Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 9:00 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. Agenda items were heard by the Board in the order indicated below.

Board Members Present: Katherine Miller, Karen Finn, Don Nottoli, Skip Thomson, Jim Provenza, Mike Roberts
Ex Officio Members Present: Charles Dulac for Assemblymember Jim Frazier
Liaison Advisors Present: Steve Chappell, Martha Ozonoff, Sandra O’Roak, Erik Vink, Jim Waters

Agenda Item 5 - Executive Officer’s Report
Executive Officer Campbell Ingram briefed the Board as follows.
- Conservancy staff is considering proposing changing to the Board meeting schedule to increase efficiency and more reliably establish a quorum. Staff will bring any proposed changes to the Board for consideration.
- Robyn Krock, has been hired as a Staff Services Manager I to serve as the Proposition 68 lead; Larry Hughes has been hired as a Retired Annuitant Associate Governmental Program Analyst; Jessica Adel has been hired as an Associate Governmental Program Analyst and is the new Board Liaison. Shakoora Azimi-Gaylon and Sarah Ward have left the Conservancy.
- Statements of Economic Interest (Form 700) are due by April 2, 2019 from voting and non-voting Board Members.
- Conservancy staff will present to the Board at a future meeting an updated policy related workers’ compensation insurance coverage for Board Members and volunteers. Volunteers can be covered by workers’ compensation insurance, but Board members
Deputy Executive Officer Debra Kustic presented the Expenditure Report. A final audit report is pending for the Department of General Services audit of the Conservancy’s procurement practices. Based on the audit conference, no significant findings are expected. The State Compensation Insurance Fund completed an annual audit of the Conservancy’s policy in order to reconcile projected salaries with actual salaries and adjusted the premium accordingly.

Executive Officer Ingram presented the Outreach-Delta Meeting Matrix. Supervisor Don Nottoli noted challenges to restoration presented by access and transportation issues.

Executive Officer Ingram distributed the following.

- California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s *Nutria Pocket Guide*
- Creek Week brochure for the Delta Waterway Clean-Up on Saturday, April 13, 2019

**Agenda Item 6 – Program and Policy Subcommittee Update**

Deputy Executive Officer Kustic presented an update on the February 20, 2019 meeting of the Program and Policy Subcommittee.

- Conversations continued with the Yolo Basin Foundation and the Delta Regional Foundation to explore a potential partnership in implementing and generating projects, raising funds, providing resources for maintenance and monitoring, and mobilizing volunteers.
- The Subcommittee discussed what resources are required to own or manage land on behalf of the State and Molly Farrell from Department of Water Resources (DWR) presented DWR’s land management experiences.

The next meeting of the Program and Policy Subcommittee will be April 17, 2019.

**Agenda Item 7 – Proposition 1 Grant Program Update**

Program Manager Laura Jensen provided an update on the Proposition 1 Grant Program.

- Conservancy staff is considering alternatives for the timing of a fifth cycle of the Proposition 1 Grant Program. Considerations include the amount of funding awarded in previous cycles, allowing previously awarded planning projects to advance to the stage where they could apply for funds for implementation, and efficiencies in administering the program.
• Cycle 4 grant proposals are being reviewed and funding recommendations will be presented to the Board at its May 22, 2019 meeting.
• Conservancy staff is exploring options for developing a grant management database.
• Cycle 1-3 projects are moving forward; the Conservancy is continuing to execute grant agreements and monitor projects.
• The first Proposition 1 project has closed (Prop 1-Y1-2015-008 Sherman Island Wetland Restoration Project) and the final report is available.
• The agreement for the Paradise Cut Conservation and Flood Management Plan planning project (Prop 1-2015-Y1-012) was amended to update the scope of work and move money between task budgets. The project is still on track meet all objectives on time.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment
Agenda Item 3 was addressed after Agenda Item 7. No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Calendar

**MOTION:** Supervisor Don Nottoli moved, seconded by Supervisor Jim Provenza, to approve the January 23, 2019 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items.

A roll call vote was taken by the Board to approve the motion. Supervisor Skip Thomson abstained, therefore a quorum was not reached, and the motion did not pass.

Agenda Item 8 – Request for Approval to Enter into a Contract, not to exceed $371,000 to Implement the Fish Friendly Farming Certification Program in the Delta
Deputy Executive Officer Kustic presented in place of Shakoor Azim-Gaylon.

• Funds for the Fish Friendly Farming Certification Program will come from a grant to the Conservancy from the State Water Resources Control Board, which will soon be fully executed.
• The Conservancy has requested the Department of General Services approve the Conservancy to enter into a non-competitive bid contract to work with the only known entity certified to implement the Fish Friendly Farming program.

