



SACRAMENTO - SAN JOAQUIN
DELTA CONSERVANCY
A California State Agency

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

October 28, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Remote Access Meeting

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Welcome, Roll Call, and Introductions**
3. **Public Comment** (*New Business*)
4. **Consent Calendar** (*Action Item*)
 - *Approval of July 22, 2020 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items (Attachment)*
 - *Consideration of Amendment to the Term of the Nutria Eradication Project Grant (Prop 1-1718) (Attachment)*
 - *Consideration of Amendment to the Term of the Stone Lakes Restoration Project Grant (Prop 1-1713) (Attachment)*
5. **Executive Officer's Report**, *Campbell Ingram*
 - *Program Update (Attachments)*
 - *Budget and Expenditure Report, Jessica Adel (Attachment)*
6. **Proposition 1 Program Update**, *Aaron Haiman (Attachment)*
7. **Proposition 68 Program Update**, *Robyn Krock (Attachment)*
8. **Nutria Eradication Program Update by Department of Fish and Wildlife**, *Valerie Cook*
9. **Program and Policy Subcommittee Update**, *Campbell Ingram (Attachment)*
10. **Delta Stewardship Council Update**, *Amanda Bohl*
11. **Delta Protection Commission Update**, *Erik Vink*
12. **Delta Conveyance Update**, *Carrie Buckman*
13. **EcoRestore Update**, *Charlotte Biggs*
14. **Potential Agenda Items for the January 27, 2021 Board Meeting**, *Campbell Ingram (Attachment)*

15. Public Comment

16. ADJOURN

- To view the members of the Delta Conservancy Board, please visit <http://deltaconservancy.ca.gov/delta-conservancy-board>.
- Attachments and additional information are on the Delta Conservancy's website at: <http://www.deltaconservancy.ca.gov>.
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- Public comments are generally limited to three (3) minutes but may be more or less at the discretion of the Board Chair.
- The Board may consider the agenda items listed above in a different order at the Delta Conservancy Board meeting, pursuant to the determination of the Board Chair. All items appearing on this agenda, whether or not listed expressly for action, may be deliberated upon and subject to action at the discretion of the Delta Conservancy Board.
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Board Meeting Summary and Action Items
July 22, 2020
Zoom Meeting

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Karen Mitchoff.

Agenda Item 2 – Welcome, Roll Call, and Introductions

The Executive Officer provided instruction on participating in public comment using the Zoom meeting format. Roll call was taken and agenda items were heard by the Board in the order indicated below.

Board Members Present: Karen Mitchoff, Leo Winternitz, Skip Thomson, Jim Provenza, Kathy Miller, Bryan Cash, Dolly Sandoval, Sandi Matsumoto, Larry Ruhstaller, Matt Almy

Ex-Officio Members Present: Assemblymember Timothy Grayson

Liaison Advisors Present: Steve Chappell, Erik Vink, Moira McEnespy, Jim Waters

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment

None

Agenda Item 4 – Board Elections

The Executive Officer opened nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair. Both Chair Karen Mitchoff and Vice Chair Leo Winternitz accepted nominations to serve another term.

MOTION: *Supervisor Provenza moved, seconded by Board Member Matsumoto, that the Board approve the following:*

- *Nominate Karen Mitchoff for the position of Chair and Leo Winternitz for the position of Vice Chair of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Board for the 2020-2021 term.*

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5 – Consent Calendar

MOTION: *Vice Chair Winternitz moved, seconded by Board Member Sandoval, that the Board approve the following:*

- *May 27, 2020 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items*

A roll call vote was taken. There were nine ayes and one abstention. The motion passed.

Agenda Item 6 – Executive Officer’s Report

The Executive Officer thanked and said goodbye to Laura Jensen, Program Manager, and introduced newly-hired staff member Dr. Rachel Wigginton, Senior Environmental Scientist. The Executive Officer recognized the Conservancy’s ten-year anniversary with a brief history of the organization. The Conservancy continues its COVID-19 practices with all staff teleworking, and has contributed to the relief effort by supplying Larry Hughes as a Contact Tracer. Our contract work continues as we augment the Delta carbon subsidence contract to incorporate two pilot projects into the work. We continue attending monthly meetings with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding the nutria project, and the June update is included in this meeting’s Board packet. The most current count of nutria taken is 1,816. The Executive Officer provided the latest update on our efforts to post Welcome to the Delta signs; staff is working with Caltrans on alternatives. The Board directives and responses from the May 27, 2020 Board Meeting were addressed and there were no questions. Staff presented the fiscal year 2020-2021 Budget and Expenditure Report.

Agenda Item 7 – Proposition 1 Program Update

Staff presented highlights from the Proposition 1 Program Update Staff Report.

Cycle 4: Three grant agreements have been executed and four are in process. The Elk Slough Fish Passage and Flood Improvement project has started.

Cycle 3: Construction commenced at Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project #2. Stone Lakes Restoration project design plans have been completed at a significant savings. The Restoration Planning at River Garden Farms project has some overlap with a Department of Water Resources (DWR) project, which staff is working with the grantee and DWR to address. The Board asked to stay informed of the activity.

