



SACRAMENTO - SAN JOAQUIN

DELTA CONSERVANCY

A California State Agency

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

March 24, 2021, 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 January 27, 2021 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items (Attachment)
5. **Executive Officer's Report**, Campbell Ingram
 - Program Update (Attachment)
 - Nutria Eradication Program Update (Attachment)
 - Budget and Expenditure Report (Attachment)
6. **Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Update**, Aaron Haiman (Attachment)
7. **Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program Update**, Robyn Krock (Attachment)
8. **Consideration of Amendment to Budget and Scope of Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Agreement for Restoration Planning at River Garden Farms: Improving Aquatic Habitat Resiliency on Working Lands Along the Sacramento River**, Chelle Temple-King (Attachment) (Action Item)
9. **Consideration of Award of Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant for Pittsburg Boat Launch Facility and Central Harbor Park Upgrade Planning**, Robyn Krock (Attachment) (Action Item)
10. **Identifying Suitable Rearing Habitat for Chinook Salmon in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, Presentation of Study Report**, Bruce DiGennaro (Attachment)

11. **Delta Conservancy Strategic Plan Update for 2022-2027, Overview of Process and Timeline,** Campbell Ingram
12. **Delta Stewardship Council Update,** Amanda Bohl
13. **Delta Protection Commission Update,** Erik Vink
14. **Delta Conveyance Update,** Carrie Buckman
15. **EcoRestore Update,** Charlotte Biggs (Attachment)
16. **Potential Agenda Items for the May 26, 2021 Board Meeting,** Campbell Ingram (Attachment)
17. **Public Comment**
18. **ADJOURN**

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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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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

March 24, 2021

PROGRAM UPDATE

COVID-19 UPDATE

All Conservancy staff continue to work from home with the expectation that this will continue until vaccines are widely distributed. Staff have done an excellent job adapting to the new reality and continue to be very productive with only minor disruptions in workflow. Staff has begun planning for returning to the office and conducted a survey of employee preferences regarding telecommuting and shared office space. State guidance on return to work policy is anticipated to be available soon and will inform the Conservancy's return to work policy.

JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION (JEDI)

The Conservancy's Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee continues to facilitate collaborative learning discussions for all Conservancy staff. We have covered topics such as racial and gender equity and disability access and inclusion. Staff have begun background research for developing a framework for advancing the Conservancy's long-term JEDI goals and continue to have discussions with the Delta Stewardship Council and the Delta Protection Commission regarding the potential development of a single JEDI framework for the three agencies.

DELTA CONSERVANCY STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

The Conservancy updates its Strategic Plan every five years, the most recent update covering the years 2017 to 2022. Staff are beginning the process of updating the plan for 2022 to 2026. The vision is to conduct this update in-house over the course of this calendar year, with Board consideration of a final draft in January 2022. An overview of the process and timeline for the revision will be presented under Agenda Item 11.

ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROGRAM

Nutria Eradication:

Please see the most recent update from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) included in this agenda item (Attachment 2).

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. Commission staff are now working to re-file applications for the 11 encroachment permits for the "Welcome to the Delta" signs proposed in the Delta Sign Plan and are working with the California Prison Industry Authority to fabricate the signs.

Due to funding expirations and project delays, some related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the scope and budget of the agreement has been shifted, and the Commission will now conduct and fund installation of the signs outside of the agreement with the Conservancy.

DELTA SCIENCE

Fish Friendly Farming:

The Conservancy, supported by funding from the California State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB), has contracted the California Land Stewardship Institute (CLSI) to implement the Fish Friendly Farming (FFF) Program. The FFF Program works with farmers to improve Delta water quality by developing best management practices and identifying needed farm infrastructure updates. The SWRCB approved the FFF Program as an alternative compliance pathway for the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, which is an added benefit for farmers who participate in the program. A technical advisory committee has been formed to provide input on the best management practices and plans for farm infrastructure improvements. CLSI held an informational webinar on March 11, 2021 and will hold another on March 25, 2021.

Delta Aquatic Resource Inventory:

The Conservancy, supported by funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, has contracted the Aquatic Science Center (ASC) to develop a Delta Aquatic Resource Inventory (DARI). The DARI project is developing a comprehensive resource inventory specifically formulated with the Delta's unique ecology in mind. After initial consultation with a working group of experts, ASC spent much of 2020 and early 2021 applying the standard procedures developed by the working group to delineate the different aquatic resources in a geospatial dataset. This spring, ASC will host virtual workshops to solicit feedback on the dataset from the working group and begin the process of incorporating this feedback into a finalized dataset that will be incorporated into the EcoAtlas online interface.

