Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chair Katherine Miller.

Agenda Item 2 – Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, and Introductions
After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

**Board Members Present:** Katherine Miller, Dolly Sandoval, Diane Burgis, Sandi Matsumoto, Don Nottoli, Jim Provenza, Mike Roberts, George Woolverton, Leo Winternitz

**Ex Officio Members Present:** Charles Dulac for Assemblymember Jim Frazier

**Liaison Advisors Present:** Matt Gerhart, Natasha Nelson for Eric Vink

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment
None.

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Calendar

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Dolly Sandoval moved, seconded by Board Member Leo Winternitz, to approve the Board Meeting Summary and Action Items from the November 14, 2018 and December 10, 2018 Board meetings.

A voice vote was taken by the Board to approve the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5 - Executive Officer's Report
Executive Officer Campbell Ingram briefed the Board as follows.

- Proposition 68 lead staff position was re-advertised with interviews starting this week.
- Conservancy staff member Sarah Ward has been promoted to Staff Services Analyst and will be the new Board Liaison.
• A Statement of Economic of Interests (Form 700) is due from each Board Member by April 2, 2019. Board members can reach out to Sarah Ward for assistance.
• The Twitchell Island tour on January 18, 2019 refocused attention on Delta subsidence, with the goals of realizing funding and strategizing incentives.
• Delta Public Lands Strategy is out for 30 days of public comment and will be brought to the Board in March for review and consideration.
• Delta Science Tracker project is moving forward; a meeting was held on November 28, 2018 to collect information about project needs.
• Aquatic Resources Inventory project has a meeting on January 30, 2019.
• Delta Mercury Education Reduction Program (MERP) team has signed a Memo of Understanding with multiple counties and First 5 programs, awarding a $10k Community Grant to each and providing training.

Deputy Executive Officer Debra Kustic presented the Expenditure Report.

Executive Officer Campbell Ingram presented the Outreach-Delta Meeting Matrix.

Agenda Item 6 – Aquatic Invasive Plant Update
Jon O’Brien of California State Parks, Division of Boating Waterways provided an update on aquatic invasive plants in the Delta. An Integrated Control Strategy is being developed that will include strategies for herbicide treatments, mechanical harvesting, biological controls, and real-time monitoring and performance metrics.

Agenda Item 7 – The Delta Conservancy 2018 Implementation Plan Status Update and Request for approval of the 2019 Implementation Plan
Deputy Executive Officer Debra Kustic presented a status update of progress on the 2018 Implementation Plan goals and explained that some apparent delays are results of staff vacancies or unforeseen circumstances, and others are changes in the course of the project. Deputy Executive Officer Kustic also presented a request for approval of the 2019 Implementation Plan. The Board will receive an update on the Strategic Plan and a progress report on the 2019 Implementation Plan in July.

The following edits were included in the request for approval of the document.
• Update the name of the Secretary for Natural Resources to reflect new appointment.
• Correction of minor typos on page 1 and page 5.
• Language change on page 6, “information paper” to “white paper” for consistency.
• Language change on page 6, “this information will be discussed” to “discussion will occur in publicly-noticed Board meetings” for clarity.
• Language change on page 9 “trash and waste tires” to “waste and used tires” for clarity.
Executive Officer Ingram, Deputy Executive Officer Kustic and Program Manager Laura Jensen responded to questions about the 2019 Implementation Plan. For Proposition 1 grants, the Delta Conservancy has $17.1 million left to award in local assistance. For the Cycle 4 grants, $16.4 million has been requested. The final amount for Cycle 5 will be determined when the Cycle 4 grants are awarded in May, about which a conversation will be initiated at an upcoming Program and Policy Subcommittee meeting.

**MOTION:** Supervisor Diane Burgis moved, seconded by Supervisor Jim Provenza, to adopt the Delta Conservancy 2019 Implementation Plan as presented with the specified edits.

A roll call vote was taken by the Board to approve the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 8 – Program and Policy Subcommittee Update**
Deputy Executive Officer Kustic presented an update on the December 19, 2018 Program and Policy Subcommittee meeting. The subcommittee has been discussing land ownership in the Delta and exploring the concept of engaging or establishing a Delta-focused foundation. The draft Program and Policy Subcommittee charter will be brought to the next full Board meeting for consideration and adoption.

