



Board Meeting Summary and Action Items
October 28, 2020
Zoom Meeting

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:03 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 webinar 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, Katherine Miller, Bryan Cash, Dolly Sandoval, Sandi Matsumoto, Larry Ruhstaller, Don Nottoli

Ex-Officio Members Present: Assemblymember Timothy Grayson

Liaison Advisors Present: Jim Waters, Moira McEnespy

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment

None

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Calendar

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

- *July 22, 2020 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items*
- *Consideration of Amendment to the Term of the Nutria Eradication Project Grant (Prop 1-1718)*
- *Consideration of Amendment to the Term of the Stone Lakes Restoration Project Grant (Prop 1-1713)*

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

Agenda Item 5 – Executive Officer’s Report

The Executive Officer introduced newly hired staff member Sarah Lesmeister, Environmental Program Manager I, who will oversee the Conservancy’s ecological and community programs, including grant programs, and staff. Conservancy staff continue to work from home in response to COVID-19. This will continue until state guidelines are provided for transition. Contact tracer, Larry Hughes, completed his training and has been assigned to work in Lake County. A Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee has been regularly meeting and all staff received implicit bias training. The Conservancy continues to develop pilot projects and support landowners in their efforts to explore carbon market opportunities. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) Offset Protocol Taskforce has recommended that CARB conduct additional review for potential adoption of the American Carbon Registry protocol into the AB-32 Compliance Program. Conservancy staff will present at the California Traffic Control Devices Committee on November 5, 2020 to request approval to place Welcome to the Delta signs in the Caltrans rights of way. Staff provided updates on Delta science activity for the previous quarter. The Board directives and responses from the July 22, 2020 Board meeting were addressed. Staff presented the fiscal year 2020-2021 Budget and Expenditure Report.

Agenda Item 6 – Proposition 1 Program Update

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

- **Cycle 4:** Staff is continuing to execute Cycle 4 grants, with five executed and five being completed with grantees. There have been delays related to COVID-19 and wildfires, but none have been critical to project completion.
- **Cycle 3:** Bay Point Restoration Habitat Project has completed construction. Both the Nutria Eradication Project and the Stone Lakes Restoration Project are on the consent calendar for consideration to extend the grant funding term.
- **Cycle 2:** All four grants are in progress. Restoration of Priority Wetlands for Endangered Species at the Cosumnes River Preserve will be closing and staff participated in a virtual site visit.
- **Cycle 1:** Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Habitat and Drainage Improvement Project has completed construction. Fish Friendly Farming Certification Program for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta has closed.

Agenda Item 7 – Proposition 68 Program Update

Staff presented highlights from the Proposition 68 Program Update Staff Report. Staff is developing eight full proposals. The proposals are in various stages of development with a variety of project types, including historical preservation and environmental education. The Conservancy is increasing outreach to attract additional proposals.

Agenda Item 8 – Nutria Eradication Program Update by Department of Fish and Wildlife

Valerie Cook, Nutria Eradication Program Manager at the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, provided a slideshow presentation updating the Board on nutria eradication efforts.

Agenda Item 9 – Program and Policy Subcommittee Update

The Executive Officer presented an update on the September 16, 2020 Program and Policy Subcommittee meeting. An overview of the Conservancy' authorities pertaining to easements and land ownership options were discussed. Staff provided Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 program updates.

Agenda Item 10 – Delta Stewardship Council Update

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

Agenda Item 11 – Delta Protection Commission Update

This agenda item was tabled.

Agenda Item 12 – Delta Conveyance Update

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

Agenda Item 13 – EcoRestore Update

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

Agenda Item 14 – Potential Agenda Items for the January 27, 2021 Meeting

- Virtual tours of project sites.

Agenda Item 15 – Public Comment

None

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

- Board members requested that photographs or videos that show progress on Conservancy funded project sites, be presented at future Board meetings.

MEETING ADJOURNED by Chair Mitchoff at 10:55 a.m.

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