Delta Science Coordination:

Conservancy staff continue to work collaboratively with the broader Delta science community to advance science in the region. On February 9, 2021, staff facilitated the quarterly meeting of the Delta Interagency Invasive Species Coordination (DIISC) Team where CDFW briefed the participants on its new invasive species reporting tool, the EDDMapS mobile application. Conservancy staff also coordinated working group meetings of DIISC Team members focused on early detection and rapid response to invasion in the Delta. Staff and co-authors from CDFW and the California Department of Water Resources will present the initial outcomes of these working group meetings in a poster at the Bay-Delta Science Conference in April. Invasion by Mute Swans was flagged as a concern by the Board, and staff have included them in the list of species of concern in the early detection and rapid response work. Additionally, Mute Swans are part of CDFW's targeted outreach for invasive species reporting (<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Invasives/Species/Mute-Swan>). Staff worked in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy, UC Merced, SFEI, and Point Blue Conservation Science to submit an ambitious proposal to the Delta Stewardship Council's (Council) 2021 Delta Science funding call. If funded, this work would focus on the economic incentives and barriers to a large-scale shift of land use that would result in a more sustainable, nature-friendly, carbon-neutral agricultural landscape in the Bay Delta.

At the November 18, 2020 Program and Policy Subcommittee meeting, staff discussed the initial results of research and analysis to understand if and how land conversion from row crops to woody perennial crops impacts terrestrial habitat value for wildlife, particularly birds. This work was incorporated into this broader project and will provide critical inputs into the economic models being led by economists from The Nature Conservancy. Staff continue to coordinate with the Council regarding restoration in the Delta and the role the Delta Restoration Network formerly played in the systems. A coordination meeting between Conservancy staff and Council staff is scheduled for March 17, 2021 to continue discussing how the functions previously offered by the Delta Restoration Network can be integrated into the systems supporting the new restoration goals in the Delta Plan Chapter 4 update.

FORM 700 COMPLIANCE

A completed Statement of Economic Interest, Form 700, is due by April 1, 2021 for all Board Members, Board Member Alternates, and Liaison Advisors. Forms are completed on the Fair Political Practices Commission online portal. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Jessica Adel at Jessica.adel@deltaconservancy.ca.gov.

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

- 1) Board members requested a presentation on the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) program be included at a future board meeting.
 - Staff will provide a JEDI presentation at the May 2021 meeting.
- 2) Board members requested staff add to the Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Cycle 5 Grant Guidelines a link to a map and list of the projects funded.
 - A link to the Delta Conservancy web page that includes a list and a map of funded Proposition 1 projects has been included in the Cycle 5 Grant Guidelines.
- 3) Board members requested the Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Update include more detail in the new information section.
 - The Staff Report has been revised to include more detail.

DELTA CONSERVANCY BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE UPDATE

Agenda Item 5 (Attachment 3): Budget and Expenditure Report

CORRESPONDENCE

The Conservancy received communication from the Knightsen Town Community Services District (KTCSO) regarding the Knightsen Wetland Restoration and Flood Protection Planning Project (Prop 1-1709) in which the KTCSO raised concerns about the timeline for public engagement by the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy (the Grantee). The public engagement has been delayed by several factors: the COVID-19 global pandemic, wildfire impacts, and the execution of a grant agreement amendment to fund the public engagement. The Grantee subsequently responded to the KTCSO's communication with updated project timelines and public engagement schedules.

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California Department of Fish and
Wildlife February 24, 2021

Nutria Eradication Program Update

Field Update

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

- Completed full and/or rapid assessments on over 1 M acres
- Executed entry permits with over 3,800 landowners
- Set up 3,448 camera stations (813 currently active)
 - Conducted 26,983 camera checks
- Confirmed nutria within > 450 sites
- Deployed 4,874 trap sets for a total of 64,376 trap nights
- Taken or accounted for the take of 2,208 nutria (since Mar 2017)
 - Merced- 1,403
 - Stanislaus- 680
 - San Joaquin- 108
 - Mariposa- 12
 - Fresno- 5

Of 2,208 necropsies, the data has shown:

