



Action Items and Meeting Summary for August 19, 2010

Background

Action Items and Meeting Summary from Conservancy Board meeting on August 19, 2010

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Attachment 1 – Action Items and Meeting Summary

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for the August 19, 2010, Board Meeting
at
3500 Industrial Blvd., West Sacramento**

ACTION ITEMS

1. Interim Executive Officer will draft a letter to the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) regarding the draft Interim Plan using comments from the Board's discussion. She will review with Board Chair Mary Piepho and Conservancy Council Matt Campbell and send to DSC by close of business. A copy of the letter will be emailed to all board members.

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m., August 19, 2010, by Ken Vogel, Vice Chair of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy.

Welcome and Introduction

Vice Chair Vogel asked Board members and audience members to introduce themselves.

2. General Public Comments

There were no general public comments.

3. Oath of Office (if necessary)

Counsel Matt Campbell conducted oath of office for Rob Schladale, alternate for Cynthia Bryant, and Jessica Pearson, alternate for Lester Snow.

4. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established. The following voting members were present for the meeting: Mike Eaton, Mary Piepho, Jim Provenza, Dan Taylor, Ken

Vogel, Eddie Woodruff, Jimmie Yee, Jessica Pearson and Rob Schladale. The following Liaison Advisors were present: Steve Chappell, Robin Kulakow, Mark Wilson and Mary Grim.

5. Executive Officers Report

- **Delta Stewardship Council Interim Plan.** Ms. Messer explained that the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) is accepting comments through August 27 on the draft Interim Plan and all comments would be reviewed for either the Interim Plan or future Delta Plan. Those more appropriate for the larger scope of the Delta Plan were being saved for consideration in that context.
- In her Topics of Discussion Staff Report, Ms. Messer highlighted sections of the draft Interim Plan identifying issues on which the board could comment including, but not limited to:
 - The Interim plan establishes the framework for early actions (programs and projects) proposed to the DSC. It includes a consultation, a consistency determination and an appeals process.
 - The Delta Conservancy is rarely mentioned in the Interim Plan and perhaps the Board would like greater acknowledgement of the organization in the document.

6. Comments Board Wanted Included in DSC Interim Plan Letter:

Delta Conservancy

Interim Plan includes no mention of local plans and integration/recognition of Delta Conservancy (DC), local general plans, DPC, and conservation easement.

-Give strong examples, not exhaustive list of local plans/efforts

-Include DC's mission to promote environmental and economic sustainability of the Delta.

More specific language needed for DC funding in Finance Plan. Also, it is important to fund full scope of Conservatory programs, not selective programs.

Mention DC Strategic Plan connection

In light of our Strategic Plan development and future implementation legislative charge, DC needs to be engaged with Early Action reviews (Sept-Nov process). We want to be engaged in developing, selecting, implementing, and supporting projects. Our broad membership provides a balance of the Delta's diverse interests and a place for conversations of these issues to occur. DC needs to be on as many committees as possible. These actions may impact DC's mandate/legal charge and strategic plan. Participation in Early Actions will better prepare DC and better position DC in light of the cooperation and collaboration needed for implementation.

Recognize our responsibility with Delta Ecosystem Restoration Plan

Early Actions

We need to seek a balance; determine how to evaluate effects of projects; DC is concerned how to address economical stability in short term.

Does consultation process have legal CEQA definition or will this be an additional process?

Other Agency Inclusion

To extent permitted by law, all projects should be subject to same standards in early review process. All HCPs should follow existing processes in applicable laws.

What blending needs to occur? (Federal, State, Stakeholders). Are advisory committees the right forum for these conversations?

DC welcomes opportunities for coordination and cooperation with DSC, DPC

Need for integration of DC, DSC, DPC work plans.

Environmental

On page vii, map of planned Delta land uses - DC suggests stronger language, like: "expound co-coordinate and cooperate" and "Build upon existing efforts".

Conflicts – e.g. increased spring inundation conflicts with land mgmt/mercury/habitat/ flood protection.

DC would like to see a balance between aquatic and terrestrial species mentioned.

Where does or should mitigation takes place – define as Delta only or out-of-Delta.

Give full consideration of existing plans and coordinate with existing entities (include lands trust- not just HCP) (Use Central Valley Joint Venture Plan as valuable planning effort tool.)

Use DPC's Restoration Management Plan as foundational document.

There was no substantial mention of the Suisun Marsh activities and there needs to be.

DC thanks DSC staff for improvements in clarifying Best Available Science section in plan – link back to Strategic Plan

Further suggestions for this section include clarifying terminology and criteria for topics such as flow of Sacramento River

There was a question as to whether or not science is a Delta Conservancy role. The board determined to stay within statutory roles, which include science.

Wording

Recognize this is our first official communication to DSC – set tone, desire to partner, aware of time frames, etc.

Concern about lack of detail in final version / Interim Plan

Use term “co-equal responsibilities” addressing ecosystem restoration and economic sustainability in letter

On a unanimous vote, the board directed staff to take these comments and write a letter to Delta Stewardship Council. The letter is to be reviewed by Chair Mary Piepho and Counsel Matt Campbell. Final letter will be sent to DSC by end of day, August 19, 2010.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned by Chair Mary Piepho at 11:01.

Respectfully submitted on September 9, 2010

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