**Agenda Item 9 – Proposition 1 Grant Program Update**
Program Manager Laura Jensen provided an update on the Proposition 1 Grant Program. The full proposal solicitation for Cycle 4 closed in December 2018. 11 proposals were received, and recommendations for funding will be brought to the Board in May. Other updates focused on two Agreements from Cycle 3 being executed, and four Agreements from Cycle 3 that have been sent to the Grantee for signature. The Board meeting materials were accidentally missing an update for grant agreement number Prop 1-1513, but a verbal update was provided that the agreement is out for signature.

Ms. Jensen provided an update on grant agreement number Prop 1-1605. At a previous meeting, the Board approved an Amendment changing the project footprint without significant change to total area. The Grantee must re-survey the site, which requires them to move money between tasks, though not increasing the total budget.

The first Proposition 1 grant to be completed was closed as of the end of the calendar year, and the Conservancy is waiting on the final report from the Grantee.

**Agenda Item 10 – EcoAtlas Performance Measures Reporting Project Update**
Program Manager Shakoora Azimi-Gaylon provided an update on the EcoAtlas performance measures reporting project, including screenshots of new reporting capabilities, levels of project tracking information, and ways to integrate project data between EcoAtlas and other reporting systems.
Agenda Item 11 – San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority and Bay Area Conservancy Update
In place of Jessica Davenport, Matt Gerhart provided an update on grant programs and funding, project implementation, an amendment to the Bay Plan to increase fill for projects that enhance habitat, and the Bay Restoration Regulatory Integration Team (BRRIT) to actively facilitate permitting for wetland restoration projects in nine counties.

Agenda Item 12 – Delta Stewardship Council Update
On behalf of the Delta Stewardship Council, Executive Officer Campbell Ingram announced staffing updates including the new Council Chair, Susan Tatayon, and new Deputy Executive Officer of Science, Louise Conrad. He shared information from the Council regarding an upcoming hearing related to Smith Canal, Delta Science Program research grants, the Social Science Task Force, an upcoming Adaptive Management Forum, and the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee nutria workgroup.

Agenda Item 13 – California Water Fix and Eco Restore Updates
Greg Farley provided a fact sheet and an update on WaterFix and noted upcoming California Environmental Quality Act related dates. The project is waiting on a ruling from the State Water Resources Control Board for further direction. Department of Water Resources staff anticipate resubmitting a revised Certification of Consistency with the Delta Plan.

The Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority is holding monthly meetings, which are webcast and for which the agendas and updates are available on www.dca.org.

Mike Roberts provided an update on EcoRestore. EcoRestore is wrapping up an outreach media campaign including video stories of individual projects. EcoRestore is helping with the sustainable conservation streamline permitting effort to complete a draft Biological Opinion with U.S. Fish and Wildlife by 2020. The EcoRestore team is reaching out to the Department of Water Resources and Department of Fish and Wildlife program staff to understand their EcoRestore needs for 2019.

Agenda Item 14 – Potential Agenda Items for the March Board Meeting
Tentative agenda items for the March 27, 2019 Board meeting:
• Request for approval of an Interagency Agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board best management practices in the Delta.
• Program and Policy Subcommittee charter for Board consideration.
• Delta Public Lands Strategy for review and consideration.

It was suggested that the criteria and guidelines for the Proposition 68 grant program be brought to the Board for discussion, and Executive Officer Ingram clarified that the criteria and guidelines would be modeled after the Proposition 1 grant program and would be created once the Proposition 68 lead staff member is onboard. The process will include public input and review and approval by the Board.
Agenda Item 15 – Delta Protection Commission Update
Natasha Nelson, Assistant Executive Director of the Delta Protection Commission presented on behalf of Erik Vink. Ms. Nelson provided an update that supplemental funding from the Governor’s budget was received for a National Heritage Area Management Plan, and that the Commission had considered approval of the Commission’s 2018 Annual Report. Highlights of the Annual Report included that users to the www.visitcadelta.com website had increased 269% in 2018.

Other updates included that progress is being made on the Rio Vista Estuary Station, the Delta Protection Commission has considered and approved a scope of work for a new recreation chapter of the economic sustainability plan, and that the Land Resource Management Plan will likely be available for a 10-day review on January 28 or 29, 2019 with a second opening for public comment after the first round in the spring.

Agenda Item 16 – Public Comment
None.

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF
Research possibilities for use of invasive plant waste and its potential economic value.

RECESS TO CLOSE SESSION at 10:48 a.m. to discuss potential litigation involving the Conservancy pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(e)(2).

CLOSED SESSION ENDED by Chair Katherine Miller at 11:40 a.m.
Deputy Attorney General Nicole Rinke confirmed nothing to report from the closed session.

MEETING ADJOURNED by Chair Katherine Miller at 11:41 a.m.

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