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MEMORANDUM

Date: December 11, 2025

To: Delta Stewardship Councilmembers

From: Jessica R. Pearson, Executive Officer

Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting – December 18, 2025

Happy holidays! This month's meeting will be held in a new location in the California Natural Resources building, room 2-302. This month's meeting will include the Annual Report presentation, which will highlight the Council's work in 2025 to further the coequal goals and implement the Delta Plan. Pursuant to the Delta Reform Act, Metropolitan Planning Organizations developing regional transportation plans that include land within the primary or secondary zones of the Delta must consult with the Delta Stewardship Council early in the planning process and ensure their plans are consistent with the Delta Plan. At this month's meeting the Council will hear a presentation from staff at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) on the MTC and Association of Bay Area Governments' (ABAG) Draft Plan Bay Area 2050+, which is the regional transportation plan (RTP)/sustainable communities strategy (SCS) for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area, and describe its relationship to the Delta Plan.

This month the Council will also hear an update on Operation Baseline from Council and United States Geological Survey staff. Operation Baseline was started and paid for by the Council's Delta Science Program in 2016 to collect data and develop research tools before the \$1.7 billion Echowater wastewater treatment

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plant upgrades in 2021. Because these mandated upgrades were meant to improve the food abundance and water quality for native fish like Delta Smelt, it was critical to monitor the ecosystem to see if the anticipated benefit(s) occurred. Staff will present the findings from several Operation Baseline studies including new tools and approaches for understanding how nutrients and phytoplankton vary across space and time.

If I can answer any questions or provide any other information in advance of the meeting, please contact me at (916) 445-5511 or jessica.pearson@deltacouncil.ca.gov.