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**MEETING SUMMARY AND ACTION ITEMS**  
**Board Meeting – August 24, 2016**  
**1450 Halyard Dr., Suite 6, West Sacramento**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 9:04 am by Chair Jim Provenza.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

**Board Members Present:** Jim Provenza, Darla Guenzler, Katherine Miller, Skip Thomson, Todd Ferrara, Dolly Sandoval, Mike Eaton, Dan Taylor  
**Ex Officio Members Present:** None  
**Liaison Advisors Present:** Sandra O’Roak, Matt Gerhart, Steve Chappell, Martha Ozonoff, Natasha Nelson for Erik Vink

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS TAKEN**

**1. Agenda Item 5 – Board Election of Vice Chair**

Chair Provenza opened nominations for the position of Vice Chair and let the Board know that Vice Chair Guenzler has chosen not to run for reelection as Vice Chair. The Chair, Board members, and staff thanked Vice Chair Guenzler for her service. Vice Chair Guenzler thanked everyone for their support over her term and she looks forward to continuing to work with everyone.

**MOTION:** Board Member Taylor moved, seconded by Board Member Ferrara, to nominate Dolly Sandoval to serve as Vice Chair of the Delta Conservancy Board for the 2016-2017 term.

*Board Member Sandoval accepted the nomination. No other nominations were moved.*

*A roll call vote was taken with all Board Members present voting to approve the nomination.*

**2. Agenda Item 6 – Consent Calendar (Action Item)**

**MOTION:** Board Member Thomson moved, seconded by Board Member Sandoval, to approve the summary of the July 27, 2016 Board meeting. No other issues were included in the consent calendar.

*A voice vote was taken with all Board Members present voting to approve the motion.*

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**3. Agenda Item 7 – Executive Officer’s Report**

The Executive Officer presented updates on the Proposition 1 Grant Program, Arundo Control and Restoration Project, and the Delta Conservation Framework. The Executive Officer also presented the meeting matrix and an overview of correspondence received. The Board discussed the recent Delta Conservation Framework workshop and the current status of the Cache Slough regional planning effort.

**4. Agenda Item 8 – Program and Policy Subcommittee Update**

The Executive Officer provided an overview of the August 17, 2016 Program and Policy Subcommittee (PPS) meeting. The Board Chair invited Board Members to attend the upcoming PPS meeting scheduled for October 19, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Conservancy office. The subcommittee discussed the changes made to the Proposition 1 Draft Grant Guidelines, the strategic plan revision process and a staffing update was provided.

The Board discussed the current status of the recruitment of a Deputy Executive Officer.

**5. Agenda Item 9 – Proposition 1 Grant Program Approved Project Updates**

Laura Jensen provided an overview of the current Proposition 1 Grant Program approved projects and their respective status. Three projects are currently being prepared for routing, three projects are currently at the point of removing their conditional approval status, and three other projects are currently within their timelines.

The Board discussed the status of approved projects and the role of staff overseeing the program.

**6. Agenda Item 10 – Request to Approve the 2016-2017 Proposition 1 Grant Program Grant Guidelines and Open the Solicitation on September 1, 2016. (Action Item)**

The Executive Officer presented the draft Grant Guidelines, an overview of the public comment process, and the timeline for the solicitation period. Laura Jensen went over the changes made to the draft Grant Guidelines.

The Board discussed the indirect costs changes, how fair market value of land acquisitions will be assessed, and the legal requirements for land acquisitions. The Board also discussed whether land acquisition projects already approved by the Board will be following the land acquisition checklist of the previous version of the Grant Guidelines or this new version. Legal Counsel Rinke explained that the Board could take action to require the current projects to follow the new checklist, if it desired. The Board requested that staff look into whether the new checklist should be used to gather the required information and documents needed to execute the conditionally-approved land acquisition grant from the 2015-2016 grant cycle.

The Board requested that a citation to the applicable statute, and the Department of General Services Guidelines on land acquisition appraisals, be added to the Grant Guidelines. Legal Counsel Rinke also requested a wording change to a passage referencing CEQA on page 11 of the document.

