

Consideration of the Delta Conservancy's Modifications and Amendments Process Staff Report

This agenda item presents a revised process for considering modifications and amendments to grants awarded by the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board approve the revised Delta Conservancy Grant Modifications and Amendments Process.

DESCRIPTION

Conservancy staff drafted updates to the Delta Conservancy Grant Modifications and Amendments Process, which is included with this agenda item. The refinements reflect approved Board processes, lessons learned from applied experience, and feedback from grantees. The updates ensure adequate Board oversight, improve resource use efficiency, and implement best grant management practices.

BACKGROUND

In 2016, the Board approved an amendments process. This process was created to provide guidance for Conservancy grant managers on what project alterations should be considered by the Board and possible mechanisms for how to do so. This process was drafted and approved prior to any amendments being needed; subsequent application of the process has revealed areas of the process that are unclear or not fully reflect the process approved in the final Board motion. These factors resulted in excessive and relatively minor modifications being presented to the Board for consideration. During subsequent discussions with the Board, and as more amendments were needed, a better understanding has arisen of how to process changes to grant agreements.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE:

Move that the Board approve the revised Delta Conservancy Grant Modifications and Amendments Process as presented in this agenda item.

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