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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 9, 2023

To: Delta Stewardship Councilmembers

From: Jessica R. Pearson, Executive Officer

Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting- November 16, 2023

This month will be our last Council meeting with Dr. Larsen, who has served as the Delta Lead Scientist since September 1, 2020. We are sad to see her go but are grateful for her hard work, inspiration, and commitment and the myriad ways in which that has already shaped our work here, which I know will also leave a lasting mark and continue to improve the way we approach our work.

This month the Council will hear a brief presentation from State Water Resources Control Board staff on a recently published staff report regarding the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan. Also, at this meeting, the Council will hear a series of presentations from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). First, DWR will present a strategy for a series of projects to help address flood risk, ecosystem, and water supply and water quality reliability vulnerabilities in the South Delta. DWR will also provide an update on ongoing activities concerning the Delta Conveyance Project including next steps related to the project's planning and permitting efforts. Lastly, the Council will hear from a panel, including DWR and Metropolitan Water District staff, on findings of the recent analysis of reduced reliance and regional self-reliance approaches undertaken by water suppliers in their 2020 Urban Water Management Plans and Agricultural Water Management

Plans. This information is important for certifications of consistency for water management covered actions under Delta Plan Policy WR P1.

In closing, I'd like to reflect on the great career of Sacramento Mayor and Council Chair Phill Isenberg. He was a champion of good governance and independent science, and we look forward to taking a moment to remember his contributions at this month's meeting.

If I can answer any questions or provide any other information in advance of the meeting, please contact me at (916) 445-4500 or jessica.pearson@deltacouncil.ca.gov.