***MOTION:** Board Member Guenzler moved, seconded by Board Member Miller, to approve the Grant Guidelines for fiscal year 2016-2017, with the recommended changes stated during the discussion, so that staff may open the 2016-2017 grant solicitation on September 1, 2016.*

*A roll call vote was taken with all Board Members present voting to approve the motion.*

**7. Agenda Item 11 – Revision of the 2012 Strategic Plan Process Update**

The Executive Officer presented the draft Toolkit for Stakeholder and Public Involvement that the consultant Kearns & West will be using to gather public input on the Delta Conservancy's Update to the 2012 Strategic Plan. The surveys and public outreach are expected to begin during the last week of August and go throughout September and October. The Executive Officer stated his three goals for the new plan: more user-friendly; concise but with good performance measures; and aspirational yet achievable.

The Board discussed the list of stakeholders that will receive the public input surveys and the goals of the Strategic Plan. Members of the Board stated priorities for the Strategic Plan Update such as emphasizing accomplishment to date, the development and implementation of good projects, focused yet aspirational goals, aspiring to be a 'true' Conservancy, and ensuring agricultural sustainability is addressed.

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

The Executive Officer presented an update on the Delta Stewardship Council Delta Plan. The Delta Stewardship Council will meet on August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and will consider a draft set of revisions for state levee investments, the 2014 habitat investment paper, a demonstration of their Delta View internal tracking system, and the Delta Conservation Framework. A recent press release indicated that the Stewardship Council has filed an appeal to the Sacramento Superior County ruling that invalidated the Plan.

**9. Agenda Item 13 – California Water Fix and Eco Restore Updates**

The Executive Officer presented an update on both the California Water Fix and Eco Restore. California Water Fix is continuing to work through their public comments on the final EIS/EIR and it is currently unknown when the process will finish. Point of Diversion hearings with the State Water Resources Control Board are ongoing with the engineering and modeling discussions starting the week of August 29, 2016. The Executive Officer invited Board Members to follow the proceedings on the Cal/EPA or Water Board websites.

Eco Restore currently has 6 projects being considered with 4 moving forward. The Hill Slough project is applying for permits and will start construction in late 2016. The Interagency Adaptive Management Integration Team is making progress on a white paper that will summarize their adaptive management vision and structure and is expected to be available in late September 2016.

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Steve Chappell stated that the Tule Red project has received its last permit and that they are hopeful to break ground in September 2016. The Executive Officer also mentioned that the Arundo Control and Restoration Project is currently having permit issues and that timing may cause the Conservancy to miss the projected work window.

**10. Agenda Item 14 – Delta Protection Commission Update**

Natasha Nelson gave the Delta Protection Commission's update for Erik Vink. The Commission will be having a workshop on financing Delta levee improvements on September 27, 2016 and is currently exploring whether to have additional workshops depending on the results of the initial workshop. The target audience of the workshops is any beneficiary who might be asked to help finance the improvement of the delta levees. The next Delta Protection Commission meeting is October 20, 2016 in West Sacramento.

**11. Agenda Item 15 – Potential Agenda Items for September 28, 2016**

The September 28, 2016 Board Meeting will be held in the Delta from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Staff is in the process of securing a venue. The Board would like to discuss the status of the Proposition 1 Grant Program approved projects and provide input on the strategic plan update process at the meeting. The Board also discussed and agreed upon moving the scheduled November 23, 2016 Board meeting to November 21, 2016 in order to accommodate the Thanksgiving holiday.

**12. Agenda Item 16 – Public Comments**

No public comment received.

**BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF**

- 1) The Board requested that staff look into whether the new checklist should be used to gather the required information and documents needed to execute the conditionally-approved land acquisition grant from the 2015-2016 grant cycle. **(Agenda Item 9)**
- 2) The Board requested that a citation to the applicable statute, and the Department of General Services Guidelines on land acquisition appraisal requirements, be added to the Grant Guidelines. Legal Counsel Rinke also requested a wording change to a passage referencing CEQA on page 11 of the document. **(Agenda Item 9)**

**MEETING ADJOURNED by Chair Provenza at 10:25 a.m.**

*Respectfully submitted on August 29, 2016*  
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy

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