



Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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July 13, 2020

Meeting Summary

The Delta Stewardship Council (Council) established the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC or Committee) after adopting the Delta Plan in 2013 and continues to oversee DPIIC activities as required by the Delta Reform Act. DPIIC serves as a forum to lead state, federal, and local agencies' efforts that implement the Delta Plan and Delta Science Plan. Committee members also coordinate priorities to improve statewide water supply reliability and ecosystem conditions in the Delta. The 14th DPIIC meeting took place virtually on Monday, July 13, 2020 and was called to order by Chair Susan Tatayon.

The recording of the meeting can be found online:

<https://cal-span.org/unipage/?site=cal-span&owner=DSC&date=2020-07-13>

Meeting materials and presentations can also be found on the Council's website:

<https://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/dpiic/meetings>

Attendees

The following committee members were in attendance:

Ellen Blake	Assistant Director, Water Division, US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 (for Tomas Torres, Director)
Chuck Bonham	Director, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
John Callaway	Delta Lead Scientist
Dan Castleberry	Assistant Regional Director, Fish and Aquatic Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Pacific Southwest (for Paul Souza, Regional Director)
Mike Chotkowski	Science Coordinator, Pacific Region, US Geological Survey (for Mark Sogge, Regional Director for the Pacific Region)

Joaquin Esquivel	Chair, State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board)
Michael George	Delta Watermaster, Water Board (for Mr. Esquivel)
Tom Gibson	Deputy Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency (for Wade Crowfoot, Secretary)
Larry Goldzband	Executive Director, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)
Amrith Gunesekera	Science Advisor, California Department of Food and Agriculture (for Karen Ross, Secretary)
Campbell Ingram	Executive Officer, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy (Conservancy)
Cathy Marcinkevage	Assistant Regional Administrator, California Central Valley Office, NOAA Fisheries (for Barry Thom, Regional Administrator)
David Mooney	Area Manager for the Bay-Delta Area Office, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (for Ernest Conant, Mid-Pacific Regional Director)
Karla Nemeth	Director, California Department of Water Resources (DWR)
Brenna Sheldon	Special Assistant, California Environmental Protection Agency (for Jared Blumenfeld, Secretary)
Paul Souza	Regional Director of the Pacific Southwest division of the US Fish and Wildlife Service
Susan Tatayon	Chair, Delta Stewardship Council
Cindy Tejada	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Oscar Villegas	Chair, Delta Protection Commission
Carl Wilcox	Policy Advisor on the Delta, CDFW (for Chuck Bonham, Director)

In addition to those listed above, the following were also in attendance to present during the meeting (listed in order of appearance):

Amanda Bohl	Special Assistant for Planning and Science, Council
Louise Conrad	Deputy Executive Officer for Science, Council
Rachael Klopfenstein	Senior Environmental Scientist, Council
Donald Ratcliff	Central Valley Supervisor, USFWS
Lenny Grimaldo	State Water Project, Assistant Environmental Director, DWR
Steve Brandt	Chair-Elect, Delta Independent Science Board
Henry DeBey	Environmental Program Manager, Council
Mario Manzo	Deputy Area Manager, Reclamation

Overview and Introductions

Chair Tatayon called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the

meeting. Chair Tatayon informed attendees that the meeting was being webcast and a recording would be made available on the Council's website following the meeting. Chair Tatayon asked Committee members if they had any critical updates to share or comments on the March 2, 2020 DPIIC Summary.

No comments were given and Chair Tatayon provided instructions to the public on how to submit their comments to the Committee.

Overview and introductions are viewable at <https://cal-span.org/unipage/?site=cal-span&owner=DSC&date=2020-07-13> minute 00:47.

Ecosystem-based Management

Based on discussions from the March 2020 DPIIC meeting, the Committee continued to explore how to build on, integrate, and learn from existing programs to accelerate ecosystem-based management in the Delta watershed. Committee members heard about two programs, the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) and the Incidental Take Permit (ITP) for the State Water Project, intended to carry out ecosystem-based management principles.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Dave Mooney and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Donald Ratcliff provided an overview of the CVPIA and how it implements ecosystem-based management principles and discussed how agencies can continue to collaborate in support of the CVPIA's goals.

The Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Lenny Grimaldo provided an overview of the March 2020 issued ITP for the State Water Project. This permit governs the operations of the State Water Project and enables DWR to operate in compliance with the California Endangered Species Act.

The ecosystem-based management item is viewable on the linked agenda at <https://cal-span.org/unipage/?site=cal-span&owner=DSC&date=2020-07-13> minute 00:05:55

The CVPIA presentation is viewable on the linked agenda at <https://cal-span.org/unipage/?site=cal-span&owner=DSC&date=2020-07-13> minute 00:08:11.

The ITP presentation is viewable on the linked agenda at <https://cal->

[span.org/unipage/?site=cal-span&owner=DSC&date=2020-07-13](https://cal-span.org/unipage/?site=cal-span&owner=DSC&date=2020-07-13) minute 00:39:21.

Actions to Achieve Ongoing, Consistent and Reliable Science Funding

At its November 2019 meeting, the Committee endorsed three priority actions to begin implementing the Delta Science Funding and Governance Initiative: implement common accounting and reporting protocols and coordinate critical review of science funding in the Delta; support and participate in an update of the Science Action Agenda (SAA); and conduct a workshop and assess the science needs in the Delta under a rapidly changing environment; the Committee heard updates on these priority actions.

The presentation and discussion regarding the workshop and assessing science needs in the Delta under a rapidly changing environment is viewable on the linked agenda at <https://cal-span.org/unipage/?site=cal-span&owner=DSC&date=2020-07-13> minute 01:18:52.

The presentation and discussion related to the update of the SAA is viewable on the linked agenda at <https://cal-span.org/unipage/?site=cal-span&owner=DSC&date=2020-07-13> minute 01:38:58.

The presentation and discussion related to implementing common accounting and reporting protocols for science funding is viewable on the linked agenda at <https://cal-span.org/unipage/?site=cal-span&owner=DSC&date=2020-07-13> minute 01:56:30.

Closing Remarks and Committee Business and Public Comment

Chair Tatayon asked if there was any public comment; there was none.

Chair Tatayon thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the meeting

The closing remarks, committee business, and public comment section is viewable on the linked agenda at <https://cal-span.org/unipage/?site=cal-span&owner=DSC&date=2020-07-13> minute 02:06:03.