Edward Hard seconded the motion, and a recess was called at 10:10 AM.

Van Buskirk Multi-Benefit Ecosystem Restoration Project

Jeff Henderson reconvened the meeting at 10:38 AM. Sarah Puckett from American Rivers, Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla and Spencer Fern of Restore the Delta, and Lauren Damon of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy led a tour of the Van Buskirk project site in Stockton and described the planned ecosystem restoration

and recreation improvements. There were no public comments. Jay Ziegler made a motion to recess for lunch and to travel to the next tour site, Jamie Silva seconded the motion, and a recess was called at 11:28 AM.

San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency (SJAFCA) Lower San Joaquin Mitigation Site

Jeff Henderson reconvened the meeting at 12:15 PM. Glenn Prasad of SJAFCA, and Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla and Spencer Fern of Restore the Delta presented on the role of restoration in levee maintenance, describing several ongoing projects such as the Lower San Joaquin River Project and the Paradise Cut Bypass Expansion & Multi-Benefit Project. There were no public comments. Jay Ziegler made a motion to recess to travel to the next tour site, Jamie Silva seconded the motion, and a recess was called at 12:50 PM.

Zuckerman Farms, Rindge Tract

Jeff Henderson reconvened the meeting at 1:59 PM. Tom Zuckerman of Zuckerman Farms and Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla of Restore the Delta presented on the relationship between restoration and agriculture and how local tribal nations are participating in the Rindge Tract project. There was one public comment from Gilbert Cosio.

Closing Remarks

Campbell Ingram gave closing remarks. There were no public comments.

General Public Comment

Jeff Henderson welcomed any public comments on items not on the agenda; there were none. Mr. Henderson thanked the presenters and Subcommittee members. Campbell Ingram made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jamie Silva seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 PM.