- 1.14 sex ratio (M:F)
- Of the females captured:
 - 24% of juvenile (2-6 mos.) females have been pregnant
 - 62% of subadult (6-14 mos.) females have been pregnant
 - 67% of adult (>14 months of age) females have been pregnant
- 2,443 fetal nutria have been removed from the population
- Litter size ranged from 1-13, with an average of 5.8
 - 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 January 31, 2021**

Line Number	CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURES Personal Services (PS)	Delta Conservancy Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance	Percent of Budget Expended
1	Salaries & Wages	\$1,051,356	\$584,313	\$467,043	56%
2	Temporary Help	\$77,246	\$35,805	\$41,441	46%
3	Benefits	\$605,078	\$352,353	\$252,725	58%
4	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	\$1,733,680	\$972,471	\$761,209	56%

Line Number	CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURES Operating Expenditures and Equipment (OE & E)	Delta Conservancy Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance	Percent of Budget Expended
5	General Expense	\$23,760	\$490	\$23,270	2%
6	Printing	\$5,000	\$2,063	\$2,937	41%
7	Communications	\$6,100	\$2,086	\$4,014	34%
8	Postage	\$252	\$0	\$252	0%
9	Travel-In State	\$8,365	\$179	\$8,186	2%
10	Training	\$10,625	\$550	\$10,075	5%
11	Facilities Operation	\$143,800	\$62,594	\$81,206	44%
12	Contracts & Personal Services-External	\$172,540	\$2,484	\$170,056	1%
13	Contracts & Personal Services-Interdepartmental	\$138,177	\$38,477	\$99,700	28%
14	Information Technology	\$43,100	\$226	\$42,874	1%
15	Central Administrative Service	\$26,061	\$0	\$26,061	0%
16	Unallocated Operating Expense & Equipment	\$328,848	\$0	\$328,848	0%
17	Grants and Subventions	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
18	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES & EQUIPMENT	\$906,628	\$109,149	\$797,479	12%

Line Number	TOTALS	Delta Conservancy Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance	Percent of Budget Expended
19	TOTAL PS & OE & E	\$2,640,308	\$1,081,620	\$1,558,688	41%
20	REIMBURSEMENT	(\$144,456)	\$0	(\$144,456)	0%
21	GRAND TOTAL	\$2,495,852	\$1,081,620	\$1,414,232	43%

Unallocated Operating Expense and Equipment:
General Fund \$67,297 Prop 1 \$249,468 Prop 68 \$12,083



**Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant 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 a pending, active, or closed 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). Eight grant agreements have been executed; staff is working with Grantees to negotiate two 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
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 12/29/2020
New Information	Grant agreement has been executed.

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	Water quality testing following 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	Planning is moving forward, though COVID-19 is imposing limitations on travel, meetings, and landowner planning.

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	Grantee has completed initial planning report.

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	Grant agreement has been sent to the Grantee for review.

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	Grant agreement has been sent to the Grantee for review.

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	Active as of 12/10/2020
New Information	Grant agreement has been executed.

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	Active as of 12/11/2020
New Information	Grant agreement has been executed.

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. Vegetation monitoring is ongoing.

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	Grantee has requested an amendment to the budget and scope of work of the grant agreement (see Agenda Item 8.1 on the agenda for this Board meeting).

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	The Board-approved amendment was executed.

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	Grantee is securing final permits and subcontractors.

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 complete and vegetation installation is ongoing.

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	Closed as of 2/28/2021
New Information	Staff is in the process of closing this grant. Final report and invoice will be submitted for review and approval by staff and will be made available for review by the Board.

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	Working on Tribal Cultural Resources (AB-52) consultations to complete CEQA requirements. Board-approved amendment is nearly complete.

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 number of nutria taken is approximately 2,100. Project team is beginning first season of eradication at full staff capacity. Board-approved amendment is nearly complete.

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	Construction is complete and second round of revegetation is ongoing.

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	Vegetation monitoring is ongoing, and recognition sign is being placed near the ranch entrance.

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	All monitoring has been completed. Data analysis is ongoing. Board-approved amendment is in process.

Cycle 1 – Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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. Waiting on the Contra Costa County Clerk’s Office to record the grant agreement before the grantee can submit invoices and close the grant agreement.

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 complete and vegetation installation is ongoing.

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	Plant establishment is ongoing with replanting occurring as necessary to replace plant mortalities.

