



Delta Stewardship Council

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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 12, 2020

To: Delta Stewardship Councilmembers

From: Jessica R. Pearson, Executive Officer

Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting – November 19, 2020

This month's meeting will be conducted remotely per Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 issued March 12, 2020, and N-29-20 issued March 17, 2020. The Council continues to prioritize opportunities for remote participation by the public while also undertaking measures to reduce community transmission of COVID-19. Please see the meeting notice for details.

At this month's meeting, the Council will hold an important and long-awaited discussion regarding the impacts of climate change on the Delta. Staff will present initial findings from phase one of the Delta Adapts project. Delta Adapts is the Council's climate change initiative consisting of a first-ever climate change vulnerability assessment (phase one) and adaptation strategy (phase two) for the Delta and Suisun Marsh. The presentation will cover the probable impacts of climate change on water supply, flooding, and ecosystem values in the Delta and also include an innovative equity analysis.

The Council will also receive an update on efforts to reduce risk to state interests in the Delta through the Delta Levees Investment Strategy (DLIS), another key aspect of our workplan. At the meeting, Council staff will provide details on current efforts to update a core Delta Plan regulatory policy on flood risk (RR P1) and the underlying DLIS Decision Support Tool, which aids in the evaluation of risk from flooding in the Delta on an island by island basis. We will also hear from our two state agency partners in implementation - the Department of Water Resources, and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, on their related activities, including their efforts to secure sustainable funding as bond funds for

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flood protection in the Delta run out. The DLIS discussion will also address climate change impacts on Delta flood risk.

If I can answer any questions or provide any other information in advance of the meeting, please contact me at (916) 445-4500 or jessica.pearson@deltacouncil.ca.gov.