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Media Advisory

Delta Stewardship Council Seeks Public Comment at EIR Field Hearings

(Sacramento) - The Delta Stewardship Council, the state agency charged with developing a long-term, legally enforceable management plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, is seeking public input on its draft Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that reviews the 5th staff draft Delta Plan.

The Delta Plan's fundamental purpose is to meet the state-mandated coequal goals of "providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring and enhancing the Delta ecosystem ... 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)

The draft EIR analyzes the environmental impacts of the draft Delta Plan, which includes 12 regulatory policies and 61 recommendations designed to guide state and local agencies regarding land, water, air and other systems in the Delta. The EIR also examines five alternatives, including: a no project alternative, two alternatives with increased emphasis on water supply reliability, one alternative with increased emphasis on Delta ecosystem restoration and one alternative with increased emphasis on protection and enhancement of Delta communities and culture.

Meetings will include a brief overview of the Delta Plan followed by public comments related to the draft EIR. The same project information will be presented at all meetings. The Council also welcomes written comments by 5 p.m. on February 2, 2012.

WHO: Delta Stewardship Council, staff, presenters and members of the public

WHAT: EIR Field Hearings –
For more information visit: <http://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-plan-draft-eir>

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"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

WHEN/WHERE:

The EIR Field Hearings
will be conducted on the following dates
and at the following locations:

Meeting No. 1 of 5 – San Diego

Wednesday, January 11, 2012, 6 p.m.*
Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library, Multipurpose Room
5148 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114

Meeting No. 2 of 5 – Southern California

Thursday, January 12, 2012, 6 p.m.*
Pasadena Public Library, Central Location,
Donald R. Wright Auditorium
285 East Walnut Street, Pasadena, CA 91101

Meeting No. 3 of 5 – Central California

Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 6 p.m.*
Ceres Community Center, Large Assembly Room
2701 4th Street, Ceres, CA 95307

Meeting No. 4 of 5 – Delta

Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 6 p.m.*
Clarksburg Middle School Auditorium
52870 Netherlands Road, Clarksburg, CA 95612

Meeting No. 5 of 5 – Northern California

Thursday, January 19, 2012, 6 p.m.*
Willows City Council Chambers
201 North Lassen Street, Willows, CA 95988

**All meetings are set to start at 6 p.m. and conclude when all comments have been received.*

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