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MEETING SUMMARY AND ACTION ITEMS
Board Meeting – September 23, 2015
1450 Halyard Dr., Suite 6, West Sacramento

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by Chair Jim Provenza.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Board Members Present: Todd Ferrara, Don Thomas, Jim Provenza, Eddie Woodruff, Mike Eaton, Darla Guenzler, Dan Taylor, and Karen Finn.

Ex Officio Member: None

Liaison Advisors Present: Steve Chappell, Sandra O’Roak for Craig Muehlburg, Jeff Melby for Amy Hutzler, Cody Aichele for Joe LaClair, and Erik Vink.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS TAKEN

1. Action Item 5 – Board Elections

Supervisor Provenza was unanimously re-elected Board Chair. Member Guenzler was unanimously elected to serve as Vice-Chair.

2. Action Item 6 – Consent Calendar

The Board unanimously *approved* the summary of the June 25, 2015 Board meeting and Joint Board meeting with the State Coastal Conservancy. The Board also unanimously approved the summary of the September 2, 2015 Board meeting. No other issues were included in the consent calendar.

3. Agenda Item 7 – Executive Officer’s Report

The Deputy Executive Officer presented budget and staffing updates. Member Finn requested that the budget update provide more details on how the Conservancy’s Operating budget is spent.

4. Agenda Item 8 – Program and Policy Subcommittee Update

The Deputy Executive Officer provided an overview of the July 15th and September 16th Board Program and Policy Subcommittee (PPS) meetings. Both meetings focused on various aspects of

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Proposition 1 Grant Program delivery. The July 15th meeting focused on the funding timeline and staffing. During the September 16th meeting, PPS members received an up-date on the concept proposals received by the Conservancy (also discussed in agenda item 9 below).

5. Agenda Item 9 – Proposition 1 Grant Program Update

The Executive Officer presented a summary spreadsheet of the 17 concept proposals received by the Conservancy for the Proposition 1 Grant Program. In summary, 6 applicants requested Category 1 funding and 11 applicants requested Category 2 funding. The total amount requested from the Prop. 1 Grant Program was \$15,648,301. Proposals ranged from \$45,000 to \$2,000,000 and included 7 proposals from the North Delta, 4 proposals from the West Delta, 4 proposals from the South Delta, and 2 proposals from the Central Delta.

6. Action Item 10 – Request for approval to enter into an interagency agreement in the amount of \$1,100,000 with the San Francisco Estuary Institute-Aquatic Science Center (SFEI), and run an Invitation for Bid process in the amount of \$250,000 for facilitation services in support of Eco Restore regional planning for the NE Delta.

The Executive Officer presented a request to use \$1,100,000 of Proposition 1 funds and \$250,000 of federal funding to initiate a regional planning effort in the northeast Delta. After much discussion, the Board agreed the action item should be held over to the November 4th meeting. The Board requested information to be provided regarding the Conservancy's authority to use Prop. 1 funds in this manner; how this effort links to the Conservancy's enabling legislation, strategic plan and current Implementation Plan; specific information on how funding will be spent; and, how other agencies are contributing to this effort.

7. Agenda Item 11 – Delta Stewardship Council Delta Plan Update

Cindy Messer provided an update on Delta Stewardship Council (Council) activities: The Council is reviewing the re-circulated BDCP and beginning to consider changes to the Delta Plan in light of the changes to BDCP and the creation of California Water Fix and Eco Restore; Cliff Dahm has re-joined the Council as the Lead Scientist; and the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee is next meeting on November 16th.

8. Agenda Item 12 – California Water Fix and Eco Restore Updates

David Okita provided a high level overview of California Water Fix and the timeline on behalf of B.G. Heiland who was unable to attend. Mr. Okita made a presentation about Eco Restore, highlighting the habitat restoration goals and the Conservancy's role. Member Guenzler noted that the Conservancy has been "assigned" a specific task in the Eco Restore efforts and asked how other agencies will support the the Conservancy's efforts. Mr. Okita indicated that many agencies provide data and staff for the planning efforts.

9. Agenda Item 13 - Potential Agenda Items for November 4, 2015

Member Guenzler requested that the Board review its Conflict of Interest (COI) policy. Member Ferrara and Deputy Attorney General Rinke noted that state agencies generally only have COI

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policies in place for Fair Political Practices Commission requirements, but that an overview and refresher of state policies regarding conflict of interest issues would be appropriate given the Board's pending decisions regarding Proposition 1 Grant Program funding.

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

1. Staff will provide a budget update with more details regarding how the operating budget is spent.
2. Staff will provide more information regarding the regional planning effort in the northeast Delta, specifically, the Conservancy's authority to use Prop. 1 funds in this manner; how this effort links to the Conservancy's enabling legislation, strategic plan and current Implementation Plan; specific information on how funding will be spent; and, how other agencies are contributing to this effort.
3. Staff will work with Deputy Attorney General Rinke to develop a conflict of interest training for Board members.

MEETING ADJOURNED by Chair Provenza at 11:40 am

Respectfully submitted on September 28, 2015 by Amanda Bohl, Board Liaison
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