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MEETING AGENDA MEETING OF THE DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Meeting Date:

August 27, 2020

Start Time:

9:00 AM

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020, and the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020, the Delta Stewardship Council will continue to provide opportunities for remote participation by Councilmembers, staff, and the public with prudent measures to reduce community transmission of COVID-19.

The meeting's proceedings will be conducted entirely remotely. There will not be a public access location. Members of the public may observe the meeting via webcast. To view the webcast, click the link (https://www.cal-span.org), select the Council meeting from the list under "Next Live State Meetings", and press play to watch the webcast. Upon entering the webcast, you should hear the audio out of your computer and see any presentations on your screen. For best results, please use Microsoft Edge or Mozilla Firefox to view the webcast.

For any member of the public interested in providing comments on an agenda item or listening to the meeting via a phone line, please email <u>engage@deltacouncil.ca.gov</u> or call (916) 798-9817, and provide your name, organization (if applicable), and the agenda item you wish to comment on. The Meeting Clerk will then provide the link and/or call-in information to join the meeting. Please mute your phone upon call-in, until prompted by the chair to provide your comment. Members of the public who do not wish to join the meeting remotely or call-in can also provide their comment for the Council Clerk to read to the Council during the agenda item.

If you have any questions, concerns, or issues with the webcast, please contact the Council at <u>engage@deltacouncil.ca.gov</u>.

Thank you for your consideration.

"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place." – CA Water Code §85054



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<u>Webcast</u>

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THE AGENDA ITEMS LISTED BELOW MAY BE CONSIDERED IN A DIFFERENT ORDER PURSUANT TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE COUNCIL CHAIR. TIMES LISTED ON THE AGENDA ARE APPROXIMATE ONLY. AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL, ALL ITEMS APPEARING ON THIS AGENDA WHETHER OR NOT EXPRESSLY LISTED FOR ACTION, MAY BE DELIBERATED UPON AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO ACTION. 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. Closed Executive Session: Litigation (Not Open to the Public) (Action Item)

The Council may discuss litigation matters pursuant to Government Code §11126 (e)(2)(A), (e)(2)(B)(i), and/or (e)(2)(C)(i), including: (a) Delta Stewardship Council Cases, Coordinated Proceeding JCCP No. 4758; (b) North Coast Rivers Alliance, et al. v. Delta Stewardship Council, Sacramento County Superior Ct. No. 34-2018-80002898; and (c) Takahashi v. Delta Stewardship Council, Sacramento County Superior Ct. No. 34-2018-00232084.

(This closed session is authorized under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e).)

4. Reconvene Open Session

5. Roll Call – Re-establish a Quorum (Water Code §85210.5)

6. Consent Calendar (Action Item)

Items for consent calendar are expected to be routine and non-controversial. The Council will be asked to approve items on the consent calendar at one time without discussion. If any councilmember, staff, 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 on the agenda at the discretion of the chair.

- a) Adoption of July 23, 2020 Meeting Summary
- b) Approval of a Contract with the Association of Bay Area Governments

The Council will consider approval of a new agreement with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to support the Council's ongoing collaborative partnership with the San Francisco Estuary Partnership to advance science and communication efforts throughout the Estuary, including the State of the Estuary Conference and Estuary News magazine.



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7. Chair's Report

8. Executive Officer's Report

The Executive Officer will provide an update on the Council's activities and provide the Council with the Outreach Highlights Report and Active Projects List.

a) Legal Update (Information Item)

b) Legislative Update (Action Item)

The Council will 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.

9. 2022-2026 Science Action Agenda Update (Information Item)

Delta Science Program staff will provide an update on the development of the 2022-2026 Science Action Agenda.

Attachment 1: 2022-2026 Science Action Agenda Information Sheet

10. Approval of a Federal Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Action Item)

The Council will consider approval of a new cooperative agreement with the United States Bureau of Reclamation for up to \$3.5M toward Council staff time and research awards for the 2020 Delta science research proposal solicitation.

Attachment 1: 2019 Competitive Research Awards Fact Sheet

11. Water Use Efficiency Standards and Reporting Requirements for Agricultural Use: Making Conservation a Way of Life (Information Item)

Staff from the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) will present on recent Water Board actions to implement Assembly Bill 1668 and Senate Bill 606, which directs state agencies to develop a framework for long-term water conservation. This will inform the Council on the state's progress to implement several Delta Plan policies and recommendations, and describe how improving water conservation contributes to the state's policy to reduce reliance on Delta water supplies.

12. Delta Conveyance Update (Information Item)

Staff from the California Department of Water Resources and Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority will provide the Council with an update on ongoing progress on the Delta Conveyance Project.

13. Public Comment

14. Preparation for Next Council Meeting

ADJOURN



NOTE: Should the Council complete its business under any agenda item, it will move on to the next agenda item. Should the Council complete its full agenda for a meeting day before the scheduled adjournment time, and no member of the public wishes to provide further testimony, the Council meeting will adjourn early.

- Your comments are important to each member of the Council and staff.
- Correspondence received by regular mail or email before 12:00 PM the day before a Council meeting will be distributed to members in advance of the meeting. Correspondence received after 12:00 PM will be distributed to the members at the start of the meeting or when received.
- Members of the public shall be provided an opportunity to address the Delta Stewardship Council on any agenda item except closed session items and those items for which the public has already been afforded such an opportunity at an earlier meeting. 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).
- If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Human Resources, Delta Stewardship Council (916) 445-5511, or TDD (800) 735-2929.
- Additional information is available on the Delta Stewardship Council's website at http://deltacouncil.ca.gov. If you have any questions, please contact Lita Brydie at (916) 445-0769 or <u>lita.brydie@deltacouncil.ca.gov</u>.