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PROGRAM AND POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT

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SUMMARY

A quorum was established with the following subcommittee members present: Jim Provenza, Mike Eaton and Darla Guenzler. Board member Todd Ferrara and liaison advisors Steve Chappell and Erik Vink also attended. Board members Don Thomas and Dolly Sandoval participated on the phone. Three members of the public were also in attendance.

The meeting agenda included discussions of the Proposition 1 Grant Program concept proposal review, regional planning efforts, a comment letter for BDCP/CA Water Fix RDEIR/SDEIS, and a conflict of interest training.

[Proposition 1 Grant Program](#)

Staff presented an update of the Prop. 1 Grant Program concept proposal review. Staff's evaluation of concept proposals indicates that non-state and state cost share is not available to the extent anticipated when scoring criteria were developed. The Subcommittee discussed how best to address this issue and directed staff to identify a couple of alternative remedies that either adjust the criteria or the threshold for funding. It was recognized that modifying the scoring criteria would also result in a re-opening of the solicitation period and a one-to-two month delay in awarding FY15-16 grant funds.

[Regional Planning](#)

The Executive Officer presented additional information for the regional planning efforts in the Northeast Delta, Cache Slough, and for the Delta-wide Agricultural Sustainability Planning effort. Between now and the November 4th Board meeting, the Executive Officer will be meeting with each of the Conservancy's voting Board members, to discuss specific questions related to the regional planning efforts. Conservancy staff is seeking authority to negotiate contracts with the identified subcontractors, but will bring the contracts to the Board for approval. The Conservancy's Executive Officer and the Delta Protection Commission's Executive Director will also be meeting with the DPC to discuss the Delta-wide Agricultural Sustainability Planning project.

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[Comment Letter for BDCP/CA Water Fix RDEIR/SDEIS](#)

The Board discussed the possibility of submitting a comment letter to the BDCP/CA Water Fix RDEIR/SDEIS but determined that it was not necessary given the unique role of the Conservancy. Staff will work with RDEIR/SDEIS authors to correct a statement in the document that identifies the Conservancy as the lead agency for implementing California EcoRestore.

[Conflict of Interest Training](#)

The Subcommittee decided to delay the training until the November 4th Board meeting.

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