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## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT July 24, 2019

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### ~ PROGRAM UPDATE ~

#### **OFFICE EXPANSION**

Construction started the first week of June and is expected to be complete by the second week of August.

#### **ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROGRAM**

##### Delta Carbon Projects:

The Conservancy has executed a contract for validation and verification services for the existing wetlands on Sherman and Twitchell Islands. The contractor will verify and certify emission reduction credits that can be marketed by the land owner. The project is expected to be completed by early September.

##### 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). Conservancy staff reviewed and published final reports from Delta MERP Community Grant Program recipients (San Joaquin County First 5, Yolo County First 5, and Rio Vista Care). The Water Board and the Conservancy will continue to work with grantees after the close of their grant program to provide technical support. In addition, the Water Board and Conservancy staff are working collaboratively to post fish consumption advisories in the Delta. To date, 63 signs have been posted throughout all five Delta counties.

#### **COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**

##### Delta Marketing:

As an outgrowth of the Delta Sign Plan, the Conservancy entered into an Interagency Agreement with Delta Protection Commission (DPC) to develop/update a Delta recreation map and to create and install "Welcome to the Delta" signs. The map is in near final form and DPC is getting quotes for printing and exploring distribution options. The signs are being designed, and 11 "Welcome to the Delta" signs will be installed once the permitting process is complete. A Marketing Task Force meeting was held May 28, 2019 at the DPC office in West Sacramento. Members of the task force gave input on the Delta recreation map and sign design, expressing general approval. DPC is currently getting cost estimates for printing the recreation map and for sign installation.

Delta Waterway Cleanup:

The Conservancy is beginning to organize our support to help the Delta Protection Commission in leading the fall Coastal Cleanup Day. Staff continues to explore new sites to add to our Delta Waterway Cleanup efforts; the next Delta Waterway Cleanup will take place in the spring of 2020.

***BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF – May 22, 2019***

- Work with the applicants for the following Proposition 1 Cycle 4 Grant program proposals to obtain additional information and address concerns, and present a recommendation regarding the proposals to the Board at a future meeting.
  - Prop 1-1801 Mello/Jensen Heirs Sandhill Crane Preserve
  - Prop 1-1807 Elk Slough Fish Passage and Flood Improvement Project
  - Prop 1-1810 Phase 1 San Joaquin River Floodplain Restoration and Floodway Enhancement at Banta-Carbona

***DELTA CONSERVANCY BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE UPDATE***

Agenda Item 7 (Attachment 2): Budget and Expenditure Report

***CORRESPONDENCE***

None.

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