



**EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**  
**May 27, 2020**

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**PROGRAM UPDATE**

**STAFFING UPDATE**

Please welcome Chelle Temple-King, our newly-hired Environmental Scientist. Chelle will be working on the Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program and on developing projects and initiatives at the Conservancy. Chelle came to Sacramento from Florida, where she worked at various science museums. Chelle started with the Conservancy on May 14.

Please welcome Martha Ozonoff, our newly-hired Associate Government Program Analyst. Martha is joining our administrative team and will assist with grant and contracts management. Martha is coming to us from the Yolo Basin Foundation where she was the Executive Director and the Foundation's designated Liaison Advisor to the Delta Conservancy. Martha started with the Conservancy on May 14.

**ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROGRAM**

**Nutria Eradication:**

The Board will receive a full briefing on the Program status at the July meeting.

**Delta Mercury Exposure Reduction Program:**

Delta MERP will wrap up at the end of May 2020. Staff will make a final program overview presentation at this meeting under Agenda Item 8.

**Delta Subsidence and Carbon Emissions:**

The Conservancy continues to work to develop pilot projects and support land owners in their efforts to explore carbon market opportunities. On April 17, the Conservancy conducted a virtual Delta carbon/subsidence tour and overview for legislative members and their staff, and philanthropic foundation staff.

**Water Resilience Portfolio:**

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

**Creek Week Clean-up:**

Creek Week, which is organized by the Sacramento Area Creeks Council, has been cancelled due to restrictions resulting from COVID-19. The event may be rescheduled for the fall or may be postponed until 2021.

## **COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**

### **Delta Marketing:**

Through an Interagency Agreement, staff have been working with the Delta Protection Commission (Commission) to implement elements of the Five-Year Delta Marketing Plan and the Delta Sign Plan, which was a recommendation in the Marketing Plan. Together, Conservancy and Commission staff submitted 11 encroachment permit applications to Caltrans for “Welcome to the Delta” signs throughout the Delta. Unfortunately, the encroachment permits have been denied. Staff are exploring alternative options for posting the signs.

The Delta Marketing Plan also recommended creation of a Delta recreation map and in November the Commission printed 6,500 maps. A distribution plan has been developed but implementation is postponed until the COVID-19 stay-at-home orders are lifted.

### **Form 700 Compliance:**

The deadline to complete Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests, was extended to June 1, 2020 for all Board members, Board member alternates, and Liaison Advisors. Forms are completed using the Fair Political Practices Commission online portal.

## **BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF**

None

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

(Attachment 2)

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