

DELTASTEWARDSHIP COUNCIL RESOLUTION

2026-02

Amendment to Receivable Agreement DSC20231A2 with the California Department of Water Resources for Scientific Review

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 4C (Consent Calendar) of the March 26, 2026, Council meeting notice and has reviewed the staff report for the contracting request; and

WHEREAS, the said contracting request set forth in agenda item 4C (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 4C (Consent Calendar) of the Council's March 26, 2026, 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. Amendment to receivable agreement DSC20231A2 with Department of Water Resources for scientific review (Delta Science Program Independent Scientific Review Facilitation)
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: March 26, 2026, Council meeting notice and staff report for contracting request in Item 4C (Consent Calendar) (Consideration and Possible Approval Amendment to Receivable Agreement DSC20231A2 with the California Department of Water Resources for Scientific Review)

CERTIFICATION

On a motion by Councilmember Mehranian, seconded by Councilmember Miller, 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 March 26, 2026.

Burgis        Aye

Eggman       Aye