Cycle 2: Restoration of Priority Wetlands for Endangered Species at the Cosumnes River Preserve is the first implementation project to close. Project staff has assumed the monitoring work since core volunteers are not available due to COVID-19.

Cycle 1: Fish Friendly Farming Certification Program for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta will soon be the fourth grant to close and move into the post-project monitoring phase. Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project #1 started construction in June.

Agenda Item 8 – Proposition 68 Program Update

Staff presented highlights from the Proposition 68 Program Update Staff Report. The Conservancy has received ten eligible concept proposals, which is three more than the Conservancy had received as of the July 22, 2020 Board meeting. The ten eligible proposals have requested approximately 80 percent of the total grant funds. Staff will present recommendations to the Board as full proposals are completed, which may be as soon as the October 28, 2020 Board meeting.

Agenda Item 9 – Delta Conservancy 2020 Implementation Plan Status Update

The Deputy Executive Officer presented the mid-year update on the Conservancy’s 2020 Implementation Plan. Staff continues to work efficiently and effectively. Although COVID-19 presents some challenges, the Conservancy is adapting.

Agenda Item 10 – Delta Carbon Management Overview and Update.

The Executive Officer presented a Delta Carbon Management Overview and Update with a slide presentation and commentary. The presentation included details on soil subsidence and carbon emissions, as well as a third-party validation/verification progress for the carbon market. Board discussion followed the presentation along with public comment from the following: Osha R. Meserve, North Delta Coalitions; Justin Frederickson, California Farm Bureau Federation; Michelle Leinfelder Miles, farm advisor for the University of California Cooperative Extension; Dawit Zeleke, President of Conservation Farms and Ranches.

Agenda Item 11 – Delta Stewardship Council Update

Amanda Bohl, Special Assistant for Planning and Science at the Delta Stewardship Council, presented an update.

Agenda Item 12 – Delta Protection Commission Update

Erik Vink, Executive Director of the Delta Protection Commission, presented an update.

Vice Chair Winternitz began leading the meeting as Chair Mitchoff left.

Agenda Item 13 – Delta Conveyance Update

Carrie Buckman, Environmental Program Manager at the California Department of Water Resources, presented an update.

Agenda Item 14 – EcoRestore Update

Charlotte Biggs, Program Manager II at the California Department of Water Resources, presented an update on the EcoRestore initiative.

Agenda Item 15 – Potential Agenda Items for the October 28, 2020 Meeting

- Nutria update from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Proposal for consideration from Proposition 68 Grant Program
- Program and Policy Subcommittee Update

Agenda Item 16 – Public Comment

None

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

- Supervisor Provenza requested that the Conservancy consider providing teleworking opportunities geared toward reducing our carbon footprint as staff transition back to an office environment.
- Chair Mitchoff requested that Proposition 68 Grant Program staff reports include geographic locations of the projects. Board Member Almy requested identification of disadvantaged community project sites.
- The Board would like to be updated on the status of the Proposition 1 grant for the Restoration Planning at River Garden Farms project which has overlap with a DWR project.

- Board members would like to see some projects sites virtually.
- Vice Chair Winternitz requested that staff continue to provide the Board with Delta Carbon Management updates.

MEETING ADJOURNED by Vice Chair Winternitz at 11:38 a.m.

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Consideration of Amendment to the Term of the Nutria Eradication Project Grant (Prop 1-1718)
Staff Report

Project Title	Nutria Eradication Project
Grantee	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Project Number	Prop 1-1718
Award Year	2018
County	Multiple
Category	Implementation
Original Award Amount	\$1,125,577.00
Amended Request Amount	\$1,125,577.00
Amendment Request (Term, Scope, or Budget)	Term

This agenda item requests approval to extend the funding end date of the grant to accommodate project delays due to COVID-19 and wildfires.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board approve amendment of the funding end date from August 31, 2021 to January 9, 2022.

DESCRIPTION

Impacts from COVID-19, poor air quality due to wildfires, and other issues have delayed the project. The grantee has requested approximately four additional months to complete all tasks in the scope of work for the grant. Conservancy staff have determined the request to be reasonable given the circumstances and one which the Conservancy can administratively accommodate.

In parallel to the requested extension of the funding end date and in accordance with policy established by the Board, staff has approved the removal of the USDA-Wildlife Service as a subcontractor on this project. The \$600,000 budget for that subcontractor has been reallocated to Personnel Services to allow the grantee to accomplish the same goals. The associated indirect costs have also been reallocated.

If the funding term is not extended, the grantee will not be able to complete the full extent of the surveying effort and trapping efforts, which are crucial to the effort to eradicate nutria from California.

BACKGROUND

In April of 2018, as part of the Cycle 3 of the Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program, the Board approved the award of grant funds for the Nutria Eradication Project. The objective of this implementation project is to eradicate invasive nutria from California. The main goals of this multi-benefit project are to identify the locations of nutria infestations, reduce nutria populations state-wide to zero or near-zero level, and conduct long-term monitoring to ensure that new populations do not arise. This is the first amendment requested for this project.

