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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 23, 2023

To: Councilmembers, Delta Stewardship Council

From: Amanda Bohl, Special Assistant for Planning and Science

Subject: Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee 2023 Activities

During the calendar year 2023, the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC) will focus its efforts on relationship-building; making progress on the Delta Plan's habitat restoration goals; and issuing the fourth annual Delta Crosscut Budget Report.

Gathering. During 2023, DPIIC will explore opportunities to build and strengthen interagency and stakeholder relationships. DPIIC consists of leaders from 19 state and federal agencies with both day-to-day and long-term tasks and responsibilities in the Delta. By utilizing DPIIC to foster dialogue, the intention is to enhance the relationships needed for transparent and effective decision-making in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. There will be two 2023 DPIIC gatherings (or meetings): April 24 and November 1. Each will include a site visit and opportunities for stakeholder dialogue. These publicly noticed and accessible meetings will be held in the Delta with the first meeting focusing on restoration, a topic in which most DPIIC agencies are engaged.

DPIIC Restoration Subcommittee. Started in 2022, the DPIIC Restoration Subcommittee will meet publicly throughout the year to discuss issues key to

making progress on the Delta Plan's goal of restoring 60,000 to 80,000 acres of new functional, diverse, and interconnected habitat. These topics include permitting, funding, community engagement, and interagency collaboration.

Last year, the Subcommittee developed a workplan, see attached Attachment A or <https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/pdf/dpiic/meeting-materials/2022-08-29-dpiic-subcommittee-work-plan-draft.pdf>, to guide its work over the next few years. On February 8, 2023, the Subcommittee made significant progress by hosting the first Delta Restoration Forum. The forum brought together more than 100 scientists, planners, and stakeholders to discuss programs, projects, and funding opportunities. The Subcommittee plans to host another forum in the summer with increased emphasis on engaging community members, such as farmers, landowners, and environmental justice representatives.

Delta Crosscut Budget Report. Since 2018, DPIIC has been examining science funding within the Delta science enterprise with the aim of improving efficiency by implementing common accounting and reporting protocols across funding agencies. This annual reporting of Delta science expenditures, known as the Delta Crosscut Budget, implements a process for collecting data that encompasses all the Delta science enterprises and includes contributions from many DPIIC agencies. Work has already begun to collect funding data for fiscal year (FY) 2021-22. The three previous reports (for FYs 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21) are available on the Council's website.