CLOSED PROJECTS

To date, a total of five projects funded by Proposition 1 have fully closed (four planning, one implementation).

Project Name	Fish Friendly Farming Certification Program for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Planning)
Amount Spent	\$89,448 (\$2 unspent)
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	Closed as of 7/31/2020
New Information	Closed; a final report is available for review.

Project Name	Sherman Island Restoration Project, Phase III (Planning)
Amount Spent	\$93,599 (\$6,367 unspent)
County	Sacramento
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-Y1-2015-008
Grantee	Ducks Unlimited
Overview	Develop plans and permits to restore up to 1,600 acres of wetlands on Sherman Island to provide habitat, reverse subsidence, and sequester carbon
Grant Agreement Status	Closed as of 12/31/2018
Post-Close Information	Closed; a final report is available for review. Design plans are still current. Waiting for Phase II to be completed.

Project Name	Paradise Cut Conservation and Flood Management Plan (Planning)
Amount Spent	\$99,924 (\$217 unspent)
County	San Joaquin
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-Y1-2015-012
Grantee	San Joaquin Resource Conservation District
Overview	Advance plans for a new flood bypass that will reduce flood risk, improve habitat, and maintain agricultural land along the San Joaquin River south of Paradise Cut
Grant Agreement Status	Closed as of 6/30/2019
Post-Close Information	Closed; a final report is available for review.

Project Name	Lower Marsh and Sand Creek Watershed Restoration Planning Project (Planning)
Amount Spent	\$73,493 (\$2,391 unspent)
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-Y1-2015-019
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	Create a Programmatic CEQA document for future restoration activities conducted by Grantee and their partners in the Marsh Creek and Sand Creek watersheds
Grant Agreement Status	Closed as of 12/31/2019
Post-Close Information	Closed; a final report is available for review. The Programmatic Mitigated Negative Declaration developed by this project is being used during the planning of the Prop 1-1809 and Prop 1-1814 grants.

Project Name	Restoration of Priority Wetlands for Endangered Species at the Cosumnes River Preserve (Implementation)
Amount Spent	\$942,631 (\$145,798 unspent)
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	Closed as of 12/31/2020
New Information	Closed; a final report is available for review.

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 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant 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. As of February 19, 2021, there are eight active proposals and one concept proposal. The total amount of funding requested through this program to date is \$7,232,331.

ACTIVE PROPOSALS (TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$6,082,331)

ID #	PROJECT NAME	APPLICANT	PROJECT TYPE	AMOUNT REQUESTED	COUNTY	DAC/SDAC*	STATUS
P6811	Asian American Heritage Park Development	Delta Educational Cultural Center	Implement	\$340,974	Sacramento	DAC	Developing proposal
P6810	Bees Lake Public Access	City of West Sacramento	Implement	\$845,402	Yolo	N/A	Submitted revised proposal
P6809	Pacific Flyway Center: Walk in the Marsh	Pacific Flyway Fund	Implement	\$1,446,632	Solano	N/A	Revising proposal
P6806	Discover the Delta Foundation Education Center Development	Discover the Delta Foundation	Implement	\$1,899,000	Sacramento	DAC	Revising proposal
P6805	Bing Kong Tong Building Museum Conversion	Isleton Museum	Implement	\$55,000	Sacramento	DAC	Developing proposal
P6804	Boat Launch Facility & Central Harbor Park Upgrade	City of Pittsburg	Planning	\$172,155	Contra Costa	SDAC	Staff recommendation to Board
P6803	Southport Levee Recreational Trail	City of West Sacramento	Planning	\$341,668	Yolo	N/A	Revising proposal

ID #	PROJECT NAME	APPLICANT	PROJECT TYPE	AMOUNT REQUESTED	COUNTY	DAC/SDAC*	STATUS
P6802	Restoration of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse & Creation of a Delta Welcome Center	Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse	Implement	\$981,500	Yolo	N/A	Developing proposal

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

CONCEPT PROPOSALS

ID #	PROJECT NAME	APPLICANT	PROJECT TYPE	AMOUNT REQUESTED	COUNTY	DAC / SDAC	STATUS
P6812	Stockton Waterways	Port of Stockton	Planning	\$900,000	San Joaquin	SDAC	In review

