



January 13, 2014

-- MEETING NOTICE --
MEETING OF THE DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
January 23, 2014
Park Tower Plaza
980 9th Street, Sacramento, CA

THE AGENDA ITEMS LISTED BELOW MAY BE CONSIDERED IN A DIFFERENT ORDER PURSUANT TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE COUNCIL CHAIR. TIMES LISTED ON THE AGENDA ARE APPROXIMATE ONLY. AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL, ALL ITEMS APPEARING ON THIS AGENDA, WHETHER OR NOT EXPRESSLY LISTED FOR ACTION, MAY BE DELIBERATED UPON AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO ACTION.

January 23, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Roll Call – Establish a Quorum (Water Code §85210.5)
3. Chair's Report
4. Election of Council Chair and Vice-Chair (**Action Item**)
(Water Code §85200 (e))
5. Adoption of December 19, 2013 Meeting Summary (**Action Item**)
6. Executive Officer's Report (**Information Item**)
 - a. Legislative Update
 - b. Quarterly Contracts Update (**Action Item**)
 - c. Delta Plan Implementation – Implementation Committee Development
 - d. Annual Report
7. Delta Independent Science Board Report (Water Code §85820 (a)(4))
(**Information Item**)
The Chair of the Independent Science Board will brief the Council on the activities of the Delta Independent Science Board.
8. Lead Scientist's Report (Water Code §85280) (**Information Item**)
The Lead Scientist will report on Delta Science Program activities.

"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall 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."

– CA Water Code §85054

9. Discussion of *The Role of Tidal Marsh Restoration in Fish Management in the San Francisco Estuary* (Information Item)

Dr. Bruce Herbold (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, retired) will discuss a report on the outcomes of a symposium co-sponsored by the Delta Science Program on the potential impact of tidal marsh restoration on native fishes.

10. Draft Issue Paper: Restoring Habitat with Science and Society in Mind (Information Item)

Habitat restoration in the Delta and Suisun Marsh is an essential step toward restoring the Delta ecosystem while improving water supply reliability and protecting and enhancing the unique values of the Delta, as required by the Delta Reform Act. This issue paper presents recommendations to improve the habitat restoration process to speed up restoration projects, better meet the needs of local communities, improve land acquisition, and align permit conditions with the achievement of restoration outcomes.

11. Evaluating the Feasibility of Shore-based Treatment of Ballast Water to Avoid Introductions of Invasive Non-native Species (ER P5 of Delta Plan) (Information Item)

Staff, together with representatives from the California State Lands Commission and stakeholder groups, will brief the Council on a forthcoming feasibility study to meet a mandate in the Marine Invasive Species Act to identify and conduct research about "...the means by which to reduce or eliminate a release or establishment..." of nonindigenous species by shipping vessels.

12. Drought and the Delta: A Report on Dry Year Conditions and their Impacts on the Reliability of California's Water Supplies and Water Flows Affecting the Delta (Information Item)

A panel from the Department of Water Resources, Bureau of Reclamation, the Delta Watermaster, and Water Forum will brief the Council on how the drought is affecting management of California's water supplies and environmental water flows affecting the Delta.

13. Public Comment

14. Preparation for Next Council Meeting – Discuss (a) expected agenda items; (b) new work assignments for staff; (c) requests of other agencies; (d) other requests from Council members; and (e) confirm next meeting date.

4:30 p.m. ADJOURN

NOTE: Times listed on the agenda are approximate only. Item could be heard earlier or later as business is completed.

- Correspondence is posted on the Delta Stewardship Council's website at: <http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/public-comments>

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- Members of the public shall be provided an opportunity to address the Delta Stewardship Council on any agenda item except closed session items and those items for which the public has already been afforded such an opportunity at an earlier meeting. Comments during the public comment period shall be limited to matters within the Council's jurisdiction. Reasonable time limits may be established for public comments (Government Code Section 11125.7).
 - Additional information can be found on the Delta Stewardship Council's website at <http://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov>. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Rogers at (916) 445-5511.
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 - The times for subject discussion or action or for adjournment are approximate only. Should the Council complete its business under any agenda item, it will move on to the next agenda item. Should the Council complete its full agenda for a meeting day prior to the scheduled adjournment time, and no member of the public wishes to provide further testimony, the Council meeting will adjourn early.
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