



October 14, 2015

-- AGENDA --
MEETING OF THE DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
Thursday, October 22 and Friday, October 23, 2015
Park Tower Plaza – 2nd Floor Conference Center
980 9th Street, Sacramento, California 95814

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Day 1: Thursday, October 22, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Roll Call – Establish a Quorum (Water Code §85210.5)

Approx. Time: 3. **Closed Executive Session (Not Open to the Public) (Action Item)**
9:05 a.m. Litigation (Government Code §11126 (e)(2)(a), (e)(2)(B)(i)):
a. Delta Stewardship Council Cases, Coordinated Proceeding
JCCP No. 4758
b. Bracewell Engineering Inc., et al., v. Delta Stewardship Council, et al.,
Sacramento County Superior Ct. No. 34-2015-80002178

Approx. Time: 4. **Reconvene Open Session**
10:15 a.m.

5. **Adoption of Sept. 24, 2015 Meeting Summary (Action Item)**
6. **Chair's Report**
7. **Executive Officer's Report (Information Item)**
 - a. Legal Update
 - b. Legislative Update
 - c. Quarterly Contract Update
8. **Lead Scientist's Report (Water Code §85280) (Information Item)**
Dr. Cliff Dahm will report on recent Delta science activities.
Attachment 1: By the Numbers Summary (To be provided at the Council Meeting)

"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."

9. Delta Challenges Report (Water Code §85280) (Information Item)

Dr. Cliff Dahm will present “Challenges Facing the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Complex, Chaotic or Simply Cantankerous?” a recent report that summarizes Delta conflicts and challenges written by Dahm and three other former Lead Scientists at the request of the California Natural Resources Agency, U.S. Department of the Interior, and NOAA Fisheries.

Attachment 1: *Challenges Facing the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Complex, Chaotic, or Simply Cantankerous?*

10. Options for New and Improved Conveyance, Storage, and Operation of Both to Achieve the Coequal Goals – Council Principles (Water Code §85304) (Information Item)

Staff will introduce a revised set of principles to guide the Council in promoting options for new and improved infrastructure relating to the water conveyance in the Delta, storage systems, and for the operation of both to achieve the coequal goals. These revisions reflect the comments staff received from Council members, the input staff received from other state agencies, and from the suggestions made by the panel of experts at the August Council meeting.

Attachment 1: Draft Principles for Water Conveyance in the Delta, Storage Systems and for the Operation of Both to Achieve the Coequal Goals

Attachment 2: Delta Plan Summary and New Scientific Findings for Delta Plan Update in Storage, Conveyance, and Operation

11. Public Comment

Adjourn for the Day

Day 2: Friday, October 23, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

12. Call to Order

13. Roll – Call – Establish Quorum (Water Code §85210.5)

14. Delta Levees Investment Strategy (Water Code §85052 and 85054) (Information Item)

Staff will provide an update on the development of the Delta Levees Investment Strategy, including any adjustments to the project schedule, and will announce the opening of the public comment period for the draft “Levee-Related Habitat Review.”

a. Review of Delta Levee-Related Habitat Projects

b. Report on Oct. 12, 2015 DLIS Workshop

Attachment 1: Levee-Related Habitat Review; Executive Summary

Attachment 2: Project Schedule

15. Review of WaterFix and the Bay Delta Conservation Plan’s Partially Recirculated Draft EIR/EIS (Water Code §85320(c)) (Action Item)

Staff will present the Council with recommended comments on the BDCP’s Recirculated EIR/Supplemental EIS for approval.

a. Report from the Delta Independent Science Board on its Review

Independent Science Board’s report on its review of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan’s Partially Recirculated Draft EIR/EIS will be presented.

b. Draft Comment Letter from Delta Stewardship Council

The staff will present its recommended comments on the BDCP's Partially Recirculated Draft EIR/EIS for Council consideration and approval.

Attachment 1: Draft Cover Letter on the BDCP/WaterFix RDEIR/SDEIS

Attachment 2: Draft Comments on the BDCP/WaterFix RDEIR/SDEIS

Attachment 3: Delta Independent Science Board Review Comments of the BDCP/WaterFix RDEIR/SDEIS

16. Public Comment

17. Preparation for Next Council Meeting – Discuss (a) expected agenda items; (b) new work assignments for staff; (c) requests of other agencies; (d) other requests from Council members; and (e) confirm next meeting date.

ADJOURN

NOTE: Times listed on the agenda are approximate only. Item could be heard earlier or later as business is completed.

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