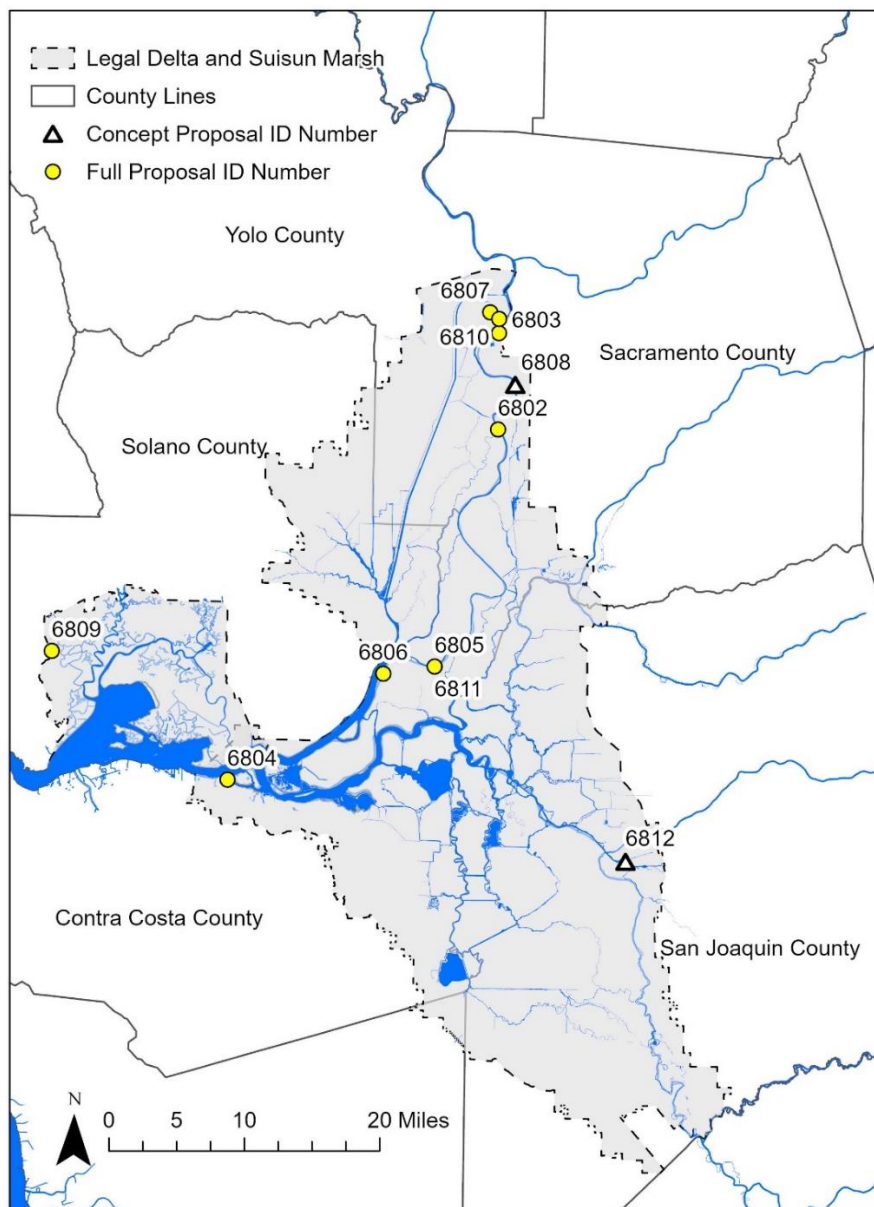
INACTIVE PROPOSALS

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	N/A	On hold per applicant request

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 is using the Proposition 68 allocation to fund projects in the Conservancy’s Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program that 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.

PROPOSITION 68 COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM PROPOSED LOCATIONS



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**Consideration of Amendment to Budget and Scope of Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Agreement for Restoration Planning at River Garden Farms: Improving Aquatic Habitat Resiliency on Working Lands Along the Sacramento River
Staff Report**

Grantee	American Rivers
Project Number	Prop 1-1702
Award Year	2018
County	Yolo
Category	Planning
Original Award Amount	\$647,701.44
Amended Request Amount	\$665,367.44
Request	Budget and Scope Amendment

This agenda item presents a request to increase the total budget and change the scope of work of the grant agreement. It does not propose a change to the term.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board approve the increased budget and changes to the scope of work as explained in this report.

DESCRIPTION

The Grantee requests approval to remove two of the eight project sites from the scope of work and reallocate the associated funding. The Grantee also requests an additional \$17,666. The reallocated and additional funds will be combined to cover unanticipated additional cultural resource surveying costs.