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Consideration of Amendment to the Term of the Stone Lakes Restoration Project Grant (Prop 1 1713)
Staff Report

Project Title	Stone Lakes Restoration Project
Grantee	Ducks Unlimited
Project Number	Prop 1-1713
Award Year	2018
County	Sacramento
Category	Planning
Original Award Amount	\$675,573.24
Amended Request Amount	\$675,573.24
Amendment Request (Term, Scope or Budget)	Term

This agenda item requests approval to extend the funding end date which will allow the grantee to further progress on the project beyond that which was originally thought possible and fully expend their grant funds.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board approve amendment of the funding end date from March 31, 2021 to March 31, 2022.

DESCRIPTION

The grantee completed the designs specified in the scope of work for the grant and did so under budget. The grantee has requested to use the excess funds to produce additional design documents that move the project closer to being shovel ready. More time is needed to complete those additional designs. This request furthers a task that is already included in the original scope of work. Conservancy staff have determined furthering design documents to be an appropriate and efficient use of grant funds already awarded to the grantee.

In parallel to the requested extension of the funding end date and in accordance with policy established by the Board, staff has approved transfer of a total of \$41,000 from several cost categories to Personnel Services to pay salaries for staff to complete the additional design documents, should the Board approve the funding end date extension.

If the amendment is not approved, the grantee will have fulfilled the scope of work for the grant but will not be able to take advantage of funds that would otherwise be unexpended to advance the planning objectives of this grant. The unexpended funds would revert to the Conservancy and be available for future grant awards.

BACKGROUND

In April of 2018, as part of the Cycle 3 of the Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program, the Board approved the award of grant funds to the Stone Lakes Restoration Project. The is a planning project which creates plans for the construction of a wide range of wetland types and plant associations that will support food web development. The main goals of the implementation phase of this multi-benefit project are to restore and create new wetland habitat, which is vital to the long-term success of several listed and endangered species as well as non-listed wetland dependent species. The outcome of the project for which this grant provides planning will be the restoration of approximately 257 acres of seasonal wetland, restoration of 39 acres of riparian seasonal wetland, and enhancement of 20 acres of existing low-quality wetland. This is the first amendment requested for this project.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT October 28, 2020

PROGRAM UPDATE

STAFFING UPDATE

Please welcome Dr. Sarah Lesmeister, our newly hired Environmental Program Manager. Sarah will oversee ecological and community programs such as Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 projects, supervise Conservancy staff, lead special projects, and formulate policies and procedures relevant to the Conservancy's mission. Sarah has worked in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for 13 years, focused primarily on water quality, nutrients, pesticides and lower trophic organisms. Prior to coming to the Conservancy, Sarah was with the California Department of Water Resources as the Chief of the Environmental Monitoring Program and was an active member of the Inter-agency Ecological Program's Science Management Team. Sarah started with the Conservancy on October 12, 2020.

COVID-19 UPDATE

All Conservancy staff continue to work from home with the expectation that this will continue until a vaccine is approved. Staff have done an excellent job adapting to our new reality and continue to be very productive with only minor disruptions in our workflow. We are currently conducting virtual project site visits for both the Proposition 1 and 68 programs. Larry Hughes who volunteered to be our designated Contact Tracer, has officially been assigned to a six-month deployment.

JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (JEDI)

The Conservancy has formed a Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee. The Committee is comprised of all staff and is co-chaired by two staff who will facilitate an on-going effort to increase staff knowledge and understanding of JEDI issues and explore how the Conservancy can improve its practices, both internally and externally. All staff have completed implicit bias training and participated in a subsequent discussion. Next steps will include development of a JEDI curriculum for in-house learning, as well as a series of brown bag lunches to provide staff an opportunity to discuss selected topics and learn from one another.

ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROGRAM

Nutria Eradication:

Please see the end of this report for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's October 2020 update for the Nutria Program. Valerie Cook from California Department of Fish and Wildlife will provide an update for the program under Agenda Item 8.

Delta Subsidence and Carbon Emissions:

The Conservancy continues to develop pilot projects and support land owners in their efforts to explore carbon market opportunities. We are excited to announce that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Offset Protocol Taskforce has recommended that CARB conduct additional review for

potential implementation of the American Carbon Registry protocol for Delta wetlands in to the AB 32 Compliance Offsets Program. This is significant because, if adopted, it would make carbon incentives equivalent to the value of the commodities currently grown in the deeply subsided regions of the Delta. Both the Administration's recently finalized Water Resilience Portfolio and the Governor's Executive Order N-82-20 setting a goal to conserve 30 percent of the State's land and coastal water by 2030, are strong drivers supporting the Conservancy's efforts to develop compelling economic incentives to address subsidence and carbon emissions in the Delta.

