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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT August 24, 2016

~ PROGRAM UPDATE ~

Ecosystem Restoration

Proposition 1 Grant Program: For the 2015-2016 funding cycle, the Conservancy has approved, conditionally approved, or reserved funding for 9 projects that have requested approximately \$6.3 million in grant funding. To date, program staff has completed three draft grant agreements that will be routed for execution by the end of August. Simultaneously, staff are preparing for the 2016-2017 grant cycle. The 2016-2017 draft Grant Guidelines were posted for public review and comment From July 1-31st. A public meeting was held on July 20, 2016 and final Grant Guidelines for the 2016-2017 solicitation are being brought to the Board for approval at this Board meeting. The 2016-2017 proposal solicitation will open on September 1st.

Arundo Control and Restoration Project: The Arundo Control and Restoration Program permits issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Ulatis Creek restoration site are still in progress. This process has been delayed due to comments from the Yocha Dehe tribe to the US Army Corps of Engineers. Once issued, these permits will be sent to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) which will allow CVFPB to issue an encroachment permit. This will be the final permit required for the habitat restoration work at Ulatis Creek.

The Central Valley Flood Protection Board has approved the maintenance activities outlined in a cover letter that was sent on July 14th. This approval has allowed the Conservancy and the Sonoma Ecology Center to move ahead with treatment of the Arundo at the Ulatis Creek site. All stands of Arundo on the Ulatis Creek site were treated in early August.

Delta Conservation Framework: The first Delta Conservation Framework outreach workshop was held on August 18, 2016. The workshop included an overview of the Conservation Framework, small group discussions of the Framework's purpose, vision and restoration challenges. The next workshops are tentatively scheduled as follows:

- Wednesday September 21st, time and location TBD
- Thursday October 20th, time and location TBD
- Wednesday November 30th, time TBD (possibly held in the Delta in the evening)

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF – July 27th

1. Staff will look into whether grant agreement terms and conditions can be added to the Proposition 1 Grant Program solicitation packet in order to shorten any negotiation time after a project has been awarded.

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Staff Response: The Conservancy has not yet finalized its grant agreement terms and conditions, so, at this time, Staff are not prepared to add the grant agreement template to the Grant Guidelines. Staff will consider doing so during the next revisions to the Guidelines.

- 2. Staff will distribute a list of the meetings and conferences, and information pertaining to the seismic risks of the Delta that was discussed by the Delta Independent Science Board, mentioned by Jessica Law in her report at the July 27, 2016 Board Meeting.*

Staff Response: Staff distributed the information on August 3, 2016.

DELTA CONSERVANCY BUDGET UPDATE

Agenda Item 6.2: An update to the Delta Conservancy Expenditure Report will be provided at the next Board meeting on September 28, 2016.

OUTREACH-DELTA MEETING MATRIX

Agenda Item 6.3: Outreach-Delta Meeting Matrix including most recent events and key dates of future meetings

CORRESPONDENCE

Agenda Item 6.4: Correspondence provided.

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