The two project sites that the Grantee proposes to remove from the scope of work are Floodplain Site 3 (20 acres) and the Wetland Connectivity site (one acre). The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is developing restoration project designs at Floodplain Site 3 with anticipation that the location may serve as mitigation for DWR operations. There is direct overlap with the site of the restoration project for which the Conservancy Board awarded grant Prop 1-1702 and the DWR-planned restoration site. The Wetland Connectivity site was originally identified as a potential site for restoration as part of the Prop 1-1702 grant, but during the planning process it was found that the site is not fully situated on River Garden Farms' property, which precludes work from being conducted. Keeping the site in the scope of work would use Proposition 1 funds for designing a plan that could not be implemented.

The Grantee has requested approval to reallocate the budget for Floodplain Site 3 and the Wetland Connectivity site (a total of \$17,900), and award of an additional \$17,666 to pay for cultural resource surveying that was not anticipated at the time the grant was awarded. As implementation of the project progressed, the Grantee identified significant gaps in existing data and information relating to the potential presence of sensitive cultural resources at the project sites; this information is necessary for design and permitting required for successful completion of this planning project.

If the budget and scope of work are not amended, the Grantee will not be able to complete the cultural resource surveying which will prevent the development of design plan outputs and will create some plans that cannot be utilized.

BACKGROUND

In April of 2018, as part of the Cycle 3 of the Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program, the Board awarded grant funds for the Restoration Planning at River Garden Farms: Improving Aquatic Habitat Resiliency on Working Lands Along the Sacramento River. The objective of this planning project is to develop engineering design plans and to secure environmental permits for multiple sites on the property of River Garden Farms that can be used for future implementation of multi-benefit habitat restoration efforts (such as planting plans and floodplain design). This is the first amendment requested for this project.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE

Move that the Board approve an amendment to the grant agreement with American Rivers for Prop 1-1702 to add cultural resource surveying to the scope of work; remove work on Floodplain Site 3 and the Wetland Connectivity site from the scope of work and reallocate associated funding to the budget for cultural resources surveying; and award an additional \$17,666 to be used for cultural resource surveying.

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**Consideration of Award of Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program
for Pittsburg Boat Launch Facility and Central Harbor Park Upgrade Planning
Staff Recommendation**

This agenda item presents for Board consideration a recommendation to award Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program funding for the Pittsburg Boat Launch Facility and Central Harbor Park Upgrade Planning project.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Applicant	City of Pittsburg
Project Number	P6806
Project Type	Planning
County	Contra Costa
Funding Request	\$172,155
Total Project Cost	\$182,617
Funding Recommendation	\$172,155
Applicant	City of Pittsburg

RECOMMENDATION

Conservancy staff recommends that the Board approve up to \$172,155 in grant funding for the Pittsburg Boat Launch Facility and Central Harbor Park Upgrade Planning (#P6806) proposed by the City of Pittsburg. Conservancy staff prepared the text below based on staff’s best understanding of the information provided in the application and meetings with staff of the City of Pittsburg Environmental Services Division. Staff followed the Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program Grant Guidelines, approved by the Conservancy Board December 2019, in working with the applicant and assessing this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposed project from the City of Pittsburg (City) entails completing planning documents and public outreach for future enhancements to the Boat Launch Facility and Central Harbor Park (BLF and Park). These enhancements will include improved paths of travel, new public restrooms, tourist-targeted signs and viewing benches, educational signage, a fish cleaning station, picnic tables, a play structure, and additional security infrastructure. Enhanced security features include, but are not limited to, improved site lighting and placement of a prefabricated police substation. To achieve readiness to implement these enhancements, this grant will fund completion of design plans, including all documents necessary for implementation, with review at 35 percent, 65 percent, and 90 percent completion. Additionally, grant funds will be used to further engage community members and other BLF and Park stakeholders to assure the design plans address community needs.

The project area is located directly on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta waterfront in a historically high-traffic area, receiving attention from boaters, hunters, fishers, joggers, and more. The City has had significant input from local residents and businesses to determine the components to be included in this upgrade. As shown in Figure 1, the project area is adjacent to two communities: A homeowner's association (HOA)-governed community of single-family housing and a severely disadvantaged community (SDAC) of multi-family housing. Both communities express dismay at the state of the walkways, despair of restrooms, and overall lack of safety, yet praise the views and easy access to the water. Project goals include maximizing safe, public access and recreation opportunities and protecting the unique character of the Delta.