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. Obtaining the 11 encroachment permits for the "Welcome to the Delta" signs proposed in the Delta Sign Plan has been a challenge because this type of signage was not addressed anywhere in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD). Staff from the Conservancy, Commission, and Caltrans met multiple times and determined the best route forward was to merge the "Welcome to the Delta" signs with National Heritage Area efforts, and request that the CA MUTCD to be amended to include signage for National Heritage Areas. The project team worked with Caltrans to create draft signs and will present this request to the California Traffic Control Devices Committee at their November 5, 2020 meeting.

DELTA SCIENCE

Conservancy staff continue to work collaboratively with the broader Delta science community to advance science in the region. On September 9, 2020, staff participated in the Science Needs Assessment Workshop organized by the Delta Stewardship Council. The workshop's aim was to refine a list of key Delta ecosystem management questions (more than 1,100 questions to start) and use this refined list to guide Delta science actions over the next five years. In contrast to this list of short-term science actions, the Science Needs Assessment Workshop, which staff attended on October 5 – 6, 2020, intended to forecast what the Delta Science Enterprise would need to support the co-equal goals in 20-50 years. The Science Needs Assessment was called for and organized by the Delta Independent Science Board, the Interagency Ecological Program, and the Delta Stewardship Council. Staff provided direct feedback in breakout groups focused on invasive species and science funding.

Conservancy staff are also contributing to the planning of the 2021 Adaptive Management Forum, an effort lead by the Delta Science Program. As part of the planning team, staff have provided input on the Forum's topics, speakers, and structure. The forum will take place in late January and has direct relevance to the adaptive management requirements we make of our grantees.

Conservancy staff facilitate the Delta Interagency Invasive Species Coordination (DIISC) Team, which had its third quarter meeting on October 8, 2020. During this meeting, all participating agencies and entities report on active invasive species management projects and activities. Conservancy staff, in coordination with DWR and Delta Stewardship Council staff, organized a panel discussion on Early Detection and Rapid Response to new invasive species.

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

1. Supervisor Provenza requested that the Conservancy consider providing teleworking opportunities geared toward reducing our carbon footprint as staff transition back to an office environment.
 - The State and the Conservancy will be exploring our teleworking policies relative to our experiences related to COVID response.
2. Chair Mitchoff requested that Proposition 68 Grant Program staff reports include geographic locations of the projects, and Board Member Almy requested identification of disadvantaged community project sites.
 - A map showing the location of the Proposition 68 proposed projects is included in update under Agenda Item 7.
3. The Board would like to be updated on the status of the Proposition 1 grant for the Restoration Planning at River Garden Farms project, which has overlap with a DWR project.
 - There has been no resolution of this issue to date. Staff continue to work to bring DWR and the grant recipient together to resolve the issue.
4. Board members would like to see some projects sites virtually.
 - A request to produce video site tours of completed projects and projects under construction has gone out to grant recipients. We hope to have some videos to share at the January Board meeting.
5. Vice Chair Winternitz requested that staff continue to provide the Board with Delta Carbon Management updates.
 - Please see Delta Subsidence and Carbon Emissions update above.

DELTA CONSERVANCY BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE UPDATE

Agenda Item 5 (Attachment 2): Budget and Expenditure Report

CORRESPONDENCE

None

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Nutria Eradication Program Update

Field Update

Since March 2018, the nutria eradication efforts in California have:

- Completed full and/or rapid assessments on over 990 K acres
- Executed entry permits with over 3,300 landowners
- Set up 2,834 camera stations (>500 currently active as we initiate work in new management units)
 - Conducted 18,813 camera checks
- Confirmed nutria within 413 sites
- Deployed 4,141 trap sets for a total of 51,691 trap nights
- Taken or accounted for the take of 1,816 nutria (since Mar 2017)
 - Merced- 1,189
 - Stanislaus- 511
 - San Joaquin- 102
 - Mariposa- 12
 - Fresno- 2

Of 1,769 necropsies, the data has shown:

- 1.17 sex ratio (M:F)
- Of the females captured:
 - 23% of juvenile (2-6 mos.) females have been pregnant
 - 60% of subadult (6-14 mos.) females have been pregnant
 - 69% of adult (>14 months of age) females have been pregnant
- 1974 fetal nutria have been documented
- Litter size ranged from 1-13, with an average of 5.7
 - Average litter size for adult females (> 14 mos.) in California is 6.4

**SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY
BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE REPORT
July 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020**

