

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION 2024-07

Approval of a new Federal Agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

WHEREAS, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 (Delta Reform Act), Water Code section 85000 *et seq.*, authorizes the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) to enter into contracts, including contracts for consulting and legal services, and to fund research, receive funds, and to disburse funds through contracts (WC §§ 85210 and 85280); and

WHEREAS, the Delta Reform Act directs that the Delta Plan must further the “coequal goals” (Water Code § 85300) and defines the coequal goals to mean the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem to 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 (Water Code § 85054); and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Council’s Delta Science Program is “to provide the best possible unbiased scientific information to inform water and environmental decisionmaking in the Delta .... carried out through funding research, synthesizing and communicating scientific information to policymakers and decisionmakers, promoting independent scientific peer review, and coordinating with Delta agencies to promote science-based adaptive management” (Water Code § 85280(b)(4)); and

WHEREAS, the Council has considered the contracting request set forth in agenda item 5 (Consent Calendar) of the August 22, 2024, Council meeting notice and has reviewed the staff report for the contracting request; and

WHEREAS, the said contracting request set forth in agenda item 5 (Consent Calendar) and the staff report for the contracting request are incorporated herein and made part of this Resolution as if fully set forth and are Attachment A to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the contracting request supports the furtherance of the coequal goals and is within the Council’s authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL THAT:

1. The Council hereby finds the foregoing recitals to be true and correct and incorporates them herein.
2. The Council approves the contracting request set forth in agenda item 5 (Consent Calendar) of the Council’s August 22, 2024, meeting notice

and in the staff report for the contracting request, which are incorporated herein and attached to this Resolution as Attachment A, for the following contract:

- a. Federal Agreement with U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
Independent Scientific Review Panel Services #DSCR24001
- 3. The Council authorizes and directs the Executive Officer, or their delegee, to process the contract in accordance with the applicable laws, processes, and policies.
- 4. The Council authorizes and directs the Executive Officer, or their delegee, to take such steps as are necessary to effect the intent of this resolution, including submittal of the contract for approval by the Department of General Services, if applicable.

Attachment A: August 22, 2024, Council meeting notice and staff report for contracting request in Item 5 (Consent Calendar) (Consideration and Possible Approval of a new Federal Agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation)

CERTIFICATION

On a motion by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, and a vote of the Council, the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Delta Stewardship Council by the following vote at a regular meeting of the Delta Stewardship Council on August 22, 2024.

Burgis \_\_\_\_\_  
Damrell \_\_\_\_\_  
Hueso \_\_\_\_\_  
Lee \_\_\_\_\_  
Mehranian \_\_\_\_\_  
Miller \_\_\_\_\_  
Zingale \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: August 22, 2024

Emma Askea \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board of the Delta Stewardship Council