The City is committed to securing grant funding for the BLF and Park Upgrade implementation phase. To date, the City has spent more than \$70,000 on activities related to the project including: the installation of a PG&E transformer, completion of existing infrastructure surveys and maps, filing a CEQA Notice of Exemption, securing a planning consultant through a competitive process, and initiating community outreach to guide the project.

Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC)

Proposition 68 requires that at least 20 percent of all funding be spent on projects that serve severely disadvantaged communities (PRC 45 Sec. 80008(a)(1)), defined as "a community with a median household income less than 60 percent of the statewide average." Data collected through Income Certification for Compliance with the Redevelopment Agency of the City showed that the Marina Heights community of 200 households (over 400 residents) had a median household income (MHI) of \$25,780 in 2018. According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2018 American Community Survey (ACS): 1 Year Estimate, the statewide 2018 MHI was \$75,277. The Marina Heights MHI is 34 percent of the statewide MHI. These 400-plus residents live within 500 feet of the project area and will benefit from the park renovations. Community engagement undertaken as part of this planning project will include specific efforts to further engage members of the SDAC community.

Cost Share

The City will contribute \$10,462 in staff time.

CONSISTENCY WITH STATE AND LOCAL PRIORITIES

The project is consistent with Proposition 68, the Conservancy's enabling legislation (Public Resources Code sections 32300-32381) and strategic plan. External to the Conservancy, this project is consistent with priorities outlined in the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Plan, the Delta Protection Commission's Economic Sustainability Plan and the Contra Costa County's Northern Waterfront Initiative, a local priority. Additionally, the project furthers the California Natural Resources Agency priority of expanding access to parks, natural places, and outdoor recreation for all Californians.

LOCAL AND INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

The proposal includes letters of support from the immediately surrounding community: Marina Heights Residential Community; the New York Landing HOA; the Fishermen’s Catch Bait Shop owner and local developer Global Resources Trading, LLC; the Pittsburg Yacht Club; and the Pittsburg Marina Harbormaster. Additionally, institutional support is evident by letters of support from the Pittsburg City Council, the California State Lands Commission, the Pittsburg Police Department, the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail, and an email from the State Coastal Conservancy. The Delta Protection Commission reviewed and provided feedback on the proposal.

BACKGROUND

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SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE

Move to award funding up to \$172,155 to the City of Pittsburg from the Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program for the Pittsburg Boat Launch Facility and Central Harbor Park Upgrade Planning project.

