



January 5, 2012

--MEETING NOTICE--

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Field Hearings for the
Delta Plan Draft Program Environmental Impact Report***

San Diego - Wednesday, January 11, 2012, 6 p.m.

Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library, Multipurpose Room
5148 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114

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

Central California - Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 6 p.m.

Ceres Community Center, Large Assembly Room
2701 4th Street, Ceres, CA 95307

Delta - Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 6 p.m.

Clarksburg Middle School Auditorium
52870 Netherlands Road, Clarksburg, CA 95612

Northern California - Thursday, January 19, 2012, 6 p.m.

Willows City Council Chambers
201 North Lassen Street | Willows, CA 95988

***THESE MEETINGS ARE ALSO BEING NOTICED AS COUNCIL MEETINGS BECAUSE A
QUORUM OF COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY BE PRESENT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE
DISCUSSION OF RELEVANT TOPICS.**

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- CA Water Code §85054

BACKGROUND

The Delta Stewardship Council, the state agency charged with developing a comprehensive, long-term and legally enforceable management plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, is seeking public input on the draft Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 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 alternative plans, 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.

Oral comments on the draft EIR are currently being accepted at field hearings throughout California. In addition, written comments may be submitted by any of the following:

- Electronically via the Council's Web site at www.deltacouncil.ca.gov or e-mail at eircomments@deltacouncil.ca.gov
- By mail sent to "EIR Comments" | Delta Stewardship Council
980 Ninth Street, Suite 1500 | Sacramento, CA 95814
- In person at any of the field hearings

The deadline for submitting written comments on the Draft EIR is February 2, 2012. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

Once the comment period closes, the Council will review and analyze comments, and use information in the draft EIR to develop a final EIR and Delta Plan. Written responses to draft EIR comments will be issued in the final EIR, which will be available at www.deltacouncil.ca.gov. Final EIR certification and Delta Plan adoption is currently anticipated for spring 2012.

THE AGENDA ITEMS LISTED BELOW MAY BE CONSIDERED IN A DIFFERENT ORDER. TIMES LISTED ON THE AGENDA ARE APPROXIMATE ONLY.

ALL MEETINGS HAVE THE SAME AGENDA

Scheduled Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
(San Diego meeting time is from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)

- 6:00 p.m.
1. Welcome and Introductions
 2. Overview of Delta Plan
 - * Need for the Delta Plan
 - * Project goals
 - * What the Delta Plan does
 - * Public Comments and Questions on the Delta Plan
 3. Convene EIR Field Hearing
 - a. Overview of the Draft EIR and EIR Process
 - * Explanation of the proposed project and alternatives
 - * Purpose and Process for the EIR Hearing
 - b. Public Comments on the Delta Plan Draft EIR
(Note: Court reporter will transcribe the comments for inclusion in the EIR formal public record and to enable Council Staff to respond accurately to the comments)
 4. Public Comments -- Open Forum
- 8:30 p.m.
5. Adjourn Meeting *
(San Diego meeting will adjourn at 8:00 p.m.)

***THE MEETINGS MAY ADJOURN EARLIER THAN THE LISTED TIMES IF IT APPEARS THAT NO FURTHER PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE FORTHCOMING.**

NOTE: All meetings are set to start at 6 p.m. and conclude when all comments have been received. Times listed on the agenda are approximate only. Items could be heard earlier or later.

- Further information about the EIR Field Hearings is available on the DSC website:
<http://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-plan-draft-eir>
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- Comments during the EIR Comment Period should pertain to topics covered in the environmental review process (CEQA/EIR). Comments during public comment period – open forum shall be limited to matters within the Council's jurisdiction. Reasonable time limits may be established for public comments (Government Code Section 11125.7).
- Additional information can be found on the Delta Stewardship Council's website at <http://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov>. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Rogers at (916) 445-5511.
- Meeting facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities or who need assistance to participate.
- If you have questions, require translation services, or need reasonable accommodation due to a disability; please contact Debbie Mininfield, Delta Stewardship Council (916) 445-5511, or TDD (800) 735-2929.