	A	C	D	E	F
	CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURES Personal Services (PS)	Delta Conservancy Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance	Percent of Budget Expended
1					
2	Salaries & Wages	\$1,055,074	\$162,601	\$892,473	15%
3	Temporary Help	\$77,246	\$5,735	\$71,511	7%
6	Benefits	\$597,684	\$95,467	\$502,217	16%
7	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	\$1,730,005	\$263,803	\$1,466,201	15%
8					
	CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURES Operating Expenditures and Equipment (OE & E)	Delta Conservancy Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance	Percent of Budget Expended
9					
10	General Expense	\$51,566	\$140	\$51,426	0%
11	Printing	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	0%
12	Communications	\$6,100	\$341	\$5,759	6%
13	Postage	\$252	\$0	\$252	0%
15	Travel-In State	\$8,365	\$0	\$8,365	0%
17	Training	\$10,625	\$0	\$10,625	0%
18	Facilities Operation	\$115,994	\$17,326	\$98,668	15%
21	Contracts & Personal Services-External	\$179,843	\$0	\$179,843	0%
22	Contracts & Personal Services-Interdepartmental	\$138,177	\$3,300	\$134,877	2%
24	Information Technology	\$43,100	\$49	\$43,051	0%
25	Central Administrative Service	\$26,061	\$0	\$26,061	0%
30	Unallocated Operating Expense & Equipment	\$405,133	\$0	\$405,133	0%
32	Grants and Subventions	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
33	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES & EQUIPMENT	\$990,216	\$21,156	\$969,060	2%
34					
	TOTALS	Delta Conservancy Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance	Percent of Budget Expended
35					
36	TOTAL PS & OE & E	\$2,720,221	\$284,960	\$2,435,261	10%
37	REIMBURSEMENT	(\$217,067)	\$0	(\$217,067)	0%
38	GRAND TOTAL	\$2,503,154	\$284,960	\$2,218,194	11%

Unallocated Operating Expense and Equipment:
General Fund \$108,732 Prop 1 \$268,552 Prop 68 \$27,849



**Proposition 1 Program Update
Staff Report**

Approved Project Update

To date, the Conservancy has approved a total of 29 projects, committing approximately \$39.3 million for Proposition 1 grants. A brief overview of each grant cycle, including the status of each funded project for which there is an active or pending grant agreement, is provided herein.

Cycle 4 – Fiscal Year 2018-2019

The Board awarded approximately \$14.9 million for ten projects (eight planning and two implementation). Five grant agreements have been executed; staff is working with grantees to negotiate five grant agreements.

Project Name	Mello/Jensen Heirs Sandhill Crane Preserve Project (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$2,273,469
County	Sacramento
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1801
Grantee	Agricultural-Natural Resources Trust
Overview	Acquire a conservation easement on 275 acres of farmland to ensure that it remains as wildlife friendly agriculture
Board Action	Conditional Approval
Conditions/Status	1. Revised budget/Cleared 2. Revised task descriptions/Cleared 3. Audit documents/Cleared
Grant Agreement Status	Pending
New Information	All conditions have been cleared. Staff has begun grant agreement negotiation.

Project Name	Blacklock Restoration: Phragmites Control Study (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$387,440
County	Solano
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1803
Grantee	Department of Water Resources
Overview	Test methods for controlling invasive species in future restoration at the Blacklock restoration site
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 3/17/2020
New Information	Phragmites treatments are underway.

Project Name	Delta Waterways Habitat Restoration Planning (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$347,481
County	Solano
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1804
Grantee	Solano Resource Conservation District
Overview	Planning for restoration and enhancement of waterways and edge habitats on working lands in Solano County
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 12/19/2019
New Information	None

Project Name	Paradise Cut Conservation and Flood Management Project, Phase 2 (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$265,254
County	San Joaquin
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1806
Grantee	San Joaquin Resource Conservation District
Overview	Outreach and planning to advance the Paradise Cut Flood Bypass in San Joaquin County
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 9/23/2020
New Information	Grant agreement has been executed.

Project Name	Elk Slough Fish Passage and Flood Improvement (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$984,695
County	Yolo
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1807
Grantee	Reclamation District 999
Overview	Planning for habitat and flood control enhancements along Elk Slough
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 7/10/2020
New Information	Grant agreement has been executed; Grantee is forming the Technical Advisory Committee.

Project Name	Lower San Joaquin Riparian Corridor (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$522,027
County	San Joaquin
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1808
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	Planning for restoration of floodplain and riparian habitat along the lower San Joaquin River
Grant Agreement Status	Pending
New Information	None

Project Name	Marsh Creek Channel Restoration (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$519,494
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1809
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	Planning for Marsh Creek floodplain and riparian habitat restoration
Grant Agreement Status	Pending
New Information	None

Project Name	Phase 1 San Joaquin River Floodplain Restoration and Floodway Enhancement at Banta-Carbona Project (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$750,931
County	San Joaquin
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1810
Grantee	Banta-Carbona Irrigation District
Overview	Planning for 30 acres of seasonally-inundated floodplain restoration
Grant Agreement Status	Pending
New Information	None

Project Name	Nutria Eradication Project, Phase 2 (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$8,483,080
County	Multiple
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1813
Grantee	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Overview	Surveys for and removal of invasive species to minimize or avoid impacts to wetland habitats and water quality
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 6/8/2020
New Information	The Grantee is using a new satellite collar prototype in the Judas Nutria project that seems to be more effective.

Project Name	Oakley Creekside Park Restoration (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$436,465
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1814
Grantee	City of Oakley
Overview	Planning for restoration of floodplain and riparian habitat along Marsh Creek
Grant Agreement Status	Pending
New Information	None

Cycle 3 – Fiscal Year 2017-2018

The Board awarded approximately \$16.0 million for eight projects (four planning and four implementation).