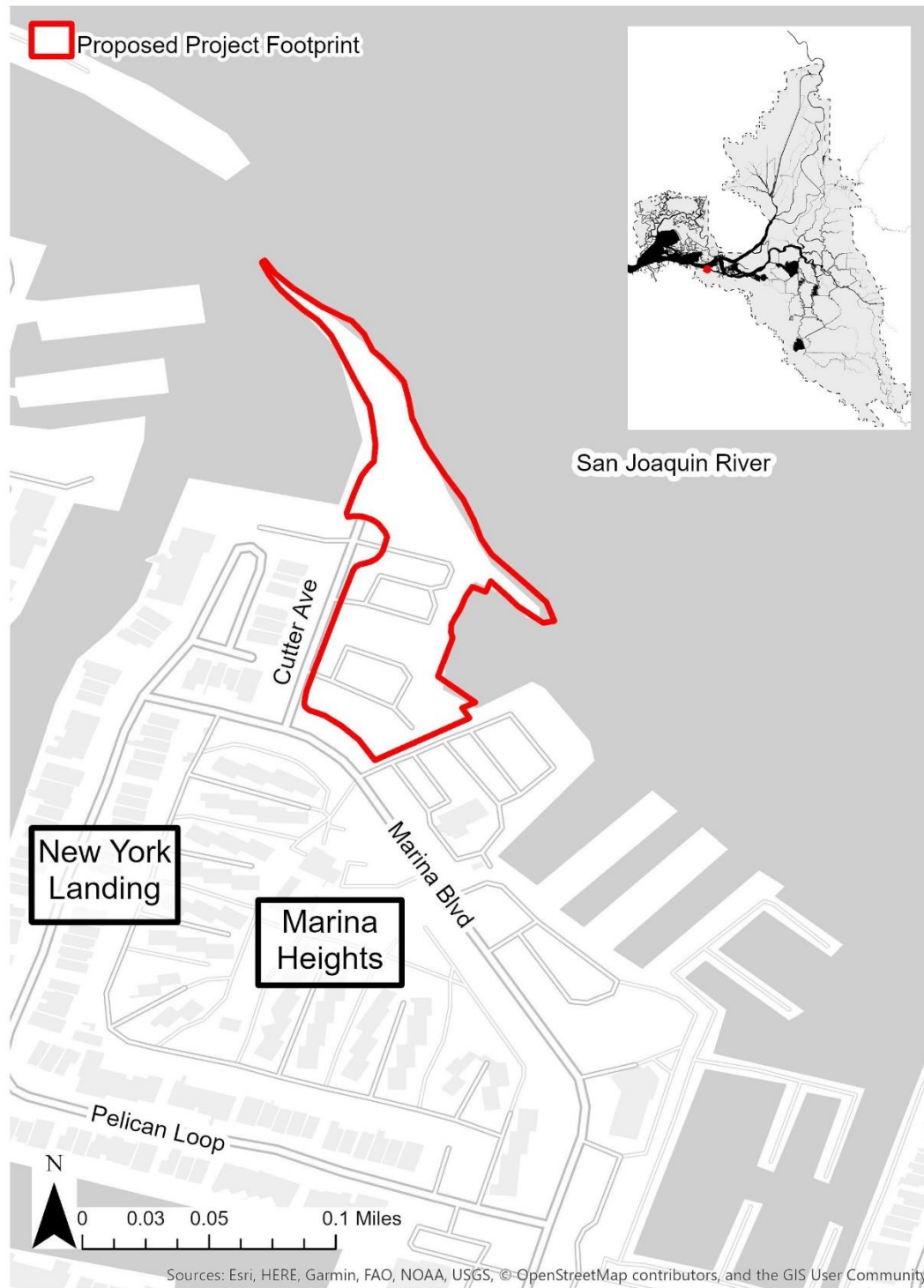
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BOAT LAUNCH FACILITY AND CENTRAL HARBOR PARK UPGRADE PLANNING PROJECT AREA





Delta Conservancy Strategic Plan Update for 2022-2027, Overview of Process and Timeline Staff Report

DESCRIPTION

The Conservancy updates the Strategic Plan at five-year intervals. The upcoming update will cover the period of 2022 to 2027. Staff envisions conducting this, the third update of the Strategic Plan, in house with staff resources. Staff met in February to review the current Strategic Plan and discuss concepts and a timeline for the update. The following is a summary of the process and timeline.

Staff will conduct up to two additional work sessions to update and refine the structure and content of the Strategic Plan. At the May 2021 meeting, the Board will receive and provide feedback on an overview of expected revisions. Staff will consider feedback and produce an initial draft of the revised Strategic Plan. At the July 2021 meeting, the Board will consider and provide feedback on the initial draft. The agenda item will include time for in depth review and discussion. Staff will incorporate feedback into a public draft. At the October 2021 meeting the Board will consider the public draft. If approved, Staff will post the public draft for a 30-day comment period. Staff will consider public comments and produce a final draft for consideration by the Board at the January 2022 meeting.

BACKGROUND

The Conservancy's enabling legislation requires the Board to prepare and adopt a strategic plan to achieve the goals of the Conservancy (Public Resources Code section 32376). The plan is required to be consistent with the Delta Plan, the Delta Protection Commission's resources management plan, the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, the Suisun Marsh Preservation Act of 1977, and the Habitat Management, Preservation and Restoration Plan for the Suisun Marsh. The Board determined that the Strategic Plan should be updated every five years. The initial plan was adopted in 2011 and covered the period of 2012 to 2017. The Board adopted the first revision of the plan in 2016 to cover the period of 2017 to 2022. The Board approves an annual Implementation Plan that describes Conservancy programs, work products, and metrics for the upcoming year and how they support the vision and goals described in the Strategic Plan.

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POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE MAY 26, 2021 BOARD MEETING

Staff is seeking input from the Board regarding additional agenda items for the May 26, 2021 Board meeting.

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

- Consideration of Award of Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant(s)
- Consideration of the Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Cycle 5 Grant Guidelines
- Delta Conservancy 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Update
- Justice, Equity, Diversion, and Inclusion Committee Update

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