



**EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**  
**December 9, 2019**

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**PROGRAM UPDATE**

**ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROGRAM**

**Nutria Eradication:**

The Executive Officer regularly attends monthly Nutria Interagency Eradication Team meetings. The latest Department of Fish and Wildlife report is included in the board packet as agenda item 5, attachment 2.

**Delta Mercury Exposure Reduction Program:**

On November 13, 2019, the Conservancy facilitated a Steering Committee meeting, at which partnering agencies shared updates, provided feedback on program materials, and discussed next steps. The Water Board and Conservancy staff are working collaboratively to post fish consumption advisories in the Delta. To date, 72 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. SAAC has conducted surveys at 25 total sites across all five counties. A final report will be available by December 30, 2019. MERP will wrap up in May of 2020. Staff plan to present the program to the Board at the March 2020 Board meeting.

**State of the Estuary Conference:**

Members of the Conservancy staff attended the 2019 State of the Estuary Conference held in Oakland, CA. Every two years, the conference showcases the latest information about the work done in the Bay-Delta region to sustain and improve the estuary's health, living resources, water quality, climate resilience, and environmental stewardship. This year, two prominent themes of the conference were inclusion and environmental justice, and climate resiliency. Conservancy staff presented five posters at the conference on the Proposition 1 Grant Program, Delta MERP (in partnership with the State Water Board), The Conservancy's work on invasive species control, Delta Waterway Cleanups, and the Nutria Eradication Program (in partnership with California Department of Fish and Wildlife).

**Water Resilience Portfolio:**

Governor's Executive Order Number N-10-19 calls for the development of a Water Resilience Portfolio to guide the new Administrations water policy. A draft of the Portfolio is expected to be released in the coming weeks.

**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**

Through an Interagency Agreement, staff have been working with the Delta Protection Commission to implement elements of the Five-Year Delta Marketing Plan and the Delta Sign Plan, which was a recommendation in the Marketing Plan. The Sign Plan focuses on three types of signs: welcome,

wayfaring, and interpretive signs. Following extensive input and review from stakeholders including the Delta Marketing Task Force, signs were created with interchangeable graphics. While the overall design remains consistent, the graphics allow for signs to be more site-specific. The Commission has entered into an agreement with the California Conservation Corps for installation of the signs and has submitted materials to the California Department of Transportation for an encroachment permit.

The Delta Marketing Plan also recommended creation of a Delta Recreation Map. Following a rigorous, iterative process with the Delta Marketing Task Force, the Delta Recreation Map is complete. The map is intended to provide information about recreational opportunities in the Delta and has been designed with carefully chosen photographs and descriptive text. The final product is printed on thick, water-resistance stock. The DPC has printed 6,000 maps and they will be distributed throughout the Delta.

#### **ETHICS COURSE REMINDER FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND LIAISON ADVISORS**

The Fair Political Practices Commission requires that Conservancy Board Members and Liaison Advisors complete an ethics course every other year. Most all of the completion certificates have been emailed to our Board Liaison and we thank you. We request those Board Members and Liaison Advisors who have not been able to finish this to please do so by December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year.

#### **2020 DELTA CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE IS POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE**

The 2020 Board Schedule that was approved at the September 25, 2019 Board Meeting is posted on the Conservancy website and has been emailed to Board Members and Liaison Advisors. Our first 2020 meeting is January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF**

- Update on the administrative responsiveness of the grantee, if an amendment is sought for the Fish Friendly Farming Certification Program for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.
- Update on the Governor's Water Resilience Portfolio.
- Update on Secretary Crowfoot's Round Table Forum.

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

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

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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