Project Name	Bay Point Habitat Restoration Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$2,100,000
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1701
Grantee	East Bay Regional Park District
Overview	Restore 44 acres of wetland and grassland and 5,595 linear feet of saline emergent marsh channel at Bay Point Regional Shoreline Park
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 4/10/2019
New Information	Construction is complete

Project Name	Restoration Planning at River Garden Farms: Improving aquatic habitat resiliency on working lands along the Sacramento River (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$647,701
County	Yolo
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1702
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	Develop restoration design plans for seven different project sites at River Garden Farms to restore ecosystem function in floodplain, wetland, and riparian habitats and provide habitat connectivity on a working farm
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 1/22/2019
New Information	None

Project Name	Knightsen Wetland Restoration and Flood Protection Project (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$1,225,000
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1709
Grantee	East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy
Overview	Advance planning for restoring wetlands and managing and treating storm water on public land in Knightsen
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 3/20/2019
New Information	Grantee is experiencing delays due to impacts from wildfires

Project Name	Grizzly Slough Floodplain Restoration Project at the Cosumnes River Preserve (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$8,700,800
County	Sacramento
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1710
Grantee	Department of Water Resources
Overview	Restore wetland and riparian habitat to the 334-acre site by breaching the levee and reintroducing tidal and seasonal flooding, and by establishing native vegetation
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 4/30/2020
New Information	None

Project Name	Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project #2 (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$990,543
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1711
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	Add one acre of habitat to the current Three Creeks Parkway Restoration project, thereby enhancing the ecological benefits of that project, while satisfying flood conveyance needs to protect the local area and allowing the larger project to move forward
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 7/26/2019
New Information	Construction is ongoing and vegetation installation is planned for January 2021

Project Name	Bees Lakes Habitat Restoration Plan (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$592,500
County	Yolo
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1712
Grantee	City of West Sacramento
Overview	Develop a detailed habitat restoration plan to restore disturbed riparian habitat, control non-native species, improve pond water quality, and improve the ability of the Bees Lakes area to support listed species
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 1/9/2019
New Information	COVID-19 restrictions have impacted outreach efforts, but no significant delays are expected

Project Name	Stone Lakes Restoration Project (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$635,573
County	Sacramento
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1713
Grantee	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.
Overview	Planning to restore approximately 257 acres of seasonal wetland and 39 acres of riparian seasonal wetland, and enhance 20 acres of existing low-quality wetland on the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 4/2/2019
New Information	Grantee has requested an amendment to the funding term of the grant agreement (see Consent Calendar item 4.3 on the agenda for this Board meeting).

Project Name	Nutria Eradication Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$1,125,577
County	Multiple
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1718
Grantee	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Overview	Eliminate nutria from all known and discovered locations in California to prevent nutria from causing significant ecological damage in the Delta
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 1/14/2019
New Information	The current total nutria taken is 1816. Grantee has requested an amendment to the funding term of the grant agreement (see consent calendar item 4.2).

Cycle 2 – Fiscal Year 2016-2017

The Board awarded approximately \$4.4 million for four projects (one planning and three implementation).

Project Name	Dutch Slough Revegetation (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$2,900,000
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1602
Grantee	Reclamation District 2137
Overview	Establish and maintain 468 acres of native tidal marsh, riparian, and grassland vegetation at the Dutch Slough restoration site
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 8/29/2019
New Information	Grantee is experiencing some delays because PG&E resources are being redirected due to impacts from wildfires.

Project Name	Petersen Ranch: Working Waterway Habitat Enhancement Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$444,464
County	Solano
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1605
Grantee	Solano Resource Conservation District
Overview	Restore 13.5 acres of riparian habitat and improve water quality through improved cattle management practices on approximately 525 acres of active farmland along Lindsey Slough
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 9/1/2017
New Information	None

Project Name	Restoration of Priority Wetlands for Endangered Species at the Cosumnes River Preserve (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$942,631
County	Sacramento
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1608
Grantee	Sacramento County Regional Parks
Overview	Restore 110 acres of freshwater wetlands to benefit listed species
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 1/8/2018
New Information	The funding term of this agreement ends 12/31/2020.

Project Name	Investigations of restoration techniques that limit invasion of tidal wetlands (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$104,452
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1612
Grantee	The Regents of the University of California (UC Davis)
Overview	Identify improved methods for tidal wetland revegetation that reduce invasion by non-native plants at Dutch Slough
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 1/8/2018
New Information	None

Cycle 1 – Fiscal Year 2015-2015

The Board awarded approximately \$3.9 million to seven projects (four planning and three implementation). To date, four grants have closed.

Project Name	Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Habitat and Drainage Improvement Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$2,026,814
County	Yolo
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-Y1-2015-003
Grantee	Ducks Unlimited
Overview	Implement habitat and working landscape enhancements in the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 6/18/2019
New Information	Construction is complete.