**MOTION:** Supervisor Jim Provenza moved, seconded by Supervisor Don Nottoli, to authorize, contingent upon execution of an interagency Agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board to provide the necessary funding, the Executive Officer or his designee to enter into a contract, not to exceed $371,000, to implement the Fish Friendly Farming Program to achieve goals and objectives consistent with the Scope of Work included as Attachment 2 to Item 8 of the agenda for this meeting.

A roll call vote was taken by the Board to approve the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Agenda Item 9 – Request for Approval of Program and Policy Subcommittee Charter
Deputy Executive Officer Kustic presented a draft of an updated Program and Policy Subcommittee Charter, which was initially adopted in December 2012. Substantive updates include establishing the Subcommittee as solely an advisory body, broadening the responsibilities of the Subcommittee, and changing the membership structure. Membership will be ratified at a future meeting. The updated charter specifies the Vice Chair of the Board as Subcommittee chair. Leo Winternitz and Supervisor Jim Provenza expressed willingness to serve on the Subcommittee.

MOTION: Mike Roberts moved, seconded by Supervisor Skip Thomson, to adopt the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Program and Policy Subcommittee Charter as presented as Attachment 2 to Item 9 of the agenda for this meeting, and that the charter supersede any previously adopted charter for the Program and Policy Subcommittee.

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

Agenda Item 10 – Delta Public Land Strategy, Review and Consider Final Draft
Executive Officer Ingram presented the final draft of the Delta Public Land Strategy.

The Delta Public Land Strategy was the result of a year-long planning process to provide high-level guidance to landowners on ways to get the most ecological benefit on public lands. Three comment letters were received regarding the Strategy, from the Department of Water Resources, the Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District, and the Central Delta Water Agency. The Conservancy will continue to facilitate periodic meetings of the Central Delta Corridor Partnership group.

Agenda Item 11 – Request for Approval of Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Conflict of Interest Code
Aleesah Herup presented a draft of an amended Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Conflict of Interest Code. The Conservancy is required to maintain a current Conflict of Interest Code including only positions that are currently active. The proposed amendment corrects typographical errors, removes inactive positions, adds new positions, and clarifies existing positions.

MOTION: Supervisor Jim Provenza moved, seconded by Mike Roberts, to approve as final the Amended Conflict of Interest Code as presented in this item.

A roll call vote was taken by the Board to approve the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Agenda Item 12 – Delta Stewardship Council Update
Amanda Bohl provided the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) update. The Council denied an appeal to the Smith Canal Gate Project, and determined the project to be consistent with the Delta Plan. The Council ran a joint proposal solicitation for the Delta Science Program with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and is considering 62 applications; funding announcements are expected in late April. The next Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee meeting will be on April 8, 2019. Dr. Louise Conrad recently joined the Council as the Science Director and Harriot Ross joined as the Assistant Planning Director.

Agenda Item 13 – California Water Fix and EcoRestore Updates
Mike Roberts provided an update on EcoRestore. Secretary Wade Crowfoot has recommitted to the function and intent of the EcoRestore initiative which anticipates breaking ground on two to four sites in 2019 and an additional six sites in 2020. Board Member Roberts also shared that the first video evidence of adult sturgeon using the Fremont Weir facility has been captured and he clarified that while WaterFix and EcoRestore were initiated at the same time, the initiatives are not related.

Executive Officer Ingram presented an update on WaterFix on behalf of Greg Farley. Governor Gavin Newsome has expressed his support of the project moving forward with one tunnel, and the Department of Water Resources is evaluating the proposed revisions to WaterFix.

Agenda Item 14 – Delta Protection Commission Update
Erik Vink presented an update on the Delta Protection Commission. On March 12, 2019, President Trump signed a bill establishing the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area as the first National Heritage Area in California. The Commission will serve as the local coordinating entity and will start by preparing a management plan, which will be discussed at the next Commission meeting on May 16, 2019.

The Commission is revising the 2012 Economic Sustainability Plan for the Delta and is completing a series of reports that will provide agriculture related recommendations to the Delta Stewardship Council. The Commission is also updating the recreation and tourism chapter of the Economic Sustainability Plan. The Commission is updating the Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the primary zone of the Delta.

Agenda Item 15 – Potential Agenda Items for the May 22, 2019 Board Meeting
Tentative agenda items for the May 22, 2019 Board meeting:

- Recommendations for Cycle 4 Proposition 1 Grant awards
- Resolution to adopt workers’ compensation insurance coverage
- Frequency of Board meetings
- Ratification of Program and Policy Subcommittee membership
- Presentation on the National Heritage Area
Agenda Item 16 – Public Comment
None.

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF
Provide information regarding how the Fish Friendly Farming work funded through the Proposition 1 Grant Program and the contract considered by the Board at this meeting complement each other.

Board Closed Session

CLOSED SESSION BEGAN at 10:55 a.m. for Executive Officer’s Annual Performance Review Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(a)

CLOSED SESSION ENDED by Chair Katherine Miller at 11:10 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted on March 27, 2019
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