



BOARD MEETING SUMMARY AND ACTION ITEMS

December 9, 2019

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Conference Room
1450 Halyard Drive, Suite 6, West Sacramento

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Vice Chair Leo Winternitz

Agenda Item 2 – Welcome, 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: Karen Mitchoff, Leo Winternitz, Dolly Sandoval, Jim Provenza, Sandi Matsumoto, Larry Ruhstaller, Kathy Miller, Don Nottoli, Bryan Cash, Christopher Lief

Ex Officio Members Present: Charles Dulac for Assembly member Jim Frazier

Liaison Advisors Present: Steve Chappell, Erik Vink

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment

None

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Calendar

MOTION: *Supervisor Miller moved, seconded by Board Member Ruhstaller, to approve the following.*

- *September 25, 2019 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items*
- *Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Conflict of Interest Code*

A voice vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5 – Executive Officer’s Report

The Executive Officer introduced new staff member Dylan Moore, Community Projects Analyst, and presented highlights from the Executive Officer’s Report. The Board directives to staff from the September 25, 2019 meeting were to continue providing updates on the Governor’s Water Resilience Portfolio and Secretary Crowfoots’ Round Table Forum. The Executive Officer stated for future meetings these updates would be reported in the Executive Officer’s Report. Staff presented the September 30, 2019 Budget and Expenditure Report.

Agenda Item 6 – Consideration of Grant Guidelines for the Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program

The Draft Grant Guidelines for the Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program were approved at the September 25, 2019 Delta Conservancy Board meeting and posted for public comment for 30 days. Minor updates were made based on public comment and the document was finalized.

MOTION: *Board Member Winternitz moved, seconded by Board Member Sandoval to approve the Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program Guidelines.*

A voice vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 7 – Proposition 1 Program Update

Staff presented highlights from the Proposition 1 Program Update Staff Report

Cycle 4: Applicants for two projects are still seeking approval, Mello/Jensen Heirs Sandhill Crane Preserve and Phase 1 San Joaquin River Floodplain Restoration and Floodway Enhancement at Banta-Carbona, and have submitted documents. Conservancy staff are reviewing the documents and will provide an update at the January Board meeting. The balance of the Cycle 4 projects are all moving through the contract process.

Cycle 3: Knightsen Wetland Restoration and Flood Protection Project may require an amendment to extend the funding term in the future. The Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project #2 is having land ownership complications which are being addressed.

Cycle 2: Projects are on task.

Cycle 1: Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project #1 amendment is still in process.

Agenda Item 8 – Consideration of Request to Extend the Term of the Fish Friendly Farming Certification Program for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Project Grant

Barry Hill, Project Manager/Hydrologist with CA Land Stewardship institute (grantee), outlined why the project had been delayed and requested the amendment for an extension. A workbook for the Best Management Practices for Pesticide use in the Delta, is very close to completion and will be ready if the extension is granted to June 30, 2020.

MOTION: *Supervisor Nottoli moved, seconded by Board Member Ruhstaller to approve the amendment to the Fish Friendly Farming Certification Program for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Project grant.*

A voice vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 9 – Delta Stewardship Council Update

Amanda Bohl with the Delta Stewardship Council (Council), reported that a public draft of the update to chapter four of the Delta Plan is available on the Council website. The Council is encouraging public comment, especially from local agencies, and staff is ready and available to engage in dialogue. The Conservancy Executive staff will be reviewing the document and will share comments at the January 22, 2020 Board Meeting.

Agenda Item 10 – Delta Protection Commission Update

Erik Vink, Executive Director for the Delta Protection Commission (Commission), presented an update. The distribution plan for the Delta Recreational Map is in process. The Commission is creating a best practices plan for the Delta National Heritage Area. They have started a planning project on the Great Delta Trail Master Plan to connect the San Francisco Bay Trail to the Sacramento River Trail for a continuous corridor through the Delta region.

Agenda Item 11 – Delta Conveyance Update

Carrie Buckman, Assistant Deputy Director for the California Delta Conveyance with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) provided this update. DWR is planning to pursue a notice of preparation for the environmental impact report under CEQA. Ms. Buckman provided a general schedule of the process in a handout entitled *Key Milestones* showing completion of the planning process by the end of 2022. The DWR Delta Conveyance webpage has updated information.

Agenda Item 12 – EcoRestore Update

Charlotte Biggs, Program Manager with the Department of Water Resources, provided a PowerPoint presentation of EcoRestore progress in 2019 and plans for 2020. EcoRestore is tracking approximately 30 projects in the Delta region.

Agenda Item 13 – Potential Agenda Items for the January 22, 2020 Board Meeting

- Updates on Proposition 1, cycle 4 projects seeking a grant: Mello/Jensen Heirs Sandhill Crane Preserve, and Phase 1 San Joaquin River Floodplain Restoration and Floodway Enhancement at Banta-Carbona.
- Draft Implementation Plan
- Update on the Governor Resilience Portfolio Round Table Forum

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

None

Agenda Item 14 – Public Comment

None

MEETING ADJOURNED by Chair Mitchoff at 10:11 a.m.

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