Project Name	Fish Friendly Farming Certification Program for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$89,450
County	All Delta Counties
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-Y1-2015-005
Grantee	California Land Stewardship Institute
Overview	Develop a program to work with farmers to improve water quality, that is specific to the crops and water quality concerns in Delta counties
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 1/9/2017
New Information	Closed

Project Name	Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$836,409
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-Y1-2015-009
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	Convert denuded flood control channel at the confluence of Marsh, Sand, and Deer Creeks into a healthy stream corridor
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 6/27/2017
New Information	Construction is ongoing and vegetation installation is planned for January 2021.

Project Name	Wildlife Corridors for Flood Escape on the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$836,234
County	CountyYolo
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-Y1-2015-016
Grantee	Yolo Resource Conservation District
Overview	Restore up to 5 miles (22 acres) of floodway-compatible wildlife and pollinator habitat, providing a transit corridor for wildlife during floods
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 1/24/2017
New Information	Summer irrigation system has been in use since August.

Background

The Conservancy's Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program funds \$50 million in multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects in accordance with statewide priorities. The Grant Program is a two-step process, requiring both a concept proposal and a full proposal. Full proposals are subject to a rigorous scoring and evaluation process by both staff and a professional review panel, and are recommended for funding based upon score and funding availability.

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**Proposition 68 Program Update
Staff Report**

PROGRAM UPDATE

The Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program is designed to promote a robust Delta economy, support the vitality of Delta communities, and allow staff to partner with project proponents to develop proposals that meet these goals. The Conservancy has received 11 concept proposals as of October 15, 2020. One was deemed ineligible under General Obligation Bond law, one was determined not to be a viable project, and one has been placed on hold at the request of the applicant. Staff is currently working with eight applicants to develop full proposals.

Staff will continue to evaluate opportunities for outreach and collaborate to develop projects as appropriate.

ACTIVE PROPOSALS

ID #	Project Name	Applicant	Project Type	Amount Requested	County	DAC / SDAC*	Status
P6811	Asian American Heritage Park	Delta Educational Cultural Center	Implement	\$340,974	Sacramento	DAC	Developing Full Proposal
P6810	Bees Lake Public Access	City of West Sacramento	Implement	\$495,900	Yolo		Developing Full Proposal
P6809	Pacific Flyway Center	Pacific Flyway Fund	Implement	\$900,000	Solano		Developing Full Proposal
P6806	Discover the Delta Foundation Education Ctr	Discover the Delta Foundation	Implement	\$1,500,000	Sacramento	DAC	Developing Full Proposal
P6805	Converting Bing Kong Tong Building into a Museum	Isleton Museum	Implement	\$55,000	Sacramento	DAC	Developing Full Proposal
P6804	Revitalization of Pittsburg Boat Launch Facility & Park	City of Pittsburg	Planning	\$250,000 (estimate)	Contra Costa	SDAC	Developing Full Proposal

ID #	Project Name	Applicant	Project Type	Amount Requested	County	DAC / SDAC	Status
P6803	Southport Levee Recreational Trail	City of West Sacramento	Planning	\$250,000 (estimate)	Yolo		Developing Full Proposal
P6802	Restoration of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse & Creation of a Delta Welcome Center	Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse	Implement	\$981,500	Yolo		Developing Full Proposal
Total Amount Requested:				\$4,773,374			

*The DAC/SDAC column indicates if the project serves a disadvantaged community (DAC) or a severely disadvantaged community (SDAC), as confirmed by Conservancy staff.

INACTIVE PROPOSALS

ID #	Project Name	Applicant	Project Type	Amount Requested	County	DAC / SDAC	Status
P6807	Clarksburg Branch Line Trail	City of West Sacramento	Planning	\$250,000	Yolo		On hold

