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**MEETING SUMMARY AND ACTION ITEMS**  
**Board Meeting – March 25, 2015**  
**1450 Halyard Dr., Suite 6, West Sacramento**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 9:02 am by Chair Jim Provenza.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

**Board Members Present:** Katherine Miller, Mike Eaton, Darla Guenzler, Todd Ferrara, Don Thomas, Jim Provenza, Dolly Sandoval, Dan Taylor, and Eddie Woodruff.

**Ex Officio Member:** Mindy Simmons for Assemblymember Wolk

**Liaison Advisors Present:** Steve Chappell, Amy Hutzler, Daniel Welsh for Ren Lohofener, Robin Kulakow, Cody Aichele for Joe LaClair, and Erik Vink.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS TAKEN**

**1. Agenda Item 3 – Roll Call/Oath of Office**

Supervisor Katherine Miller was sworn in to the Conservancy Board.

**2. Action Item 5 – Consent Calendar**

The Board unanimously *approved* the summary of the January 28, 2015 Board Meeting. No other issues were included in the consent calendar.

**3. Agenda Item 6 – Executive Officer’s Report**

The Executive Officer presented program updates, a budget update, and the outreach meeting matrix. Member Thomas asked if the Awareness Campaign (branding and marketing) was being conducted in coordination with the Delta Protection Commission’s (Commission) legacy communities/placemaking project. Staff reported that these were two separate projects but that staff is coordinating closely with the Commission on the

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Awareness Campaign and anticipated that the Legacy communities initiative would be considered as the awareness campaign is developed and implemented.

Member Ferrara asked that the meeting minutes be expanded to include more information about the information presented and the discussions that occurred for each agenda item.

**4. Agenda Item 7 – Program and Policy Subcommittee Update**

The Assistant Executive Officer provided an overview of the February Program and Policy Subcommittee (PPS) meeting which focused on the Proposition 1 grant documents and the translation of the Conservancy's web site into other languages.

**5. Agenda Item 8 - Proposition 1 Interagency Coordination Updates**

The Executive Officer discussed efforts to coordinate with the Department of Water Resources and the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW). DFW will be holding its first public meeting for their grant guidelines on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The next coordination meeting is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>. It was recommended that the Commission and the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) be included in future coordination meetings to ensure that all Delta-focused agencies have a chance to contribute to the discussion.

It was also identified that the Conservancy and Commission should work together to define the two agencies coordination around Proposition 1.

**6. Action Item 9 – Draft Proposition 1 Grant Guidelines and Grant Application Packet**

The Board unanimously *approved* the posting of the Conservancy's Grant Guidelines and Grant Application Packet to the Agency's website for 30 days and the scheduling and completion of three public meetings in May to solicit public input on the Proposition 1 Grant Program documents.

The PPS will continue to discuss proposal review and selection process and how best to describe consultation and coordination with state and local agencies. Staff will also incorporate changes addressing the following comments:

- Provide the Board with a full list of proposed projects and their scores
- Change the language for Category 1 grants to be "up to" \$450,000
- Better define protection and pollution
- Add the removal of fish barriers to the list of eligible projects under Restoration and Enhancement
- More clearly outline environmental compliance requirements
- Reduce the floor for Category 2 grants to \$25,000

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- State that the awarding of a Category 1 grant does not guarantee approval of a Category 2 grant
- Clarify that Proposition 1 funding from another agency may be used as leverage
- Clarify that the Agricultural Land Stewardship documents are not Appendix B but a link to the documents can be found there
- Remove the evaluation criteria (for concept and full proposals) that provides extra points to Category 2 applications

**7. Agenda Item 10 – Using EcoAtlas to Track Habitat Restoration Projects**

Cristina Grosso from the San Francisco Estuary Institute/Aquatic Science Center provided an overview of EcoAtlas, including how and when Delta-based projects will be included in the database.

**8. Agenda Item 11 – Delta Levee Investment Strategy Overview and Discussion**

Cindy Messer from the Council presented the purpose behind, methodology, timeline, and next steps for the Council's Delta Levee Investment Strategy. Ms. Messer asked for the Conservancy's involvement in reviewing risk metrics for habitat and agricultural land lost and to be part of the discussions and deliberations on possible investments and outcomes to be included in the levee investment strategy.

**9. Agenda Item 12 – Delta Stewardship Council Delta Plan Update**

Cindy Messer from the Council provided updates on the Council's activities including the seven draft 2015 priorities for the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee.

**10. Agenda Item 13 – Bay Delta Conservation Plan Update**

B.G. Heiland reported that there is not yet a date for the recirculation of the BDCP environmental review documents.

**11. Agenda Item 14 – Agenda Items for May 27, 2015 Board Meeting**

Proposition 1 Grant Guidelines and Grant Application Packet was added to the agenda for May.

**BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF**

1. Staff will provide more detailed meeting summaries.
2. Staff will post the Proposition 1 Grant Guidelines and Grant Application Packet to the Resources Agency and Conservancy's websites and schedule three public meetings for May 2015 to solicit public comments on the draft Proposition 1 grant documents.

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3. Staff will bring the Grant Guidelines and Grant Application Packet, a summary of public comments, and any outstanding issues to the May 18<sup>th</sup> PPS meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED by Chair Provenza at 11:30 am**

*Respectfully submitted on March 25, 2015 by Amanda Bohl, Board Liaison*  
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