



October 14, 2013

-- MEETING NOTICE --  
**MEETING OF THE DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, October 24, 2013 and Friday, October 25, 2013**  
**The Westin Sacramento**  
**4800 Riverside Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95822**

THE AGENDA ITEMS LISTED BELOW MAY BE CONSIDERED IN A DIFFERENT ORDER AND HEARD ON EITHER DAY OF THE COUNCIL MEETING PURSUANT TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE COUNCIL CHAIR. TIMES LISTED ON THE AGENDA ARE APPROXIMATE ONLY. AGENDA ITEMS NOTED BELOW WHICH ARE NOT COMPLETED ON OCTOBER 24, WILL BE HEARD ON OCTOBER 25, BEGINNING AT 9 A.M. 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.

*Thursday, October 24, 2013, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Roll Call – Establish a Quorum (Water Code §85210.5)
- Approx Time: 9:05 3. Closed Executive Session – (Not Open to the Public) **(Action Item)**  
Litigation: (Government Code §11126 (e)(2)(a),(e)(2)(B)(i))  
Lawsuits:  
San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority/Westlands v. Delta Stewardship Council  
North Coast Rivers Alliance v. Delta Stewardship Council  
City of Stockton v. Delta Stewardship Council  
State Water Contractors/Metropolitan Water District of Southern California v. Delta Stewardship Council  
Friends of the River et al. v. Delta Stewardship Council  
Save the California Delta Alliance v. Delta Stewardship Council  
Central Delta Water Agency et al. v. Delta Stewardship Council
- Approx Time: 10:05 4. Reconvene Open Session
5. Chair's Report
6. Executive Officer's Report **(Information Item)**
  - a. Legislative Update
  - b. Quarterly Contract Update
7. Adoption of September 26, 2013 Meeting Summary **(Action Item)**

*"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

**8. Update from the Delta Watermaster on California's Area of Origin Laws (Water Code §85230) (Information Item)**

*The Delta Watermaster will brief the Council about his report and provide a brief description of the Area of Origin Laws, the major principles embodied in the laws, and recent court cases regarding them, summarize.*

**9. Bay Delta Conservation Plan (Water Code §85320) (Information Item)**

*Representatives of the Natural Resources Agency will brief the Council on the costs and sources of funds and regulatory assurances of the draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan.*

**10. State of Emergency Preparedness (Water Code §83002(a)(1)) (Information Item)**

*Staff will facilitate a panel presentation from state agencies on levee and flood risk management projects and programs in the Delta. The topics include: 1) the Department of Water Resources-Delta Stewardship Council (DWR-DSC) interagency agreement for state investments in Delta levees, 2) DWR's Draft Framework for Integrated Flood Management Investments in the Delta and Suisun Marsh 3) DWR grants to local agencies for emergency response programs, 4) DWR's Delta Flood Emergency Facilities Improvement Project (funding for which requires approval by the Council per Water Code §83002(a)(1)), and 5) progress on restoring Delta levees dropped from the U.S Army Corps of Engineers Rehabilitation and Inspection Program to active status.*

**11. Update on the Development of Implementation Committee (Water Code §85204) (Information Item)**

*Staff will provide an update on the development of the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (Implementation Committee). This update will include a briefing on recent discussions with key agencies regarding their participation on the Implementation Committee and their role(s) in helping to implement the Delta Plan.*

**12. Public Comment**

**4:30 p.m. ADJOURN FOR THE DAY**

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**DAY 2: Friday, October 25, 2013, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**9:00 a.m. 13. Call to Order**

**14. Roll Call – Establish Quorum (Water Code §85210.5)**

**Approx. Time 9:05 a.m. 15. Closed Executive Session – (Not Open to the Public) (Action Item) Personnel Matter: (Government Code §11126(a)(1))**

**Approx. Time 10:30 a.m. 16. Reconvene Open Session**

**17. Overview of Covered Actions Regulatory Process (Water Code §85057.5) (Action Item)**

*Staff will brief the Council on the Covered Actions Regulatory Process including: an overview of key information on the consistency certification and appeals processes; staff will review the administrative procedures for appeals adopted by the Council in September 2010 and recommend Council approval of an amended Delegation of Authority to the Executive Officer to include elements of the appeals procedures that may be undertaken by the Executive Officer. In addition, staff will report on the Delta Stewardship Council's online forms system for consistency certification and appeals and training sessions provided to local and state agencies on the use of this online system.*

**18. Delta Science Program (Water Code §85280) (Information Item)**

*The Lead Scientist will report on Delta Science Program activities, and will be joined by Research Ecologist and Editor-in-Chief of the San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Science journal, Dr. Sam Luoma. Dr. Luoma will brief the Council on a series of essays published in the most recent issue of the online journal that discuss the need for collaboration and partnerships and mechanisms to accomplish working together as a Delta science community, which are consistent with the Science Plan. The essays provide insightful perspectives on the challenges presented by fragmentation of the science effort, and the responsibilities of both scientists and policy makers in making the policy-science interface work.*

**a. Lead Scientist's Report**

**b. Science and Policy Briefing**

**19. Delta Science Plan (Water Code §85280) (Action Item)**

*The Lead Scientist will discuss the proposed final Delta Science Plan and recommend that the Council receive and accept the Delta Science Plan.*

**20. Public Comment**

**21. 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.**

**3:30 p.m. ADJOURN**

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

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<http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/public-comments>

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  - 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.
  - If you have questions or need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Human Resources Office at (916) 445-5511, or TDD (800) 735-2929.
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