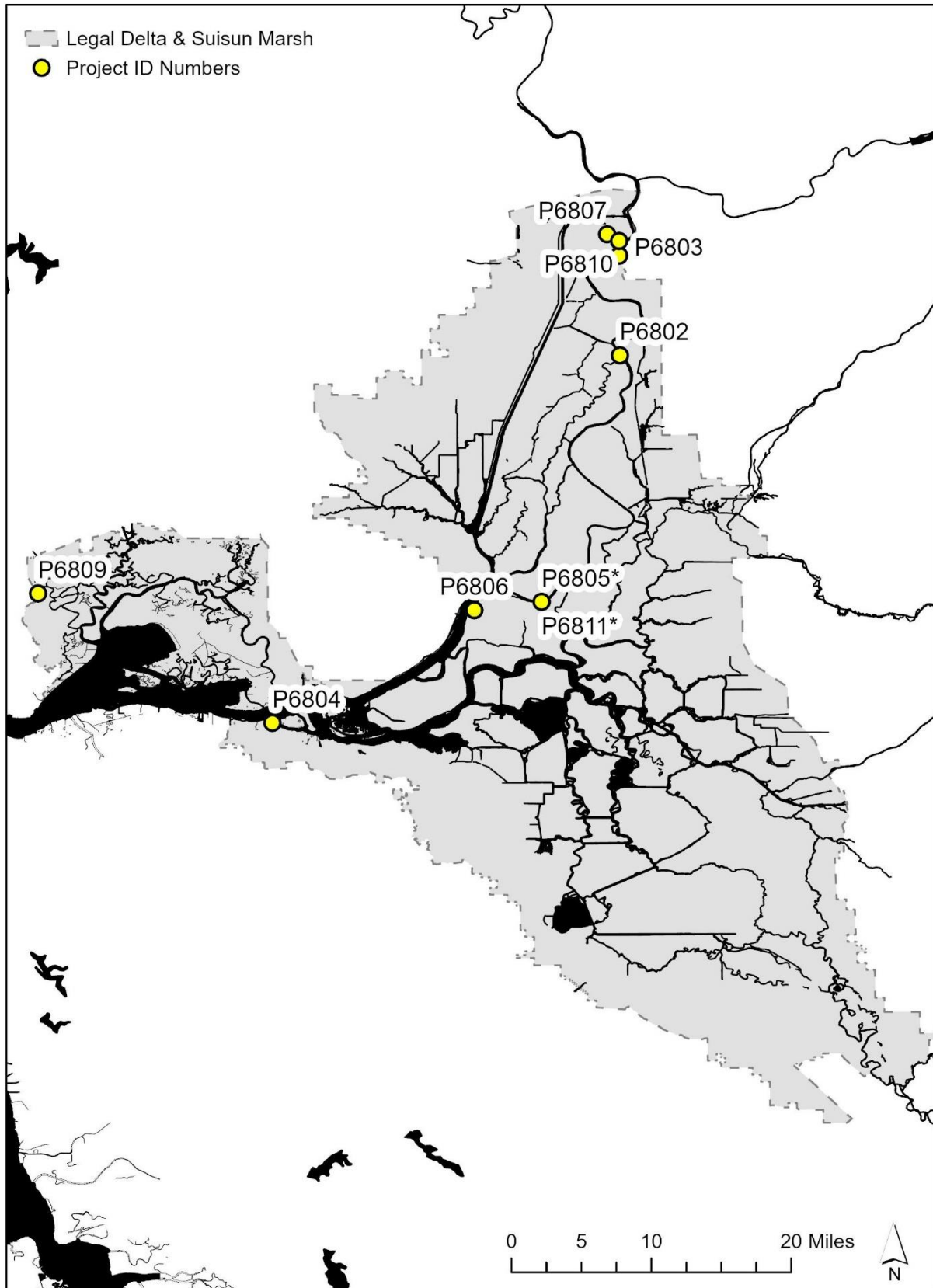
BACKGROUND

Proposition 68 is the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Public Resources Code (PRC), Division 45) that was passed by California voters on June 5, 2018. Proposition 68 makes \$12,000,000 available to the Conservancy to use for the purposes specified in its governing statute (Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Act, Public Resources Codes, Division 22.3). The Conservancy's Proposition 68 funds will be used to fund projects in the Conservancy's Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program to support community and economic development in the Delta in a manner that is complementary to ecosystem restoration and other Conservancy programs. The grant program began accepting concept proposals on January 6, 2020.

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Proposition 68 Proposed Project Locations



*Note: Projects P6805 and P6811 are very close to one another and appear as one point on this map.



Program and Policy Subcommittee Update
September 16, 2020

In attendance were Vice Chair Leo Winternitz; Board Member Dolly Sandoval; Liaison Advisor Erik Vink; Deputy Attorney General Nicole Rinke, counsel to the Conservancy; Executive Officer Campbell Ingram; Deputy Executive Officer Debra Kustic; several Conservancy staff; and members of the public.

EASEMENTS AND LAND OWNERSHIP ASSESSMENT

The Executive Officer provided an overview of the Conservancy's authorities related to easements and land ownership, described the potential need to support sister agencies (CDFW and DWR) by holding ecosystem restoration project and levee maintenance mitigation project easements, and described current understanding of the requirements and processes to effectively manage easements. Vice Chair Winternitz suggested that staff identify one or more specific easement projects that can be used as real-world examples to explore resource requirements and processes.

Next Steps

Staff have identified two projects with two separate entities that will need easements in place within the next 12 to 24 months. The project proponents have agreed to support our learning effort. Staff will provide regular updates to the Program and Policy Subcommittee and the Board on this effort.

PROPOSITION PROGRAM UPDATES

Staff presented updates on the Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 programs.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The next Program and Policy Subcommittee meeting is proposed to be conducted on November 18, 2020 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. An update on the progress of easement exploration projects will be provided.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

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Potential Agenda Items for the January 27, 2021 Board Meeting

Staff is seeking input from the Board regarding additional agenda items for the January 27, 2021 Board meeting.

A tentative list of agenda items beyond the normal standing items include:

- Consideration of Proposition 68 project funding recommendation(s)
- Presentation of virtual tour(s) of projects currently under construction or recently completed

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