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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT September 25, 2019

PROGRAM UPDATE

OFFICE EXPANSION

The Conservancy has taken occupancy of the newly expanded space and the project is nearly complete with only minor work remaining to install audio visual equipment, signage, and some furniture items; Americans With Disabilities Act updates; and touch up painting. We are very pleased with the outcome.

ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROGRAM

Nutria Eradication:

The Executive Officer regularly attends monthly Nutria Interagency Eradication Team meetings. The latest report including updated numbers and map locations is in the board packet as agenda item 5, attachment 2.

Delta Mercury Exposure Reduction Program:

The Conservancy, in partnership with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board), Department of Public Health, and Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), continues to work with community-based groups, local agencies, and others to implement the Delta Mercury Exposure Reduction Program (MERP). The Water Board and Conservancy staff are working collaboratively to post fish consumption advisories in the Delta. To date, 65 signs have been posted throughout all five Delta counties. Conservancy staff is implementing the Delta MERP Fish Consumption Advisory Sign Posting Evaluation with the Southeast Asian Assistance Center (SAAC) to evaluate the effectiveness of the fish consumption advisories that have been posted. Of the 65 sign posting locations, surveys will be conducted at 25 total sites across all five counties. The final report will be submitted by SAAC on December 30, 2019.

Delta Interagency Invasive Species Coordination Team:

The Delta Interagency Invasive Species Coordination (DIISC) Team convened the 2019 Delta Invasives Symposium on August 29, 2019 at the University of California – Davis UC Conference Center. The symposium had the theme "Remote Sensing Applications for Management" and had more than 140 registered participants. Conservancy staff led the planning effort as well as moderated and presented at the event. The purpose of the DIISC Team is to foster communication and collaboration among California state agencies, federal agencies, research and conservation groups, and other stakeholders that detect, prevent, and manage invasive species and restore invaded habitats in the Delta. Conservancy staff continues to lead and facilitate the DIISC Team.

Portfolio Recommendations Group:

In response to a request in the Governor's Executive Order Number N-10-19 calling for public input for a Resilient Water Portfolio, an ad hoc, unsponsored effort, called the Portfolio Recommendations Group (PRG), brought together more than 80 opinion leaders from urban water agencies, tribes, environmental groups, irrigation districts, environmental justice groups, fire leaders, flood agencies, business and watershed groups. Over the course of several months, four plenary meetings and multiple phone conferences, the group developed a suite of recommendations that is currently being finalized and will be forwarded to the Governor during the week of September 16, 2019. The group broke into subgroups to identifying the top-tier recommendations in six categories: Human Right to Water, Diverse Water Supplies, Healthy Waterways, Groundwater, Climate Resilient Watersheds, and Delta. The priorities were refined by the subgroups and the overall group. The Conservancy Executive Officer participated in the Delta group, which includes representatives from Contra Costa, San Joaquin, and Solano Counties, and has signed the document as a participant and supporter of the recommendations.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Week: The Conservancy staff supported Senator Dodd's office in the development of a Senate Resolution for Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Week, the week of September 21, 2019, to highlight the significance and importance of the Delta. Staff provided review of the resolution and a press release including quotes from the Executive Officer.

ETHICS COURSE REMINDER FOR BOARD MEMBERS

The Fair Political Practices Commission requires that Conservancy Board Members complete an ethics course every other year on odd years. Board Members will need to have this accomplished by December 31st of this year. Those of you who have not completed the course will be notified by email with a link to the online course.

REMINDER OF MEETING DATE CHANGE

Please remember that we have changed our November board meeting to the alternate meeting date of December 4, 2019 due to the conflict with the Thanksgiving Holiday.

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF – None

DELTA CONSERVANCY BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE UPDATE

Agenda Item 5 (Attachment 3): Budget and Expenditure Report

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

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